

## Term Dates:

Welcome back! This is a 6 week half term. With term recommencing on Monday 7th January, and we break up for half term on Friday 15th February. Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed at our website: <u>www.chuf.co.uk</u>. This term we are pleased to welcome 9 new starters to CHUF, Louis Sampson, Elliot Screech, Millie Cook, Billy Rand, Vincenzo Dizenobbia, Luca Fairweather, Phoebe Dorrian, Madeleine Heath & Daphne Cameron-Mowat, we hope you will all enjoy your time with us at CHUF.

# A Big Thank You

The CHUF ladies would like to say a huge thank you for all the lovely cards and Christmas presents you so kindly gave them at the end of last term. They were all hugely appreciated!

## **Ofsted at Chearsley CHUF**

As many of you will be aware, Chearsley had their Ofsted inspection in the last week of term before we broke up for Christmas. Please note that a copy of the report will be issued via your child's tray in the next few days, as well as being uploaded to our website (<u>www.chuf.co.uk</u>), a copy will also be available in the setting. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to either of the Supervisors at Chearsley (Cheri and Karen (E), or our Manager Anne Barker.

## CHUF Christmas Hamper Raffle & Other Fundraising

A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas Hamper Raffle, and for purchasing your child's Christmas cards and mugs, as well as supporting our refreshment stalls at both the Christmas plays and crib service. We are very pleased to let you know that these fundraising activities raised around £500 in total, which is fantastic! All proceeds from these activities will go towards new equipment at both settings for your children to enjoy. Thank you so much for your continued support! We can also confirm that an amazing amount of £342.85 was raised by the purchasing of the children's photograph's taken earlier in the term by Veronica Stewart. A list of new equipment bought from your fantastic fundraising will be in our Newsletter, watch this space!

## Extended Additional Hours at CHUF in Chearsley

This is a reminder that with effect from this January we are starting to offer part of the additional 15 hours of funding (An additional 9 hours or 3 sessions, assuming that you are not claiming this with another provider) that some 3 and 4 year old's are eligible for, alongside the 15 hours of Universal funding that all 3 and 4 year old's are eligible for. For those eligible this will mean that we are now able to offer all 8 sessions (24 hours) we are open for as funded sessions . To check eligibility please visit: <u>www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</u>. If you are thinking of claiming these additional hours for the Summer Term 2019, you will need to check and establish your eligibility prior to 31st March 2019. Any queries regarding this please speak to Sally on (01844) 299123 or email: info@chufpreschool.co.uk.

### **Chearsley Car Park Reminder**

The start of a new term seems timely to remind both old and new CHUF Parents and Carers to please park with consideration for others when dropping off and picking up from Chearsley CHUF. Please do not park blocking either the gates/driveway or any cars in the car park. Unfortunately, we have had reports in the past of Parents and Carers being blocked in by other cars in the car park by Parents arriving after them to collect their child, as well as reports of Parents parking dangerously in the road outside CHUF. Those who have been blocked in have to wait for other Parents and Carers to return before being able to leave the car park, which has made them late for other commitments such as work and appointments etc. We appreciate that there is not always enough parking spaces for everyone, but if you are either able to wait safely on the road outside (At a reasonable and safe distance) until a space becomes available and somebody leaves the car park, or ideally if you are able to

park away from the Village Hall and walk then that would be much appreciated. Thank you for your co-operation, understanding and patience. The safety of you and your children are of paramount importance to us at CHUF.

## Healthy Snack Time at CHUF

At CHUF we aim to promote healthy eating as much as possible, and we like to reflect this in what we offer at snack times. We ask for donations to enable the children to try as many different types of food as possible, and also by asking for donations we are able to keep our session fee's lower. We buy as much as we can but very much welcome donations of any of the following: Oat cakes, rice cakes, crackers, crumpets, breadsticks, cereals such as Cheerios, any fruit or veg, dips such as houmous, or anything else healthy that you can think of. Alternatively, there is is a donation pot on the signing in tables in both settings for you to contribute a small amount of money towards snack if you are unable to bring any items in but would still like to contribute to snack time.

## Vale Lottery Supporting CHUF

Aylesbury Vale District Council, set up the Vale Lottery a couple of years ago. The lottery supports good causes in the Aylesbury Vale Community. Tickets cost £1.00 each, and it's estimated that there is a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize in the weekly draw. The top prize is £20.000 for anyone who gets a matching sequence of 6 numbers. There is also a chance to win smaller prizes.

We joined the Vale Lottery just over 2 years ago and have since benefited from being one of the charities supported by the Lottery. If you would like to support CHUF (We receive 50% of all the ticket sales if you buy weekly tickets supporting CHUF) then please follow the link below, your support is greatly appreciated:

https://www.valelottery.co.uk/support/chearsley-haddenham-under-fives-pre-school:

## **Payment of Fees**

Payment of Fee monies are welcome in cash, cheque (Made payable to CHUF) or internet payment into our Lloyds account as follows: Sort code: 30-98-56 Account Number: 00503068 Account Name: Chearsley & Haddenham Under Fives Please can we remind you that payments should be annotated, in the space provided to quote what and whom the payment is in respect of, e.g. Joe Bloggs Fees 1st Half Autumn. Without these details it is exceptionally hard to match up payments with monies outstanding, and leads to people being chased for payment unnecessarily. Payments should be made within two weeks of being billed.

## The Staff at CHUF

Anne Barker- Manager, Child Protection Officer, Sally Smith- Administrator Cheri Mackey- Supervisor (Ch), Kirsty Johnson- Supervisor (H), Debbie Fleetwood- Supervisor (H), Karen Elder- Supervisor (Ch), Kasia Kowalska- Supervisor (H), Nikki Lucas- SENCO (H), Debbie Turvery- (CH), Su Smith- (Ch), Karen Ford- (Ch), Fiona Distin- (H), Jen Akehurst- (H), Emma Deere- Child Protection Officer, Behaviour Co-ordinator & SENCO (Ch), Marijanne Jokumsen- (Ch/H), Sara Heap- SENCO (H), Sarah Wassall (H).



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