

## CHUF First Half Summer Term 2016

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### Term Dates:

Welcome back, we hope you had a great Easter holiday. This is a 6 week and 1 day half term. With term recommencing on Wednesday 13th April, and we break up for May half term on Thursday 26th May (Please note we are **closed on Friday 27th May** in both settings for an Inset Day). Both settings are also **closed on Monday 2nd May** for the Bank Holiday, and **Chearsley is also closed on Thursday 5th May** for Police Commissioner Elections (as previously advised in the last Newsletter and in a further letter issued before the end of last term distributed via your child's basket). Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed at our website: [www.chuf.co.uk](http://www.chuf.co.uk).

### New Starters

We are pleased to welcome the following new starters to CHUF, Annabel Caesar, Mataio Fatialofa, Ethan Curtis, Margot More, Eleanor Perrott and Dylan Acum. We hope that you will enjoy your time with us at CHUF!

### **Waitrose Green Tokens- Thank you**

As mentioned in our last Newsletter CHUF was one of the chosen charities for the 'Green Token Scheme' in Waitrose, Thame for the month of February. We are really pleased to inform you that thanks to your fantastic Green Token collecting, Waitrose are donating £430.00 to CHUF. We will let you know in the near future how we intend to use these monies.

### **New Members of Staff**

We said goodbye to two members of staff at the end of last term. Gemma Tanswell left our Haddenham setting and Sarah Wassall left our Chearsley setting to start maternity leave. We are pleased to inform you that we have three new members of staff starting at CHUF this term and we welcome them all warmly: Ashley Hackett, will be working in our Haddenham setting. Ashley is level 3 qualified and has a background of working in local nurseries. Emma Deere, who will be working in our Chearsley setting. Emma is a qualified teacher and has worked for CHUF in the past, and Claire Ryan who will be working also in our Chearsley setting. Claire was a previous CHUF parent and committee member.

### **More Fantastic Fundraising**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night on Friday 4th March. The evening was really well attended and a great night of fun was had by all! We are really pleased to announce that the evening raised an amazing amount of **£1,885.55**, which will be put towards more fantastic resources for the children.

The children have also all been busy taking part in our sponsored 'Bunny Hop' prior to the Easter break. A massive thank you to everyone who has sponsored the children to hop for CHUF and sent in their sponsor monies already. Please can we ask that all remaining sponsor monies are returned to CHUF by Friday **22nd April**. As soon as we have collated all the sponsorship monies we will let you know the amount we have raised.

Details will be issued shortly to all parents to let you know what resources we have bought from the monies raised at both these events. A massive thank you to all our Committee members who make these events possible.

## **Plea for New Committee Members**

We are looking for 2/3 new, proactive committee members who have some spare time and energy to give to CHUF. You could be a Mum, or a carer or, like Jamie a Dad - infact Jamie would love another Dad to join him on the committee! It is a rewarding thing to do and testament to this is that the majority of the committee are staying on for another year, but we would love to ease a couple of people in gently and involve more of you in the way CHUF is run.

As a charity run pre-school the Voluntary Management Committee oversees the running of the organisation. We meet formally twice a term for approximately 2 hours on Monday evenings and have the AGM in July which this year is on 4th July, when new committee members will be voted in.

The Committee is similar to the Board of Directors of a company in respect of making strategic decisions, signing off significant expenditure and being responsible for it's employees. There are opportunities to work on projects or areas that fit with each individual's experience or expose them to areas they might be interested in. This year some of the projects we've undertaken have included: significant marketing and expansion, agreeing and changing our legal structure, new HR policies and contracts, consultation on rebuild plans at Haddenham St Mary's and planning the Cheersley Village Hall rebuild, promoting CHUF, recruitment of staff, fundraising and reviewing and moving to cloud based file storage.

Anne Barker (Manager), Sally Smith (Administrator) and the Supervisors of both sites run CHUF on a day to day basis and very little input is required from the Committee as we have ensured that systems and procedures are in place. We want to do everything we can to ensure that CHUF remains a not-for-profit organisation as it provides such a fantastic and affordable provision of pre-school education to the community. It's a great way to get involved in the community, meet new people and can provide a lot of personal satisfaction and learning.

If you are interested in joining the Committee please speak to any of the Supervisors or email CHUF on: [info@chufpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@chufpreschool.co.uk).

## **Thame 10Km and CHUF Summer Party Sunday 26th June 2016**

This year some of the CHUF Staff, Committee and Parents will be participating in the Thame 10k run, which takes place on the morning of Sunday 26th June. A Just Giving page will be set up nearer the event and all profits raised will be split 50/50 between CHUF and Helen & Douglas House Hospice. So if you are able to support our team, either by sponsoring them or cheering them on, or even both that would be fantastic and very much appreciated!

We will also be holding our Summer Party on the afternoon of Sunday 26th June from midday at the Chearsley CHUF setting. BBQ, drinks, music, games for adults and the children will be available. More details to follow soon, so watch this space!

## **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 and 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. Payment should be made within two weeks of being billed.

## **Feedback**

If you wish to speak to your child's Keyworker for feedback at any stage, please contact them to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress. Feedback is also welcome via email to our usual address for the attention of our Manager Anne Barker ([info@chufpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@chufpreschool.co.uk)).

## The Staff at CHUF

Anne Barker - SENCO\* & Manager, Sally Smith - Administrator

Cheri Mackey - Supervisor (Ch), Debbie Fleetwood - Supervisor (H),  
Kirsty Johnson - Supervisor (H), Karen Elder - Supervisor (Ch), Nikki Lucas (H),  
Ailsa Shields - Safeguarding Officer (Ch), Debbie Turvey (Ch), Kasia Kowalski (H),  
Su Smith (H/Ch), Karen Ford (Ch), Fiona Distin (H), Ashley Hackett (H),  
Emma Deere (CH), Claire Ryan (Ch), Sara Heap (H).

Ch- Chearsley Setting

H - Haddenham Setting

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**The settings can be contacted on the following numbers:**

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