

July 2019 Newsletter

Important dates for your diary

18th July - Pre-school graduation 10.30am - 11am (parents invited)

19th July - Pre-school leavers party (children only)

19th July - Last day of term for term time only and state nursery children

26th August - Summer bank holiday

2nd September - Term time children return after summer break

Well it's that time of year again ☺ yes, our pre-school children are off to big school! I'd like to say a big thank you to them for giving us lots of smiles and happy memories and wish them all good luck in their new schools (not that they'll need it) we know that they will all make lots of new friends and have lots of fun.

Our **pre-school graduation** will take place on **Thursday the 18th July at 10.30am**; it will last for approximately half an hour. Please can you drop your child to us at 9.15 so we can get them ready and then return at 10.15 to watch ☺ As we are unsure at this time whether it will be inside or out each child is limited to 2 people being able to attend due to space limitations. Our **pre-school leavers party** will take place on **Friday 19th of July from 1.30-3.30** and this is for all pre-school children only - our theme this year is Teddy bears picnic ☺

****New email address** Who to contact.....**

Tara - for enquiries regarding payments/invoices/funding finance@chuckles.wales

General enquiries and booking of session -

hello@chuckles.wales

Nominate a staff member - Don't forget if you would like to give a team member a big "wahoo" for our board simply write the team members name, your child's name, the reason why on a piece of paper and post it into our post box ☺

Parent question of the month

How happy are you with the cleanliness of our indoor nursery areas?

*Don't forget you can e-mail your responses to hello@chuckles.wales or if you have any other suggestions we also love to hear them!!

Going to "Big School" - If your child is off to big school or leaving to attend another state nursery in September please remember that we need to have your final days' notice in writing 30 days before they leave and that you need to contact your bank to cancel your standing order for the following month before the 20th. If you have any queries regarding doing either of these please speak to Tara or Amy or email finance@chucklesnursery.com

Names - Please, please, please can you put your children's names in all of their jackets, coats, hats, etc as quite often the children will come in wearing the same items.

Photo orders - All photo orders have now been given out, If there are any problems with your order, please can you contact Tempest directly as they will not let us deal with parent orders once received - thanks

Sun cream - Can you please ensure that during the hot weather you do the following so ensure your child is kept safe in the sun:

1. Your child comes in with sun cream already applied so it has time to work into the skin.
2. That children staying for full morning/afternoon sessions (5 hours) have sun cream left at Nursery so we can re-apply it as the day progresses

Can you also ensure your child brings a sun hat with them to protect their head.

Shoes - Can we also ask that you do not put your children in strappy sandals for nursery as although they look very pretty they are not very practical for running around and digging in the garden and we find that they can cause the children to fall over quite frequently. Thank you☺

Session times - Could you please make sure that you adhere to the session times booked for you child/ren as our staff rota's are put in place based on the number of children in at these times - this means that if you are late collecting your child then a team member may have to work additional time in order to ensure we do not fall below our legal staffing ratios.

State nursery applications - We are unfortunately no longer taking bookings for just state nursery sessions due to increased numbers in the rest of the nursery - these sessions can now only be accessed as part of our normal sessions if your child is attending 3+ sessions per week.

Group News



Little Bunnies (0-2 years), **Little cubs** and  **Smashing smilers** (18m-3yrs)

We will be learning all about summertime this month with lots of sand and water play. We will be going to Chuckles beach and learning all about what lives there and also the different places we can go on holiday. We will also be doing some more planting in our garden.



Happy Helpers



Chatty Chucklers (3-4 years old)

We will be carrying on with our "Seize the season theme and moving on to look at all things that happen in summertime! We will be exploring the changes in our gardens and learning all about where we all go on holiday as well as exploring what lives at the beach and creating our very own Chuckles beach in the garden.

Have you been following our #30daychallenge on Twitter? If not, then give us a follow (@chucklesfun) to see all of the fab outdoor activities we have been doing this month

Chuckles Uniforms - making life that little bit easier!

We have embroidered t-shirts available to buy now in sizes 3-4 years and 5-6 years @ only £6.50 each or 5 for £30. We are also currently taking orders for jackets in sizes.

The cost of the jackets is £14.

Your rubbish is our treasure - Our pre-school children are investigating loose parts this term so if you have any usual items you think they would like we'd love you to bring them in

Chuckles Car Stickers - If you would like a Chuckles Nursery car sticker for your rear window please ask one of the Team for one to display in your car ☺

Holiday's - Half fees are payable for two weeks holiday per year, one week being the number of days per week your child attends. Hence the fees are calculated over a 51-week period to allow for the two weeks at half price. Please note that this does not apply to parents in receipt of 20 hours free childcare as part of the Childcare offer Wales.

Just a reminder our **Breakfast times for our chatty chucklers (3-4yr olds)** ends at 8.45, so your children need to be in before 8.30am for breakfast. This is to ensure that all of pre-school children and staff are ready to start their education sessions at 9.15.

The **Childcare Offer for Wales** is now open to all eligible parents of 3-4 year olds who live in Wales - To register please contact your local authority ☺ or for more information and eligibility criteria please visit <http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Care-Support/Children-and-families/Family-Information-Service/Childcare/Childcare-offer.aspx>

*Please note that additional hours/sessions can only be taken at the nursery if we have availability

Availability for additional sessions is currently very limited, any sessions that become available will be allocated on a first come basis - this also applies to parents wanting to increase days/hours on receipt of the Childcare offer for Wales 30 funded hours. Any request for additional days/hours must be e-mailed to hello@chuckles.wales - a confirmation e-mail will be sent if we are able to accommodate your request.

Bags - Can you please make sure that your child brings a small bag with them each day for nursery as they like to do lots of pictures for and we want to make sure they are kept safe. Also, can pre-school parents please ensure there is a set of clothes in their bags in case of any little "accidents" as they no longer have nursery bags within this age group.



Scrap Paper - We really appreciate scrap paper from any of you that work for companies that would either throw it away or recycle it, because as you know your children like to draw lots of pictures to give to their friends or take home for you. Also any old newspapers come in handy for covering our tables when the activities get really messy!

State nursery session - We are no longer able to offer children just state nursery sessions (2-hour free sessions) within the nursery due to limited availability as a result of the 30 hour child care offer these session can only now be accessed as part of full or half day sessions.

Until next Time.....

Amy
And
Team Chuckles

***Wait! Don't go yet - keep reading as your monthly menu is on the next page so that you can see all of the delicious meals your children are enjoying this month😊**

Chuckles Monthly Menu
Breakfast : Weetabix or Rice Krispies

W/C – 01/07/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Fish and mixed vegetable masala curry with basmati rice	Savoury scones with butter, cucumber and sweet pickle
Tuesday	Summer garden vegetable and green lentil pie (Green beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, carrots, potatoes)	Farfalle pasta with, peppers, peas and a garlic and herb dressing
Wednesday	Chicken, stuffing, new potatoes, cauliflower & broccoli and carrots*	Mackerel in tomato sauce with toast triangles and cucumber sticks
Thursday	Bean & vegetarian sausage pasta bake	Chicken fajitas with sour cream and mild salsa
Friday	Sweet & sour chicken with noodles	Egg and cress wraps with tomatoes

W/C- 10-06/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Gammon parsley sauce, crispy potatoes and peas	Pasta with mixed peppers
Tuesday	Turkey chilli with rice and homemade tortilla chips	Savoury omelette with potato salad and pepper sticks
Wednesday	Pork sausages, new potatoes, parsnips, & green cabbage*	Cheese savoury rolls with beetroot and pickled onions
Thursday	Cheese and vegetable macaroni pasta bake	Mackerel fish cakes with tomato relish
Friday	Fish cakes, waffles and spaghetti	Chicken tikka filled pitta's with mint yoghurt raita and cucumber sticks

W/C– 17/06/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	BBQ Chicken with rice and sweetcorn	Spicy scrambled egg on toast
Tuesday	Tuna Empanada pie with mixed vegetables	Lemon chicken filled pittas with homemade coleslaw
Wednesday	Roast beef, potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, carrots and green beans*	Cajun bean and vegetable enchiladas with pepper sticks
Thursday	Pork, leek & mustard casserole, new potatoes & sprouts	Prawn cocktail pasta salad with diced cucumber
Friday	Pasta primavera with garlic bread	Meatball subs (meatballs, homemade tomato sauce, with lettuce & onions)

W/C- 24/06/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Chicken Korma with roasted cauliflower, samosa's & naan	Salmon in mayonnaise with pasta, sweetcorn and cucumber.
Tuesday	Tomato pasta bake with garlic bread	Quiche Lorraine with homemade potato salad and pepper sticks
Wednesday	Gammon, new potatoes, red cabbage, peas & onion gravy*	Wholemeal muffin pizza's with various topics e.g. mushrooms, sweetcorn, onions, courgettes etc
Thursday	Jamaican corned beef with coconut rice	Vegetable finger rolls with homemade tomato sauce
Friday	Beef & root veg pie, crispy potatoes & green beans*	Ham filled pitta breads with homemade coleslaw

****All served with Homemade Gravy**

Water is served with each meal and throughout the day and a selection of fruit is served after lunch.

Some foods may contain genetically modified ingredients. Some of our meals may include ingredients that contain 1 or more of the following 14 allergens: celery, cereals containing gluten, crustaceans, eggs, fish, lupin, milk, molluscs, mustard, nuts, peanuts, sesame seeds, soya, sulphur dioxide.

If you have any concerns regarding any of the above allergens please speak to a member of our team

immediately.

**All dietary requirements can be catered for please feel free to speak to a member of our team for alternative meal choices*

**If you would like further information about any of our meals please speak to a member of our team*