

August 2019 Newsletter

Important dates for your diary

26th August - Summer bank holiday

2nd September - Term time children return after summer break

28th October - 1st November - Half term

21st December - Term ends for children on term time only contracts

I'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents, nannies, grandad's and friends that attended our leaver's graduation, the children all did brilliantly, and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. I'd also like to take this opportunity to say a BIG goodbye to all of the children (and parents) who are leaving us this month, it has been a pleasure teaching you and we hope you all have lots of fun in big school ☺

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.

****New e-mail addresses** Who to contact...**

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

General enquiries and booking of sessions - 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 outdoor 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

Holiday 26th August - Please could you let us know if you will require your child's place on this day so that I can staff the nursery accordingly and give the girls as much of the day off as possible,
Thank you ☺

Contact details - It is extremely important that if you change your mobile phone/house numbers that you let us know in case we need to get hold of you throughout the day when your child is in nursery.

Parking And The Car Park Area - Please ensure that you are parking in the designated parking bays when dropping off and collecting your children as this causes minimum disruption to other cars. Also please be aware when driving and reversing in this area that there may be children behind you.

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 the 30-hour childcare offer 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 doing lots of under the sea themed activities this month - we'll be painting and decorating lots of different animals and exploring water in our play trays, as well as singing and listening to stories about under the sea animals 😊



Happy Helpers



Chatty Chucklers (3-4 years old)

We are going to be doing lots of activities that use our senses over the summer based around themes such as bubbles, water and "everything's sticky". We will be doing food tasting and identifying different smells along with lots of very messy arts and crafts 😊

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 £13. *Please note that as we have to send our jackets off to be embroidered it means that it can take a little while for you to receive your orders.

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 and we have a waiting list in place for most sessions, 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 in the summer term. Any request for additional days/hours must be e-mailed 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!

"Friends" on Facebook - Please note that team members are not permitted to add parents on Facebook so please do not be offended when friend requests are ignored.

Until next Time.....

Amy
And
Team Chuckles

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***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- 22/07/19	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	Chicken fajitas with sour cream and mild salsa
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 rice	Quiche Lorraine with homemade potato salad and pepper sticks
Friday	Beef & root veg pie, crispy potatoes & green beans*	Ham filled pitta breads with homemade coleslaw

W/C – 29/07/19	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*	Mackerel in tomato sauce with toast triangles and cucumber sticks
Thursday	Bean and vegetarian sausage pasta bake	Tuna, sweetcorn and mayonnaise wraps with tomatoes
Friday	Sweet & sour pork with noodles	Vegetable finger rolls with homemade tomato sauce

W/C- 05/08/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Fish cakes, waffles and spaghetti	Chicken tikka filled pitta's with mint yoghurt raita and cucumber sticks
Tuesday	Turkey and bean chilli with rice	Savoury omelette with potato salad and pepper sticks
Wednesday	Pork sausages, new potatoes, parsnips, & green cabbage*	Cheese savoury wraps with beetroot and pickled onions
Thursday	Cheese and vegetable macaroni pasta bake	Mackerel fish cakes with tomato relish
Friday	Gammon parsley sauce, crispy potatoes and peas	Pasta with mixed peppers

W/C– 12/08/19	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)

****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*