

December 2019 Newsletter

Yay it's December, our most favourite time of the year!!...we hope you are all ready for some festive fun 😊 We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing team for all their dedication and hard work, our parents for their continued support and our children for putting smiles on our faces every day and making it all worthwhile. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year X

Important dates for your diary

6th December - Elf day! We'd love to see you all dressed as Elfie as possible (fundraising event)

13th December - Christmas Jumper day (we are not fundraising, but we'd love to see all of the children's jumpers)

18th December - Christmas dinner day (only for children that attend on this day) - we'd love to see you all in your Christmas jumpers!

19th December - Pre-school Christmas cooking sessions - 10-11/1-2

20th December - Party day 😊 Toddlers 10.15-11.15 (over 2's only), Pre-school 1.15-3.15
We'd love to see you all in fancy dress or your favourite Christmas outfit!

*Our under 2's will be doing lots of Christmas themed activities during their normal sessions on the w/c 16th December so don't worry they won't be missing out on any of the fun 😊

21st December - Term ends for children on term time only contracts and re-starts on **6th**

January

25th, 26th, 27th December and 1st January - Closed

Our opening hours for **Tuesday 24th (Xmas eve) and Tuesday 31st December (NYE)** are 7.30am - 4pm, all other days during the Christmas period are normal opening hours (6am-6pm).

We are unfortunately unable to take any bookings for additional sessions or holiday club sessions on the 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st of December and the 2nd and 3rd of January. Also if your child will not be attending and days over the Christmas period can you please let us know so that I can adjust our staff rotas accordingly and allow our staff to spend as much time with their families as possible.

Who to contact...

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

General enquiries and booking of sessions -
hello@chuckles.wales

Parent question of the month

How happy have you been with the services we have offered this year?

*Don't forget you can e-mail your responses or suggestions to hello@chuckles.wales

BBBBBBBB - As the weather is now going to start getting colder please could we have a hat, scarf and gloves for your child's care bag (please label them so they don't get lost) and also please ensure your child brings a warm coat as we will still be going outside daily.



Christmas Traffic - As you're all aware the closer we get to Christmas the worse the traffic is going to get in the nights. We would really appreciate it if you could bear this in mind when collecting your children from nursery and leave just that little bit earlier so that the girls are not kept after six o'clock, also please ensure all emergency contact details are up to date.

Session times - Can you please ensure that you adhere to the session times booked for your 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 a team member will have to work additional time in order to ensure we do not fall below our legal staffing ratios - please be aware that we do have a policy in place for late collections and late collection invoices will be issued to parents not adhering to session times

Snow - Oh No it's that time of year again!! We will always try our best to remain open when it snows; however sometimes due to circumstances beyond our control this is not always possible due to the fact that we have to adhere to certain CIW regulations regarding staffing and health and safety. If we do have heavy snowfall then we will try our best to inform everyone as soon as possible to any changes of opening times, by telephoning parents and also by posting information on our FB page

Group News



Little Bunnies (0-2 years), **Little cubs and**



Smashing smilers (18m-3yrs)

Our children will be doing lots of Christmas themed crafts and activities this month as well as making some special gifts to take home 😊



Happy Helpers



Chatty Chucklers (3-4 years old)

Our pre-school children will also be doing lots of Christmas themed crafts and activities - they will also be reading the stickman and learning all about the Christmas nativity by creating a nativity scene and talking about how the children celebrate Christmas with their own families as well as looking at different celebrations from around the world.

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 😊

Your rubbish is our treasure - Don't forget with Christmas coming up we'd love all your shiny packaging and interesting materials to create things with the children.

Availability for additional sessions is currently very limited and we have a waiting list in place for most sessions until August 2020, 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 hello@chuckles.wales - a confirmation e-mail will be sent if we are able to accommodate your request

"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.



Telephone Queries - Can we please ask that you keep all telephone queries until after 9am unless urgent as we are very busy between 8am and 9am helping the children with breakfast, or alternatively use the e-mails above to contact us if your query is not urgent.

The **Childcare Offer for Wales** is 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



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!

Winter flu and Viruses - We find that there are a higher number of cold/flu and viruses around during the winter months. Our illness charts are displayed on the notice board so that you are aware of the amount of time your child needs to remain away from nursery. The reason for these inclusion periods are to limit the risk of infection to other children so can we please ask that you ensure you follow these procedures and also inform us if you child has shown any signs of illness over night or at the weekend so that we can monitor them and decided if they should remain in nursery. Finally, can you please ensure that all contact details for your child are up to date, including your emergency contact - Thank you

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 ☺

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.

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 – 25/11/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Chicken, tarragon and carrot casserole with rice	Homemade minestrone soup
Tuesday	Savoury mince, broccoli and roast potatoes	Sweet and sour prawns with noodles
Wednesday	Pork sausages, new potatoes, cauliflower, cabbage and onion gravy	Vegetarian sausage roll twists with spaghetti
Thursday	Tuna pie with mixed vegetables and sweetcorn	Welsh rarebit with homemade coleslaw and tomatoes
Friday	Creamy cheese and tomato macaroni bake	Homemade Curried squash, lentil and coconut soup with naan bread

W/C- 02/12/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Dairy free turmeric chicken curry and rice	Pizza baked potatoes (<i>ham, sweetcorn and peppers</i>)
Tuesday	Beef stew and dumplings with chunky bread	Hearty pasta soup
Wednesday	Gammon, leek and potato mash, carrots, sprouts and apple sauce	Tuna melts with homemade potato salad and cucumber sticks
Thursday	Fish in butter sauce with croquettes and peas	Brummie bacon scones with scrambled egg
Friday	Meat free meatballs and spaghetti with garlic bread	Homemade cheese, onion and potato pasties with beans

W/C– 09/12/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Cheesy broccoli and cauliflower pasta bake	Jacket potato with tuna, mayo and sweetcorn
Tuesday	Fish chowder with green beans and a bread roll	Coronation chicken filled pittas with cucumber
Wednesday	Chicken, swede and potato mash, peas and Yorkshires	Pin wheel pizzas with, garlic bread and pepper sticks
Thursday	Vegetable curry with rice and naan bread	Mini toad in the hole with beans
Friday	Pork leek and mixed vegetable pie with crispy potatoes	Orzo pasta tomato soup

W/C- 16/12/19	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Vegan Pepper, Squash and spinach biryani with naan and homemade curry sauce	Jacket potato with mackerel in tomato sauce and sweetcorn
Tuesday	Turkey bolognese pasta bake	Leek, potato and corn chowder with a bread roll
Wednesday	🌿 Christmas Dinner 🌿	Cheese and ham savoury loaf with beans
Thursday	Sausage casserole with mustard mash	Italian savoury scones with garlic dip and tomatoes
Friday	Fish cakes, waffles and spaghetti	🌿 Christmas Party 🌿

****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*