

## November 2019 Newsletter

Wow! November already...we hope you are all ready for some festive fun 😊

### Important dates for your diary

**28<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November**

- Half term

**1<sup>st</sup> November** - Pre-school parent craft session

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - Chuckles

20<sup>th</sup> birthday party 😊

**18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner day

**19<sup>th</sup> December** - Pre-school Christmas cooking session

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas party day 😊

**21<sup>st</sup> December** - Term ends for children on term time only contracts

**25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January** - Closed

**Christmas opening hours and booking of sessions** - We are closed for the following days over the Christmas period - **25<sup>th</sup>\***, **26<sup>th</sup>\***, **27<sup>th</sup> December** and **1<sup>st</sup>\* January**, \*if your child's normal nursery day falls on any of these days' we are unfortunately unable to swap/change any booked sessions over the Christmas period to alternative days. For 27<sup>th</sup> please see letter.

Our opening hours for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December (NYE) are 8am - 4pm, all other days during the Christmas period are normal opening hours (6am-6pm).

All sessions for children on variable contracts must be sent to us via [hello@chuckles.wales](mailto:hello@chuckles.wales) and booked by the 20<sup>th</sup> of November so that we can prepare our staff Rota's in advance and allow our staff to spend as much time with their families as possible. We are unfortunately unable to take any bookings for additional sessions or holiday club sessions on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> of December and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of January.

### Who to contact...

Tara - for enquiries regarding payments/invoices/funding [finance@chuckles.wales](mailto:finance@chuckles.wales)

General enquiries and booking of sessions - [hello@chuckles.wales](mailto:hello@chuckles.wales)

**We are 20 years old this month!!!** - On Sunday 10th November, from 11am-3pm, we will be hosting an event to celebrate Chuckles being open for 20 years. Everyone is invited not just past and present children. We have arranged a marquee in the grounds so that the weather cant scupper our plans too much. We will have craft stalls selling goods ready for Xmas and we will have FREE childrens activities through the day. P.L.A.Y! Active along with some of our team will be holding different activities showing the children (and the parents) how easy and fun it is to get into sports. We also have a snow globe and activity centre from R'n'N Inflatables. For those wanting a quieter life, the rest of the team will be hosting craft activities. Magic Ash the magician will be showing off his skills and facepainters will be on hand too. We are still fine tuning a few bits and pieces but please come along. We are hoping to see past faces too, that's children and staff.

Due to numbers "hopefully" expected we wont have car parking on site on the day, unless of course you have special requirements in which case please email ahead to let us know on [hello@chuckles.wales](mailto:hello@chuckles.wales)

Mark the date, cross your fingers for us and we look forward to seeing you.

**Christmas Fairies ;-)** - This month we will be having a visit from the Christmas Fairies who will work hard to decorate our nursery with wonderful pretties. A Big Chuckles thank you in advance to those busy bee fairies xxx

**Parent question of the month**

**How happy are you with our new winter menus?**

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

**BRRRRRRRR** - 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.

**Parents meetings for pre-school parents** - This be held on the week commencing the November 18<sup>th</sup> November and will give all parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress, also those parents whose children are new to our pre-school group hear all about how well they are settling in

**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



**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.

**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 your 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

**Group News**



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



**Smashing smilers** (18m-3yrs)

We are going to be exploring Autumn - we will be doing different Autumn themed arts and crafts at messytime and exploring lot of different sensory items in our play tray as well as going outdoors and looking to see what we can find in our gardens. We will also be making some bonfire pictures, celebrating Diwali and making some poppies for remembrance day.



## Happy Helpers



## Chatty Chucklers (3-4 years old)

This month we have been learning all about squirrels, hedgehogs and investigating lots of Autumn items we have found in the gardens, including conkers, acorns and pinecones. We have read Autumn themed books including the little red hen and Squirrels autumn search and learnt all about Harvest time which included investigating wheat and corn. We also had our first visit to see our new friends at Millheath nursing home this month - we did lots of lovely activities with them. We will now be going to see our new friends each week and have asked them to come up to nursery to join us for our Autumn craft session.

**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** - 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

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](mailto: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 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



**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!

**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.

**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 – 28/10/19	Lunch	Tea
<b>Monday</b>	Chicken, tarragon and carrot casserole with rice	Homemade minestrone soup
<b>Tuesday</b>	Savoury mince, broccoli and roast potatoes	Welsh rarebit with homemade coleslaw and tomatoes
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pork sausages, new potatoes, cauliflower, cabbage and onion gravy	Homemade Curried squash, lentil and coconut soup with naan bread
<b>Thursday</b>	Tuna pie with mixed vegetables and sweetcorn	Vegetarian sausage roll twists with spaghetti
<b>Friday</b>	Creamy cheese and tomato macaroni bake	Savoury scrambled egg with toasted muffins

W/C- 04/11/19	Lunch	Tea
<b>Monday</b>	Dairy free turmeric chicken curry and rice	Pizza baked potatoes ( <i>ham, sweetcorn and peppers</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef stew and dumplings with chunky bread	Hearty pasta soup
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gammon, leek and potato mash, carrots, sprouts and apple sauce	Tuna melts with homemade potato salad and cucumber sticks
<b>Thursday</b>	Fish in butter sauce with croquettes and peas	Brummie bacon scones with scrambled egg
<b>Friday</b>	Meat free meatballs and spaghetti with garlic bread	Homemade cheese, onion and potato pasties with beans

W/C– 11/11/19	Lunch	Tea
<b>Monday</b>	Cheesy broccoli and cauliflower pasta bake	Jacket potato with tuna, mayo and sweetcorn
<b>Tuesday</b>	Fish chowder with green beans and a bread roll	Coronation chicken filled pittas with cucumber
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chicken, swede and potato mash, peas and Yorkshires	Pin wheel pizzas with carrots and pepper sticks
<b>Thursday</b>	Vegetable curry with rice and naan bread	Mini toad in the hole with beans
<b>Friday</b>	Pork leek and mixed vegetable pie with crispy potatoes	Orzo pasta tomato soup

W/C- 18/11/19	Lunch	Tea
<b>Monday</b>	Vegan Pepper, Squash and spinach biryani with naan	Jacket potato with mackerel in tomato sauce and sweetcorn
<b>Tuesday</b>	Turkey bolognese pasta bake	Leek, potato and corn chowder with a bread roll
<b>Wednesday</b>	Beef, Yorkshires, new potatoes, broccoli and carrots	Cheese and ham savoury loaf with beans
<b>Thursday</b>	Sausage casserole with mustard mash	Italian savoury scones with garlic dip and tomatoes
<b>Friday</b>	Fish cakes, waffles and spaghetti	Homemade Chicken noodle soup

**\*\*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*