

## February 2020 Newsletter

Well we're all settled into the new year here and looking forward to a fun filled year - don't forget to keep a lookout on our noticeboard and Facebook page for updates 😊

### Important dates for your diary

**17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb** - Half term

**1<sup>st</sup> March** - St David's day

**5<sup>th</sup> March** - World book day

**6<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> April** Easter

holidays

**10<sup>th</sup> April\*\*** - Bank holiday\*

**13<sup>th</sup> April** - Bank holiday\*

**8<sup>th</sup> May\*\*** - May Day Bank

Holiday\*

*\*Opening hours for bank holidays 8am - 4pm*

*\*\*Please note that both these dates are Friday's*

**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.

**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)

### Parent question of the month

How happy are you with the activities provided by our teams?

\*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!!

Availability is currently very limited and we have a waiting list in place for some 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 both this term and in the summer term. Any request for additional days/hours must be e-mailed to [hello@chuckles.wales](mailto:hello@chuckles.wales) - a confirmation e-mail will be sent if we are able to accommodate your request.



### St David's Day (1<sup>st</sup> March)

We would love to see all of the children in their Welsh dressing up clothes to make this as fun as possible, we will also be doing lots of welsh themed activities throughout the week!

## Group News



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



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

This month our little bunnies and little cubs will be doing lots of sensory play and making some lovely crafts to decorate their rooms. We will also be making some lovely Valentine's crafts to take home and taking part in some winter themed activities.



**Happy Helpers**



**Chatty Chucklers** (3-4 years olds)

Our pre-school children this month will be carrying on learning all about wintertime through lots of outdoor exploration, books based around this theme and sensory activities, they will be making crafts for Valentine's day. We will also be running more parent workshops this month for you to come and join us - for more details please see our notice board in the pre-school room.

### **Chuckles Uniforms - making life that little bit easier!**

We have embroidered t-shirts available to buy 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 3-4/5-6 The cost of the jackets is £13.

**BBBBBBBB** - Could you please make sure that you bring a hat, scarf and gloves for your child's care bag (please label all items so they don't get lost) and also please ensure your child brings a warm coat as we will still be going outside daily.

**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 😊



**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.

Just a reminder **Breakfast times for our chatty chucklers (3-4yr olds) end 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

**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 😊

**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.

**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.

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

**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 – 03/02/20	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- 10/02/20	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	Beef, Yorkshires, new potatoes, broccoli and carrots	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	Homemade Chicken noodle soup

W/C– 17/02/20	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Chicken, tarragon and carrot casserole with rice	Vegetarian sausage roll twists with spaghetti
Tuesday	Savoury mince, broccoli and roast potatoes	Sweet and sour prawns with noodles
Wednesday	Pork sausages, new potatoes, cauliflower, cabbage and onion gravy	Homemade minestrone soup
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- 24/02/20	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	Homemade meat free Cornish pasties with beans
Wednesday	Gammon, leek and potato mash, carrots, sprouts and apple sauce	Hearty pasta soup
Thursday	Fish in butter sauce with croquettes and peas	Brummie bacon scones with scrambled egg
Friday	Meat free meatballs and spaghetti with garlic bread	Tuna melts with homemade potato salad and cucumber sticks

**\*\*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*