



March 2020 Newsletter

Important dates for your diary

17th - 21st Feb - Half term

1st March - St David's day

5th March - World book day

6th - 20th April Easter holidays

10th April** - Bank holiday*

13th April - Bank holiday*

8th May** - May Day Bank Holiday*

*Opening hours for bank holidays 8am - 4pm

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

Wow March already! We've been making some changes to our rooms this month with lots of new displays, why not pop and see all of your children's lovely work 😊 also with lots of events coming up don't forget to keep a lookout on our noticeboard and Facebook page for updates 😊

Messages and information - As I'm sure you are aware some days we have a high volume of parents coming in all at the same time to drop children off so to ensure we don't miss any important information can we please ask that any information that needs to be passed on to the team looking after your child/ren is either written in their diaries or e-mailed in to us and not given verbally to our team - thank you

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

Are you happy with our current outside facilities? Do you think we need to add improve anything?

*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!!

RED NOSE DAY 13th March 2020

We're going all red for the day ☺ and why not add some crazy hair and a red nose too!!!

Check out our notice board and Facebook page for updates and photographs.



World Book Day 5th March - We are celebrating books all week, we'd love to hear about the children's favourite books and they are more than welcome to bring them along to share with us, we will be doing lots of activities based on books throughout the week and there will also be a chance for you to get involved 😊



St David's Day (1st March) - We will be celebrating all week!! (w/c 2nd)

We would love to see all the children in their Welsh dressing up clothes this week to make this as fun as possible, we will also be doing lots of welsh themed activities throughout the week! Also, the pre-school team will be asking the children to bring in something Welsh to share with their friends at circle time.

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



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.

Group News



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



Smashing smilers (18m-3yrs)

Our little bunnies and cubs will be celebrating St David's day and doing some spring themed activities they will also be making some lovely gifts to send home for their mummies 😊 Our smashing smilers will be learning all about springtime this month so will be spending lots of time outdoors exploring our gardens and looking for signs of spring.



Happy Helpers



Chatty Chucklers (3-4 years olds)

Our pre-school children will be carrying on with their seize the season theme which will be taking us into springtime this month - we will be spending lots of time outdoors investigating the changes in our garden areas and looking for signs of wildlife reappearing. If you see any signs of spring within your own garden's we'd love you to take a picture and send them to us 😊

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 also have embroidered jackets the cost of the jackets is £13.

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.

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)** 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

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.

Availability for additional sessions 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 - a confirmation e-mail will be sent if we are able to accommodate your request.

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.

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

***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 – 02/03/20	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	Toad in the hole with beans
Friday	Pork leek and mixed vegetable pie with crispy potatoes	Orzo pasta tomato soup

W/C- 09/03/20	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– 16/03/20	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Chicken, tarragon and carrot casserole with rice	Homemade Curried squash, lentil and coconut soup with naan bread
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 peas and sweetcorn	Welsh rarebit with homemade coleslaw and tomatoes
Friday	Creamy cheese and tomato macaroni bake	Mini curried vegetable pasties with minted new potatoes

W/C- 18/03/19	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	Homemade 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	Cheese scones with scrambled egg
Friday	Spaghetti bolognese 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*