



December 2020 Newsletter



Yay it's December, our most favourite time of the year!! We hope you are all ready for some festive fun 😊 We'd 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



Our team has worked extremely hard this year and gone above and beyond what was expected of them and we would love to allow them to spend as much time with their families as possible over the Christmas period, so we would really appreciate it if you could let us know in advance if your child will not be attending any of their sessions so that I can adjust our staff rotas accordingly - Thank you 😊

4th December - Elf Day! We'd love to see you all dressed as Elfie as possible.

11th December - Christmas Jumper Day (we are not fundraising, but we'd love to see all of the children's jumpers)

16th December - Christmas Dinner Day (for children that usually attend this day only)

18th December - Term ends for children on term time only contracts and re-starts on **4th**

January

25th, 26th, 28th December and 1st January - Closed

Our opening hours for **Thursday 24th (Xmas eve) and Thursday 31st December (NYE)** are 8am - 4pm, all other days during the Christmas period are normal opening hours.

We are unfortunately unable to take any bookings for additional sessions or holiday club sessions over the Christmas Period.

Christmas Parties - As we are unable to have all the children in together this year to celebrate, we will be having a party week on the w/c 14th December. All the children will get to join in with games, activities and Christmas treats throughout the week, so rest assured they won't be missing out on any of the fun!!

Who to contact.....

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

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



Children in need - We would like to say a very BIG thank you to all of you that donated to our food bank collection, we managed to donate a fantastic 8 bags of food to our local food bank for which they were very grateful!

Winter flu and Viruses - Due to the current guidelines unfortunately we are unable to admit any child that has a temperature of 37.8 or above or a new cough, even if you feel that it is due to a normal cold/flu virus. We are also unable to administer any type of medication including temperature reducing medication such as Calpol or accept children that have been given this prior to attending nursery.



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.

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

The **Childcare Offer for Wales** is open to all eligible parents of 3-4 year olds who live in Wales and applications can now be made for January 2021 - 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



Group News

Babyn Bach, Busy Bees (2-3yrs) & Plant Bach (0-2yrs) - Our children will be doing lots of Christmas themed crafts and activities this month as well as making some special gifts to take home 😊

Conquerors (3-4yrs) - 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.

Masks - Can we please ask that you help to keep our team safe by wearing a mask when dropping off or collecting your child from the main entrance - Thank you



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

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. Also, with the current guidelines in place we are unable to place your child into a different bubble should you arrive earlier or later than your booked time it means staff members will need to work additional time to stay with your child.

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.

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 😊

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 by posting information on our FB page.

Your rubbish is our treasure - Think carefully before you throw away those shiny wrappers, pots, and unusual or everyday objects, it's amazing what your children can use to create wonderful things!
- Thank you 😊

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.

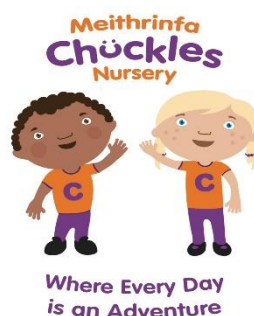
Parking and The Car Park Area - Please ensure that you are parking in the designated parking bays when dropping off and collecting your children as this causes minimum disruption to other cars. Also please be aware when driving and reversing in this area that there may be children behind you.

Until next Time.....

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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 – 30/11/20	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Sweet and sour pork with rice	Homemade Leek and potato chowder with a bread roll
Tuesday	Cottage pie with broccoli and carrots**	Toast with mackerel in tomato sauce and sweetcorn
Wednesday	Chicken, new potatoes, stuffing and mixed vegetables**	Prawn pasta salad (pasta, prawns, cucumber, peppers)
Thursday	Cauliflower macaroni pasta bake with peas	Sausage roll twists with beans
Friday	Fish cakes, waffles and spaghetti	Homemade Chicken noodle soup

W/C- 7/12/20	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Roasted vegetable pasta bake and garlic bread	Homemade steak bakes with spaghetti
Tuesday	Corned beef pie with beans	Welsh rarebit with homemade coleslaw
Wednesday	Pork, new potatoes, stuffing, broccoli, cauli & carrots**	Homemade minestrone soup
Thursday	Chicken chasseur and rice	Scrambled egg with ham, pittas and tomatoes
Friday	Tuna pie with sweetcorn	BBQ Chicken wraps with mixed pepper sticks

W/C– 14/12/20	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Dairy free chicken korma and rice	Tuna melts with homemade potato salad and cucumber sticks
Tuesday	Cheese and broccoli pasta bake and garlic bread	Jacket potato with Mexican bean salad and cheese
Wednesday	 Christmas Dinner Day 😊	Homemade curried potato and veg pasties with naan bread mint dip
Thursday	Battered fish with mash and beans	Carrot and red lentil soup with a bread roll
Friday	Gammon, crispy croquettes, peas and parsley sauce	Coronation chicken filled pittas with pepper sticks

W/C- 21/12//20	Lunch	Tea
Monday	Vegetarian mozzarella pasta bake	Jacket potato with tuna, mayo, and sweetcorn
Tuesday	Chicken and mixed vegetable casserole and rice	Ham, cheese, and tomato toasties with beans
Wednesday	Beef, new potatoes, Yorkshires, parsnips, and peas**	Pin wheel pizzas with, garlic bread, pepper sticks and a dip
Thursday	Fish fingers, crispy potatoes, and spaghetti	Homemade vegetable soup and a roll
Friday	CLOSED	CLOSED

W/C- 21/12//20	Lunch	Tea
Monday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	Butter Chicken Curry and rice	Toast with mackerel in tomato sauce and sweetcorn
Wednesday	Toad in the hole with roast potatoes, carrots, and peas	Prawn pasta salad (pasta, prawns, cucumber, peppers)
Thursday	Cauliflower macaroni pasta bake with peas	Sausage roll twists with beans
Friday	CLOSED	CLOSED

**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*