



January 2021 Newsletter

Happy new year from all of us at Chuckles!

We are all looking forward to a fun filled year here at Chuckles nursery and we are looking forward to sharing all of it with you and your children 😊

Important dates for your diary

W/C 28th December -

Nursery Closed all week

4th January - Nursery re-opens for all children

15th - 19th February - Half term

1st March - St David's day

4th March - World book day

29th March - 9th April

Easter holidays

2nd April** - Bank holiday*

5th April - Bank holiday*

3rd May - May Day Bank Holiday*

*Opening hours for bank holidays 8am - 4pm

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

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

*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!!

Welcome back 😊 - You may notice a couple of familiar faces in the nursery this month, Hannah A and Amy S will be re-joining us, and we will also be welcoming Theodore and Keelan into the Chuckles family. Both girls are excited to see how much your little ones have grown since they have been away and can't wait to hear about all the things they have been getting up to.

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.

Emergency contact details - Can all parents please ensure that we have up to date contact details for yourselves and your emergency contact number in case we need to get hold of you.

Coloured wrappers and tins - Don't forget if you've still got some left over try and save us all the wrappers as the children love to make pictures using them. Also, it's amazing the things you can make from a Pringles tin, so we'll take those too 😊

Reminder - 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.

Group News

Babyn Bach, Busy Bees (2-3yrs) & Plant Bach (0-2yrs)

Our month our theme will be winter - we will be doing lots of wintery activities including ice play, making snowy pictures and learning about winter animals.

Conquerors (3-4yrs)

We will be continuing with our winter topic this month and will be learning all about animals that hibernate such as bears, mice and rabbits and making beds to keep the animals in our garden warm. We will be investigating how we can keep ourselves warm and looking at the types of clothing we can wear to stay warm and dry.

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 are also currently taking orders for jackets in sizes. The cost of the jackets is £13. *Please note that as we have to send our jackets off to be embroidered it means that it can take a little while for you to receive your orders.

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 Facebook Page.

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.

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.

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, Shredded wheat, Porridge

Water is served with each meal and a selection of fruit is served after lunch; a late snack is served at 5pm

| WC 4 th January 21 | Lunch | Tea |
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| Monday | Roasted vegetable pasta bakes and garlic bread | Homemade steak bakes with spaghetti |
| Tuesday | Tuna pie with sweetcorn | Scrambled egg with ham, pittas, and tomatoes |
| Wednesday | Pork, new potatoes, stuffing, broccoli, cauli & carrots** | Homemade minestrone soup |
| Thursday | Chicken chasseur and rice | BBQ Chicken wraps with potato wedges and mixed pepper sticks |
| Friday | Corned beef pie with beans | Welsh rarebit with homemade coleslaw |

| WC 11 th January 21 | Lunch | Tea |
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| Monday | Dairy free chicken korma and rice | Jacket potato with cheese and beans |
| Tuesday | Cheese and broccoli pasta bake and garlic bread | Coronation chicken filled pittas with pepper sticks |
| Wednesday | Toad in the hole, new potatoes, mixed vegetables, onion gravy | Homemade curried potato and veg pasties with naan bread mint dip |
| Thursday | Fish in sauce with mashed potato and sweetcorn | Carrot and red lentil soup with a bread roll |
| Friday | Gammon, crispy croquettes, peas and parsley sauce | Tuna melts with homemade potato salad and cucumber sticks |

| WC 18 th January 21 | Lunch | Tea |
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| Monday | Vegetarian mozzarella pasta bake with garlic bread | 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, Green beans & carrots * | Pea and Mint pasta |
| Thursday | Sausage casserole and mustard mash | Vegetable Egg fried rice with sweet curry sauce and prawn crackers |
| Friday | Fish fingers, crispy potatoes, and spaghetti | Homemade Chicken noodle soup |

| WC 25 th January 21 | Lunch | Tea |
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| Monday | Honey and mustard chicken with rice | Homemade Leek and potato chowder and chunky bread |
| 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 vegetable soup and a roll |

****All served with Homemade Gravy**

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.

If your child has any changes to their dietary requirements, please could you inform us immediately – if you would like any further details of ingredients contained within our meals please speak to a member of our team.