



November 2018 Newsletter

Welcome back.

We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and are pleased to have you all back for an exciting new term at Chalkies!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Broad Chalke School just before the holidays to celebrate harvest festival. There are some photos of the children on the notice-board in the office looking very grown up singing with the big children, do have a look when you are next at playschool.

We have a very busy half term planned for the children including celebrating Diwali this week, learning about autumn and then beginning our Christmas preparations.

We said good bye to Tracey who has left us as cleaner, we will miss her greatly and extend thanks to her from the whole Chalkies community. But we are pleased to welcome two new members of staff.

Juliet

New Staff Members

We are very pleased that demand for places at Chalkies has meant that we have needed to extend our staff team.

We are delighted to introduce Liz Stephenson who has joined us as a keyworker. Liz has a wealth of experience in childcare and brings with her lots of exciting ideas.

Michaela Compton has also joined the team as our new cleaner, we are very pleased to have her on board!

If you want to change/increase your child's hours from January please let Juliet know as soon as possible as places are filling fast. Don't forget to get your applications in if you want to utilise the extended funding, ask a member of staff for details

School Applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you need to apply for their reception school place before 15th January 2019. Applications are done online at <https://admissions.wiltshire.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Trussell Trust Shoe Box Appeal

We will be filling shoeboxes with the children this term to donate to the Trussell Trust for those less fortunate than us. A list of suggested items will go up in the office in the next couple of weeks, if you are able to make a donation no matter how small it would be very much appreciated.

New Website

Laura Hobson has been working on our shiny new website, it will be live in early December, we are very lucky to have had some gorgeous photos taken by Helga Soket to complete the new look. Laura has done a great job so many thanks for all her hard work. Keep your eyes peeled for the big launch!

www.chalkevalleyplayschool.co.uk



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Dates for your diary

Term dates

Monday 5th November—Friday
21st December (closing at
1.30pm)

Trip to see *A night before
Christmas* 13th December 2018
at the Salisbury Playhouse.

Christmas play and bring and
share lunch 21st December 10am
all welcome.

30 years old!

Next year Chalkies has been running for 30 years, we are planning some celebrations as this is quite an achievement! We would love to hear from anyone who has photos or memories of Chalkies, I suspect some of our parents attended here themselves when they were younger. Or if anyone is in touch with previous staff members or volunteers please encourage them to contact us and get involved in the celebrations.

Get involved!

We welcome parental involvement at Chalkies, if you have an interesting hobby or job you would like to share with the children please do speak to a member of staff, last year we had a very successful Hungarian day with a parent coming in to talk to us about Hungarian culture and sharing some delicious food. Talk to us about your ideas as we would love to build on this!

Christmas Play

Please make a note of the date of our Christmas play, after the children's performance we will be sharing a celebration lunch together

