



## September 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn term at Chalkies!

You will probably already have seen some of the changes that have happened over the summer including changes to the staff team and in some of the ways in which we work. I have taken on the role of Business Manager and will be responsible for all matters other than the education of the children so for any enquiries you have please do either catch me when I'm in the office or phone or email me during office hours and I will endeavour to help!

Dawn has taken on the role of Playschool manager and will be ensuring that the children receive the highest quality of care and education assisted by the team.

Juliet

Welcome from Dawn

Hello and welcome, we hope you all had a lovely summer.

This term is a brand new start for Chalke Valley Playschool, myself and the team are very excited about the future.

This term we will be looking at the theme 'All about me...' We will be making posters which we would like you to contribute to at home with your child.

We will be looking at likes and dislikes, similarities and differences, and things that make us unique.

We will also be looking at the 5 senses by using an array of different media and materials.

Dawn

### 'Themes of the week'

The noticeboard above the signing in book will display our word, shape, colour, number and letter of the week. We will be using these in our everyday teaching so keep an eye on the board as we are sure your child will be keen to tell you all about them!

### Theatre Trip

We are delighted to be arranging a trip for the children to see 'The night before Christmas' at Salisbury Playhouse in December, as a result of Waitrose's kind donation to us we will be able to subsidise the tickets so keep an eye out for details next week....

### Uniform orders

We will be placing regular orders of uniform throughout the year at the start of each half term. We will have red polo shirts and navy fleece gilets available this term at a cost of £10 for a polo shirt and £12.50 for a gilet and £7 for a round necked T-shirt

We also have a small number of second hand polo shirts available for £3.50 each

Uniform is in no way compulsory but gives the children a sense of belonging and saves you worrying about paint stains on their 'nice' clothes!

If you would like to place an order please speak to Juliet

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<https://www.facebook.com/chalkevalleyplayschool/>



### Dates for your diary

Term dates Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October (closing at 3pm)

Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup>  
September - key worker  
meetings (details to follow)

Harvest Festival 17<sup>th</sup> October  
2018 with Broad Chalke School

Trip to see a night before  
Christmas 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
at the Salisbury Playhouse.

### Keyworker Meetings

During the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September we would like to invite you into playschool to meet with your child's keyworker, this will be a great opportunity to talk through any concerns you might have and to celebrate the wonderful progress the children are making. Please speak to Dawn to arrange a suitable time. If you are unsure who your child's keyworker is have a look at the duck ponds on the board above the signing in book!

### 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!

### Road Safety

A hot topic in the Chalke Valley at the moment is road safety as there have been lots of incidents of speeding locally. Can we remind everyone to abide by speed limits to keep our children safe. The Finlay Foundation have very kindly donated us some High visibility vests for the children so that when we go for walks around the village we can be safely seen. Do have a look at their website as they do wonderful work in the local area  
[www.finlayfoundation.co.uk](http://www.finlayfoundation.co.uk)