

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2015

Welcome back to the autumn term at Clare Bears. We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and are looking forward to another fun packed term.

I would especially like to welcome our newcomers this term, we hope they settle well and enjoy their time at Clare Bears.

PLANS FOR THIS TERM

The theme this term will be 'All about me'. We will learn how our body works and how to manage our feelings.

We will continue with the basic phonic sounds which are taught via action songs. The number and colour of the week will be displayed on the notice board – If you could point out these numbers and colours during daily tasks, e.g shopping this would be very beneficial to your child. We will be also be practising counting up to 20 every morning so any extra help from home will be beneficial.

Jenny Doherty (our qualified teacher) will be giving targeted support to all the children that will be leaving us next September to go up to the primary school. This will involve small group sessions once a week, learning number values, phonic sounds and writing skills. We will once again be collecting for 'Rag Bags' so if you could save any old/outgrown clothes, soft toys or materials (stained items are also excepted) then we shall inform you when we have arranged a collection date. All proceeds will go directly to Clare Bears pre-school.

NEW CHANGES THIS TERM

I am very pleased to announce that Hannah has taken over the role as Deputy Leader. Hannah has been stepping up into this role since Lesley left last term and is now ready to take on the extra responsibility. Hannah has some exciting ideas and a great deal of passion to bring to the role. Hannah will also be studying for her SENCO qualification this next year, allowing her to offer Special Educational Needs support to the group where required.

We welcome a new staff member 'Courtney Bareham' to Clare Bears. Courtney holds a level 3 qualification in childcare and has had experience of working with 2-5 year olds. We hope she enjoys her time here and settles in well.

Sharon is now taking on the role of Health and Safety Co-ordinator, therefore should you have any concerns relating to Health and Safety, please do not hesitate to contact her.

Learning Journeys

As most of you already know, we keep your child's learning journey in their trays and are available each morning for you to access and view at your leisure. We would love for you to look through these learning journeys and ask that you add any related learning developments from home, holidays etc. as this will help form a great picture of your child.

Should you wish to discuss your child's development further, please speak to your child's key person who will be happy to arrange a suitable time.

Book bags

We will also be giving your child a book bag in which they may keep until they leave Clare Bears. These will be found in their tray. A mobile library will be placed in the corridor at the end of each session so please feel free to borrow a book and return at your convenience.

Art work and Parent letters

All art work and parent letters or cooking items will be placed in your child's tray so please ensure you check the tray when collecting your child.

LUNCH CLUB

We still have places available for lunch club this term. This is a great opportunity for your child to socialise and eat lunch with their friends and staff.

The Lunch club session will run from 12noon – 1pm. You will need to provide your child with a suitable packed lunch and a non fizzy drink.

The charge per session will be £3.00 and you will be invoiced half termly. (Unfortunately we cannot refund for sickness or exchange days booked)

Alternatively you could choose to pay on the day at a charge of £3.50.

JUMPERS/T-SHIRTS – All profit will go directly to Clare Bears Pre-school

We are selling both T-shirts and Jumpers with the Clare bears logo on. These have proven to be popular with both parents and children.

Jumpers -- £11.50 each - age 3/4 or 5/6

T-shirts -- £7.50 each - " "

We also sell strong tote bags (example will be found by the notice board) these are ideal for heavy shopping etc

Clare Bears Pre-school tote bags -- £1.50 each

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Co-operative for their snack donations and support to our Pre-school.

Clare Bears promotes healthy eating and encourage the children to try different foods they may not have had an opportunity to taste. Your children will be offered a selection of fresh fruit and bread sticks/crackers together with the choice of milk or water to drink.

PLEASE NOTE: a constant supply of water is available through session time for all children to access.

REMINDER

Could I please remind parents/carers that should somebody else be picking your child up from Clare Bears they MUST write this in the book near the exit and ensure the person collecting your child knows the password that was supplied to us on your registration form.

Alternatively please telephone us on **Tel: 01787 277367**. This is solely for your child's safety.

PLEASE COULD WE ASK FOR ALL CLOTHING TO BE CLEARLY NAMED

Please could we also ask for children's own private toys to be left at home (unless these are used as a comforter for the child's benefit).

At Clare Bears we allow the children to play with and share ALL toys. When personal toys are brought in this can cause confusion, as understandably, children will feel protective over their own belongings.

TERM DATES

We break up for half term on **Friday 23rd October 2015** and return back to pre-school on **Monday 2nd November 2015**.

We end the term for the Christmas holidays on **Thursday 17th December 2015** and return back to pre-school on **Tuesday 5th January 2016**.

Please check the notice board daily for any special events or requests.

Should you require any information regarding services that may be available for your child including children centres, support groups etc, please see me and I shall do my best to find out anything you need to know.

Angela Steward - Pre-school leader

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