

NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2014

Welcome back to the Spring term at Clare Bears. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas 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 'numbers/counting'. We will be using numbers throughout our play and encouraging the children to count the objects they find. Please could you point out any numbers that may be found in shops, on signs, number plates etc. This will help the children to recognise the numbers as well as their value.

We will continue with the basic phonic sounds, which is taught via action songs.

Once again we will be visiting the local library in Clare (booked for Tuesday 4th February) where we will be singing songs related to counting, followed by some craft activities and a story. The children have really enjoyed this visit in past and am sure will find it rewarding once again. I will be asking for a few volunteers nearer the time to help us walk to/from the library. **All** children are welcome to join us, however if this was not yours child's usual day I will need to ask you to remain with them throughout the visit.

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. Last term we raised an amazing **£91** in which we have purchased some new resources for the children.

We will be holding another parents evening at the end of the Spring term in which we would welcome your comments and input into your child's development process at Clare Bears.

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our fundraising events and to all the committee for their time and effort they have given. Its thanks to you all that we have now been able to purchase a new bench & seating for the outside area.

LEARNING JOURNEYS

As many of you already know, we now place your child's learning journey into their named tray. We would love for you 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.

We will be reviewing the development of every child towards the end of each term with yourselves. As parents, you know your child best so we would like to work closely with you to enable us to get a good picture of how your child's progressing. Thank you for all Parents who gave their time to go through our next step forms for your children last term.

Clare Bears policies and procedures are available for parents/carers to view -a copy of these are kept on top of the drawers and can be accessed at the beginning and end of session.

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. 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 parent and child.

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 -- £2.50 each

SNACK

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Co-operative in Clare for their monthly 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 /vegetables 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 up your child from Clare Bears they MUST write this in the book near the exit.

Alternatively please telephone us on **Tel: 01787 277367**.

This is solely for your child's safety.

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 14th February 2014** and return back to pre-school on **Monday 24th February 2014**.

We end the term for the Easter holidays on **Friday 4th April 2014** and return back to pre-school on **Wednesday 23rd April 2014**.

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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