

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2013

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 'Pets'. We will be turning the home corner into a vets/pet shop so it would be helpful if you could point out any pets or animal related services that you may come across. If anyone has a well-behaved pet that they would be able to bring in to the setting for the children to stroke/learn about we would be very grateful.

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 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.

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

NEW CHANGES THIS TERM

Learning Journeys

As many of you already know, we place your child's learning journey out each morning for you to access and view at your leisure. Due to some great fundraising last term we have been able to purchase a unit with trays for your child's individual Learning Journey so that you can access these at both the beginning and end of session. 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's experiences.

Book bags

We will also be giving your child a book bag in which they may keep until they leave Clare Bears. This 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 will now be placed in your child's tray so please ensure you check the tray when collecting 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 to all Parents who gave their time to go through our next step forms for your children last term.

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 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 DONATIONS

Due to the generosity of the Co-operative we no longer require a snack donation from parents.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Co-operative for their support and donations 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. 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 25th October 2013** and return back to pre-school on **Monday 4th November 2013**.

We end the term for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 20th December 2013** and return back to pre-school on **Tuesday 7th January 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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