

# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM 2015

Welcome back for 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 back some parents from the past, we hope your children settle well and enjoy their time at Clare Bears.

### **PLANS FOR THIS TERM**

The theme this term will be 'People who help us'. We always find this topic to be rewarding in many ways. The children will learn about different jobs that adults have and how they can help us in our everyday lives. This could be from policemen, nurses, teachers to a shop assistant in the local store. It would be very beneficial to your child if you could point out anyone that has helped you within your weekly routine.

To support this topic we will be arranging a trip to our local library in Clare. Towards the latter end of the term we will be arranging a visit from the local police team to chat to the children and show them the equipment they need to support their role in the community.

We also plan to invite our lovely dental nurse down to show the children that a trip to the dentist is not too scary after all. She will also be able to teach the children the importance of brushing our teeth and what foods are best to eat.

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.

### **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.**

**Thank you**

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who helped organise and supported our Christmas Fayre. It raised a massive £412 for our pre-school.

Rag Bags raised a healthy £69.60 which would not have been possible without your generous donations.

We all supported Children in need again last term and this raised £18 for the charity.

**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.

**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

## **SALE**

**Clare Bears Pre-school tote bags – WAS £2.50 each NOW £1**

## **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.

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**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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015** and return back to pre-school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**

We end the term for the Easter holidays on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015** and return back to pre-school on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015**.

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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