

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2014

Welcome back for the Summer Term at Clare Bears. We hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays and didn't eat too much chocolate!

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 'The Great Outdoors'. We will be making the most of our outside area offering 90% of the session time to playing outside. We hope to collect a number of natural resources which will help enhance play. We would love for the children to bring in any items that may be useful e.g. natural wood, small pipes, twigs, pine cones, large stones, shells, unwanted peat/earth etc. We can usually make use of any unwanted materials as long as they are safe to handle.

We will be arranging a trip to the 'Nuttery' this term where the children will be able to get close to nature by exploring and observing the environment on our doorstep.

We also plan to re-visit Boydells Farm at the end of the term as this has proved to be a fun and rewarding trip in previous years.

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.

Tempest photography will be back to take both individual photos and the Clare Bears group photo – I shall keep you informed when the dates have been arranged.

The dental nurse will be paying us a visit this term – She will explain the importance of cleaning our teeth and how to do it correctly and will allow the children to dress up and role play being a dentist – always great fun!

We will be holding another parents evening at the end of the Summer term in which we would welcome your comments and input into your child's

development process at Clare Bears. As many children will be leaving us in July, this will be a good opportunity to discuss any concerns you or your child may have about their transition to Primary School.

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 Easter Fayre. It raised £315 and this money will go towards new toys and books for our pre-school.

Rag Bags raised a healthy £73 which would not have been possible without your generous donations.

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

Clare Bears Pre-school tote bags -- £2.50 each

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 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 **Thursday 22nd May 2014** and return back to pre-school on **Monday 2nd June 2014**. Please note the pre-school will be **CLOSED** for the bank holiday on **Monday 5th May 2014**.

We end the term for the Summer holidays on **Wednesday 23rd July 2014** and return back to pre-school on **Thursday 4th September 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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