

# NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER TERM 2015

Welcome back for the Summer Term at Clare Bears. We hope you all had a great Easter and are now ready to enjoy another fun packed term at Clare Bears.

### PLANS FOR THIS TERM

The theme this term will be the Weather. It would be very helpful if you could discuss the changes in the weather with your child and how different weather affects our everyday lives.

We hope to arrange a trip to Boydells Farm again this term, which, in previous years has become a real success. The children will get the chance to have hands on experience with the animals and learn about everyday life on a working farm.

We will once again 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.

Jenny will be continuing with the 'extended learning support' for the children that will be leaving us in September. As many of you saw in our drop in morning, Jenny takes aside small groups of children for a short period of time once a week to concentrate on phonic sounds, writing and mathematics. This has already made a huge improvement towards getting the children ready to start school.

Transition dates for pre-school leavers will be arranged shortly, this will involve many trips to the primary school and the chance for them to get to know their new reception teacher.

At the end of this term will be holding a Leavers BBQ. This will be open to all children attending that day ...a bit of fun to say goodbye to our pre-school leavers.

We shall be holding a parents evening at the end of term. This will give you the chance to discuss the learning and development of your child and to be involved in their next step/targeted goals.

We will be repeating 'Rag Bags' again, so should you have any old outgrown clothes, soft toys, bedding etc. please do not throw them out as we will be collecting them towards the later half of the term. All of the money raised by rag bags goes directly to Clare Bears.

Rag Bags raised a healthy sum last term which would not have been possible without your generous donations.

## **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 Clare Bears Committee who raised an amazing £240 at the Easter Fayre. Our committee go the extra mile to help raise money for new toys and equipment for the pre-school. The committee are always looking to welcome new members and cannot run without your help. So if you can spare a couple of hours once a term to discuss and plan fundraising events and the general running of the pre-school, please see Angela Steward or Yvonne Aim (Chairperson) who will be grateful for your support.

**We would also 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 profits 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 -- £2.00 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. If you have supplied a PASSWORD with your registration form please ensure the person collecting your child is aware of this.

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 **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015** and return back to pre-school on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015**.

We end the term for the Summer holidays on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015** and return back to pre-school on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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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