



Clare Bears Community Pre-school

NEWSLETTER – Spring term 2024



We extend a special welcome to all our new children and parents as we start our Spring term.

We hope they settle well and enjoy their time here at Clare Bears.

Welcome back to the Spring term at Clare Bears. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for another fun packed term. We will continue to share with you, activities and resources that our children have enjoyed taking part in each week through our tapestry observations. Thank you for all of your wonderful feedback, please continue to click the thumbs up button which tells us that you have viewed them and feel free to add your comments too!



Jenny will be continuing with our transition groups to support children that will be leaving us in September. 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.

JUMPERS/T-SHIRTS – All profits will go directly to Clare Bears Community 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.

T-shirts -- £8.50 each - age 3/4 or 5/6

Jumpers -- £12.50 each - age 3/4 or 5/6

Number/colour or Letter of the week

Wk1	Orange	1
Wk 2	Blue	2
Wk 3	Green	3
Wk 4	Red	4
Wk 5	Yellow	5
Wk 6	Brown	6
Wk 7	Black	7
Wk 8	Pink	8
Wk 9	White	9
Wk10	Purple	10
Wk11	Ss	11
Wk12	Aa	12
Wk13	Tt	13



'Clare Bears Values'

Our community and values are at the heart of our provision

- ✓ We have the right to speak and be heard
- ✓ We have the right to learn
- ✓ We have the right to be safe and healthy
- ✓ We have the responsibility to be kind and listen to others
- ✓ We have the responsibility to respect others' differences
- ✓ We have the responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe

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WINTER BUGS/ILLNESSES

If your child has diarrhoea, sickness or a high temperature please could we ask you to keep them home from pre-school until they are free from symptoms for;

72 hours (2 year old's)

48 hours (3/4 year olds)

KITTLE PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE BACK

For a Clare Bears full group photo on:

Friday 22nd March 2024

(This will be a great keepsake for future reference of their time at Clare Bears pre-school)

Adverse weather



Should we get any extreme weather and make the decision to close the setting, we will notify you via e-mail, Facebook & Instagram posts as soon as possible that morning.

Just simply like our Facebook page or follow us on Instagram to keep updated

Snack Time



Clare Bears promotes healthy eating and encourages 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 vegetables and **we kindly ask for a half termly donation of either a snack item or a small money donation** to help offer a varied selection of foods. **PLEASE NOTE:** a constant supply of water is available through session time for all children to access and a choice of milk or water is offered at snack times. If your child develops an allergy, which we do not already have record of, please tell me and I will ensure all staff and helpers are aware. **WE WILL LEAVE A BASKET OUTSIDE OF THE SETTING FOR YOU TO PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN. (see below for required items). Thank you in advance.**

WE DO HAVE A CHILD WITH A NUT ALLERGY, and this is a common age for allergic reactions to arise, therefore, please can we ask that you DO NOT include any nut products within your child's lunch box.

LUNCH CLUB Our lunch club session is a great opportunity for your child to socialise and eat lunch with their friends and staff. The charge per session is £5.50 and invoiced half termly. We may also be able to offer 'pay on the day' lunch club £6 (subject to available spaces) however, we **MUST** have payment up front on the **morning** of your chosen day. Please provide a suitable healthy packed lunch and non-fizzy drink.

Snack donations:

- Bread sticks
- Crackers
- Cheerio's (cereal)
- Wraps
- Rice cakes
- Raisins
- Sweetcorn
- Any other non-perishable items

We will be sending home a 'WOW' sheet in the next couple of weeks, which will give you the opportunity to tell us about the special achievements your child has made at home. This could be toilet training, helping to clean up or counting/writing. We will praise your child in our group session and will place the WOW on our 'I CAN ACHIEVE' board for the Autumn term.

LEARNING JOURNALS

As most of you already know, we have tapestry learning journals which allow you to view weekly topic's at your leisure. We would love for you to look through these learning journals and ask that you **add any comments** or related learning developments from home, holidays etc. as this will help form a greater picture of your child. **Once you have seen a new post, please click the thumbs up so that we know you have viewed it.** 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. **If you cannot access your Tapestry account, please do not hesitate to contact us.**

Focus planning for Spring 2024

We plan topics/activities each week to extend and enrich the learning and development for our children. This will involve a wide range of activities for the children to explore and includes worldly events and celebrations.

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Week commencing	Weekly Focus
4 th Jan	New Year- Settling in days
8 th Jan	New Year- Calendars
15 th Jan	Light and Dark
22 nd Jan	Dinosaur Week
29 th Jan	Storytelling
5 th Feb	Chinese New Year
12 th Feb	Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day
	HALF TERM
26 th Feb	Next Steps
4 th March	World Book Day
11 th March	British Science Week
18 th March	Spring
25 th March	Easter

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COLLECTING YOUR CHILD

Please could we ask that you collect your child on time. The staff have very little time at the end of each session to pack away the toys and set up for the following day. It is not safe to do this while they are looking after your child. We do have procedures to follow if your child has not been collected on time (please see our uncollected child policy). **Please ring the doorbell marked Clare Bears in between opening hours.**

REMINDER - Could I please remind parents/carers that should somebody else be picking your child up from Clare Bears they **MUST** tell a member of staff when entering the setting. If you have supplied a **PASSWORD** with your registration form please ensure the person collecting your child is aware of this. Alternatively, please telephone/text us on Tel: **07956 159 121/01787 277367** or Email manager@clarebears.org This is solely for your child's safety.

ABSENCES – Should your child be sick or have an appointment that you wish to inform us about please feel free to text or e-mail us on the above contact numbers.

We do understand that there will be unforeseen circumstances when you may be late. Please could I ask that you then telephone us as soon as possible and we will ensure 2 members of staff remain at Clare bears until your child has been collected.

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Wish List

- Sensitive shaving foam
- Drawing paper
- Wooden spoons
- Goggle eyes
- Felt tip pens
- Cotton wool
- Tin foil
- Crayons
- Sensitive skin wipes



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. **Recently, we have had many personal toys go missing or get broken causing a safety issue with our younger members of the group.** Your support in this matter is really appreciated.

Dates for your diary

Break up for half term – Fri 16th Feb

Return back on – Mon 26th Feb

End of the Spring Term – Thurs 28th March

Return back (Summer term) – Tues 16th April

PD DAY – Monday 15th April (closed to pupils)



DON'T FORGET TO TRY OUR EARLY BIRD SESSION

We continue to offer our Early bird drop off between 8.30-9.00 am each day. The cost will be a flat rate of **£3.50 per session** if booked in advance (half termly) **or £4 pay on the day** subject to availability. **Good news!** You can use your free funding allowance to claim for this session (for those not taking their full 15/30 hours entitlement). Please make sure you add this to your form.

Current opening times: 8.30am- 3.00pm

8.30-9am	Early Bird
9-12pm	Morning session
12-1pm	Lunch club
12-3pm	Afternoon session

Should you require any information regarding services that may be available for you/your child including children centres, support groups etc, please contact me and I shall do my best to find out.