



Clare Bears Community Pre-school

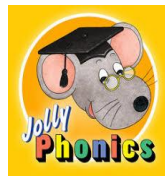
NEWSLETTER – Summer term 2024



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

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

Welcome back to the summer term at Clare Bears. We hope you had a lovely Easter 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

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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

Boydells farm trip



26th June 2024 – All children with their parents/carers may attend
Details to follow



SAFETY IN THE SUN

At Clare Bears we promote children's good health and encourage their awareness of healthy practice. We do offer shade to the children while outside, however, we ask parents/carers to remember to provide their children with the following items:

- Sunhat
- Suitable footwear for your child to move freely outside (No flip flops or similar sandals)
- Parents to apply sun lotion before coming to pre-school. We recommend 'Soltan once' which gives 6-10 hours of protection

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 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. A separate water bottle is **not** required unless your child has lunch here.

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 DO NOW have a child with a **NUT** allergy, this is a time where allergies can develop, therefore, please can we ask that you **DO NOT** include any nut products within your child's lunch box.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND LUNCH CONTAINERS/BOTTLES ARE NAMED

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 (12pm-1pm) We are also able to offer 'pay on the day' at £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.

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.

LEARNING JOURNALS

We use the online learning journal 'Tapestry' which allow you to view 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. **Please can we ask that you click the thumbs up once you have read each post. This will show us that 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 Summer 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
15 th April	Plants and Growth
22 nd April	Weather- April Showers
29 th April	May Day Celebrations
6 th May	Local History Month
13 th May	Numeracy Week
20 th May	Smile Month
	HALF TERM
3 rd June	Minibeasts
10 th June	Next Steps
17 th June	Art Week
24 th June	Farms
1 st July	Sports Week
8 th July	Transition
15 th July	Transition

We may amend or repeat activities/topics depending on the children's current interests or specific learning needs.



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.

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 policy folder).

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.**

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 £4.00 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).

Current opening times: 8.30am- 3.00pm

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

We would be grateful for;

- **Old Christmas or Birthday cards (for cutting)**
- **Cardboard tubes and boxes for junk modelling**
- **Good condition clothes aged 2-4yrs (for our spare box)**



Dates for your diary

BANK HOLIDAY – Mon 6th May CLOSED

Break up for half term – Fri 24th May

Return back on – Tues 4th June

End of the Summer Term – Fri 19th July 12pm

Return back (Autumn term) – Wed 4th Sept

PD DAY – Mon 3rd June & Tuesday 3rd Sept

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.