



Clare's little bears

Pre-school

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OFSTED INSPECTION DUE CLARE'S LITTLE BEARS'

We are on the new cycle of Ofsted inspections and they may come anytime from now until 2017. This will be our first inspection as a pre-school. We will do our very best to show them what we do every day, that is to inspire the children to learn, be the best they can be and to become independent and confident little learners.

BUG HOTEL WEEK – The bugs are moving in and we are making them a home in our nature corner. If you have any resources i.e., wooden pallets, bricks twigs, tubes, leaves etc. please can you bring in with your child.

HIBERNATION TOPIC FOR NEXT HALF TERM– Please can you each bring in a small shoe box for our hibernation topic before end of half term.

Hello, welcome back and welcome to our new little bears starting this week. We have a term filled with fun and learning for our little bears.

INTRODUCING LISA FORSYTHE (MISS LIZZIE) AND

SHONA ANDERSON (MISS SHONA)

Lisa will be joining us officially on 12th September and working Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Shona a fellow childminder will be covering Mondays and Fridays as and when required for sickness or holidays

OUR THEME THIS HALF TERM IS:- 'AUTUMN AND ALL ABOUT ME'

Week 1/2– Settling in 'All About Me'

(Please can we have a family photo 6x4 to put up in our family section we are creating?)

We will also be making children aware of the Para-Olympics

Week 3 – Bug Hotel

Week 4 – Pebble Painting

Week 5 – Harvest

Week 6 – Leaves and Conkers

Week 7 – Halloween

Please bring from home, anything your child has related to any of the above topics to share with their friends at 'Treasure basket time'. If you have any suggestions for our themes then please do let us know!

TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNALS – We are currently researching into a new way of recording assessments of children’s learning and development. The online learning journey is becoming more and more popular within schools to help reduce paperwork, time, being able to spend more time with the children and increase partnership with parents. We will pilot it over the next half term and inform you of our progress.

BOOK BAGS, SHOE BAGS AND UNIFORM –We have book bags and shoe bags for sale at £3.00 and CLB T-Shirts Size 3-4 available for £10.50. I am looking into a new supplier as our existing supplier has increased their prices. I will keep you informed. Apologies to parents still waiting for sweat shirts.

REMINDERS:

- **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING/SHOES** – It will help us find any lost items
- **ENSURE ALL CHILDREN HAVE WELLIES** – We do have some spare and name inside too
- **POTTY TRAINING** - Please put baby wipes into your child’s bag and plenty of spare clothes

PARENT MEETINGS- We plan to hold meetings with all parents of little bear’s mid-November. We will give you information nearer the time. This is a time for you to come into the setting to talk about your child and how they are getting on at Clare’s bears, however if you have any concerns you may come in and see us after session, alternatively you can call or email me during and after school hours.

PARENTS QUESTIONAIRES- Thank you to everyone who handed in your completed questionnaire last term. We had some amazing suggestions and such wonderful comments. It makes us feel proud of what we have achieved so far since opening in February 2016. As always your views and comments are extremely helpful in implementing new ideas and suggestions to progress your new school.

FIRE EVACUATION- We will be running regular fire alarm checks & evacuation with the children on a regular basis. We walk to Letchmore Road School, together two by two holding hands with adult supervision.

HOLIDAYS/HOURS- Please can you notify me in writing your holiday dates and when you will NOT be sending your child to us? Please give at least FOUR WEEKS notice.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:- Autumn Term 1st Sept-21st Dec 2016

Monday 5 th September	Start of Autumn Term 1
24 th – 28 th Oct	Half Term Holiday
5 th – 9 th Dec	Christmas Carols week (Parents invited to come in and sing with us) at 1145pm every day this week.
21 st December	End of Term
5 th January 2017	Start of Spring Term

Many thanks, Clare and the team