



Our CLB Team

Clare Bear - Manager

Miss Lisa - Deputy Leader

Miss Claire - Level 3 Practitioner

Miss Adelaide - Level 2 qualified Practitioner (Studying Level 3)

Miss Lizzie - Apprentice (Studying Level 2)

Miss Amanda - Apprentice (Studying Level 2)

Miss Rachel - Apprentice (Studying Level 2)

Miss Danielle - Apprentice (Studying Level 2)

Miss Sarah - Staff Support and Tapestry Specialist

Policies and Procedures

Our policies and procedures are all on our website available for download at any time. www.clareslittlebears.co.uk. We also have hard copies in the setting. Please feel free to discuss with me any policies, as we get to know each other. Occasionally I will email you ones that may come up from time to time. ie Complaints, Safeguarding, etc.

CLB Uniform

We have some uniform in stock. If you would like to order additional uniform please email me or speak to a member of the CLB Team.

Welcome to Clare's Little Bears Newsletter

Happy New Year to each and every one of you. Welcome back to another fabulous new term and welcome to our new Little Bears and their families.

*FREE EARLY EDUCATION - FUNDING 11 WEEKS
STARTS ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY AND FINISHES
ON 29th MARCH 2018*

We are now open all day every day from 830-430pm

SAFETY WARNING !

Please close the main front gate on entering and exiting the premises, to keep our little bears safe.

The Theme This Half Term is
'WINTER AND SPACE'

Spring Term 1

Week 1 - 08/01 - SETTLING IN/WINTER

'All About what we did at Christmas'

Week 2 - 15/01 - SETTLING IN/WINTER

Week 3 - 22/01 - SPACE

Week 4 - 29/01 - SPACE

Week 5 - 05/02 - VALENTINES



Panshanger Park Forest School for 3-5 year olds

We all had such a fantastic forest school experience last term. I have decided to offer it again in the Spring term 2 and Summer term 1.

- Cost from £42.00 (TBC)
- Child must be over 3 to attend this trip.
- Six week course (Every Tuesday 1230-340pm)
- Parent Volunteers needed
- Free Transport for Children
- Please let me know your interest in this as there are limited places available

Please take a look at the link below for more information:

<http://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/discover-and-learn/panshanger-park-forest-school>

Parking

Please can you ensure when dropping off your children, to leave driveways clear so that our neighbours are able to leave their driveways at all times. I know it isn't ideal near any schools but we are getting a few complaints. Thank you for your understanding,

Please encourage your child to bring a small item related to the topic each week for our daily 'Treasure basket' ie, cuddly toy, a book, unusual items are always a big interest.

SETTLING IN - We welcome a few new little bears joining us this week and our existing bears settled back in to school.

Please add a Christmas holiday photo on Tapestry. Did your children do anything new or WOW to shout about? Then please share with us on Tapestry or complete a WOW moment sheet.

Reminders:

- Please bring in warmer coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Place hats and scarves inside your child's coat sleeve. Thick socks with rubber grips are ideal for inside school and outside for keeping tootsies warmer in wellies. Puddle suits will be worn outside with coats underneath where ever possible.
- Please put bags on top of the purple welly rack and coats on the pegs. Letchmore school children have a peg inside on the wall with their name on.
- Please label all your child's belongings, water bottle, hats, scarves, uniform etc.



Please like our face book page Clare's Little Bears Pre-school and Childminding Service.

We will inform you of new Parent information updates, any changes to dates or sudden closures due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL - If you have items you can donate or can volunteer some time as a handy person to help make resources for projects we have in mind we would be so grateful.

- Loose Parts i.e. Natural materials, sliced logs, on the turn flowers (for potion making), recycle materials for junk modelling, haberdashery, buttons etc, pipes, cable reels, bricks, latches, electrical switches, door knockers, construction signs, tools etc. Please ask us we may surprise you with what you think is junk we will love.

OUR SPECIAL PEOPLE - To all families please can you bring in or email a family portrait or those closest, to put on 'Our special people board' as you walk in on the left .

TAPESTRY- There is an 'ALL ABOUT ME' section on Tapestry can you all complete for your child if you haven't already done so.

OUCHY APP - Is an App we use to record all accidents and incidents on our premises. It is a little temperamental due to our internet connection. We will use it as much as we can but also may revert back to paper forms if need be from time to time.

PARENT VOLUNTARY READING - We welcome all Parents/Grandparents to come in and do some shared reading with our little bears at 1145am or 1525. Please let me know if you would like to participate, the little bears do really enjoy it and we have some large books that are proving popular.

FIRE ALARM CHECKS - We will be running a fire alarm test regularly with the children throughout the school year.

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:- Spring Term 2018

Spring Term 1 - Starts Monday 8th January

Half Term - 12th - 16th February - (CLOSED)

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March (Optional dress up as your child's favourite book character). We do have lots of dress up so please don't feel the need to buy anything especially).

Mother's Day - Sunday 11th March

Great British Annual CLB Clean - Sunday 18th March - at Letchmore Park. All families invited to join the CLB team in cleaning up our local park (Times TBC but usually 10-11am)

End of Half Term - Thursday 29th March

EASTER HOLIDAYS - 30th March - 13th April - (CLOSED)

Summer Term - Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July

Half Term - 28th May - 1st June

Autumn Term - 3rd September - 21st December

Thank you for your support.

Clare and the CLB team