

WELCOME TO MISS AMANDA

Miss Amanda has been volunteering for Clare's Little Bears for the last six months and I have asked Amanda to join our team officially. Amanda will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays alongside studying her Level 2 in child care.

TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNALS.

You should all have your logins for Tapestry, please inform me if you are still having trouble logging in. I am happy to go through the software with you individually.

NAME OUR HOME BEAR

We have been working on our homework bags for each areas of the Early Years Foundation stage.

One of those bags includes a teddy bear for your child to take home and have fun with your little one, helping your child record what adventures they will be having together in a little diary.

We would like your child to think of a name for the bear and we will pull it out of a hat in the next few weeks. I will leave out a piece of paper and pen for you to place it in the box before you come in.



Vol2 Issue 04– 20th February 2017. Welcome back everyone from a lovely week off.

We are celebrating our first year at 'Clare's Little Bears' Pre-school. Thank you so much to everyone who has seen us through this first year. It has been a huge pleasure getting to know your little ones and you all as families.

OUR THEME THIS HALF TERM IS:- SPRING

Weekly Activities include:

Week 1 and 2 – Settling in. Clares' Little Bears First birthday, Bakers shop and Pancakes. Rhyme 'Five currant buns in a bakers shop'. The Ginger bread man.

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day (dress up as a favourite book character) Optional

Week 3 - Great British Clean up/Parent Consultations

Week 4 – Parent Consultations/Mother's Day activities

Week 5 - Parent Consultations/Diversity week is 'Wonderful me'

Week 6 – Heuristic play week

Please encourage your child to bring 'ONE' item, related to the topics this term or anything they would like to show us all at Treasure Basket time.

BOOK BAGS, SHOE BAGS AND UNIFORM –Uniform can be purchased from the school. I have 2-3/3-4 T-shirts, 3-4 and 4-5 size sweat shirts and book bags for sale at £3.00 currently in stock. Children really enjoy choosing their own book and taking it home to read. If you read to your child every day it benefits them when they're ready to learn to read.

If your child is leaving in July and you do not wish to keep hold of the uniform anymore we would really appreciate your uniform donations.

KIDDIE YOGA DAY CHANGE – Kiddie Yoga has now changed from Tuesday mornings to Wednesday mornings to make it fair for other little bears to experience. So far the children have really enjoyed this hour of gentle yoga exercise. Carine Robin who takes the session is an experienced yoga and Montessori teacher.

ACTIVE 4 KIDS - We have teamed up with Sainsburys to collect the 'Active 4Kids' store vouchers. We are hoping to collect enough so we can have a new cooking set. Please hand them into any member of staff.

PARENT VOLUNTARY READING – We welcome parents to come in and do some shared reading with our little bears at 1145am. This was lovely last year when we had a few parents come in. Please let me know if this would like to participate, we would really appreciate it.

SPARE SOCKS DONATIONS – We are in desperate need of spare socks for boys and girls, please can you donate any unwanted socks.

EXTENDED LEARNING FOR OVER 3-4 YEAR OLDS – We would like to inform you that the extended learning for 3-4 years will take place shortly after registration. This will be a focused activity on our 30-50 age children amongst 4-8 children at a time. If your child is not interested we will encourage them to come to these sessions and find different ways to get them engaged in the activities planned. If your child is ready to learn they will come eventually but some children just want to play and they will always learn through play as well.

GREAT BRITISH CLEAN UP WEEK - As part of the Great British clean up week, we will be talking to the children about the importance of recycling, reusing and cleaning up after our selves. I would like to propose a community family local park clean up on Sunday 12th March at 10am. I need to make a few arrangements with the council to proceed with this. I hope you will be able to participate for just one hour to meet in either Letchmore Park or King George playing fields for a bit of fun and for us to get together. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining the CLB team and our families. Details to follow.

HOLIDAYS – 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 2-20th February - 31st March 2017

2 nd March	WORLD BOOK DAY
12 th March	GREAT BRITISH CLEAN UP
W/C 13 th March – 20 th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 31 st March	End of Term
3 rd April – 17 th April	CLOSED Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18 th April	Start of Summer Term 1

Many thanks, Clare and the team