

Clare's Little Bears Christmas Newsletter

November 2022



Clare's Little Bears would like to make you aware of the details for the coming events for the Christmas and New Year period.

Christmas Sing-along

This year we will be having a sing-along outside (subject to weather). The children have been practicing hard and will be performing their Christmas songs to you on:

5th - Mon - 11:50am 6th - Tues - 11:50am
7th - Weds - 11:50am 8th - Thurs - 14:40pm

This will take place outside the school building within the premises and will be weather permitting. Only one person per child is permitted due to limited space. We will let you know on the day if you are able to take photos or videos. We hope you can join in with us and sing along. Please RSVP on the Family calendar if you can attend. You cannot reply after 24 hours before as the invite closes so, please ensure you do this in good time. We would like to be cautious about the school gate and keep our little ones safe so please ensure it is closed after entering and leaving the preschool.

REMEMBER THE PARKING PERMITS PLEASE
PARK ON LETCHMORE ROAD OR BEYOND

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Thursday 15th December

Last Forest Preschool Session

Friday 16th December

Last day of term for all funded children

Wednesday 21st December

Last day of term for private children

Spring Term Start Dates 2023

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th

January - Private Children return, mornings, plus lunch and all day if there is demand, please contact Clare to book

Monday 9th January - Funded children return

Monday 9th January - Forest Preschool return

(Please book in advance if you need hours outside of the funding)



Christmas Food Appeal

Following on from the Harvest Festival food collection, we will be collecting donations on behalf of the Food Shed and Feed up Warm up, who are both Stevenage based charities, supplying food to those in need, especially during this time. All donations to be received by 4th December.

Christmas Jumper Week - 5th - 9th December

All children can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper for a donation of £1.

Christmas Fun Week - 12th - 16th December

All children are invited to come into school in Christmas dress up for a week of fun! Please can you keep to Christmas themed dress up. We do have lots of Christmas dress up so please do not go and buy anything especially.

Christmas Party Morning - 16th December

CLB will be holding a Christmas Party 10am - 11:30am, all afternoon children to come in for the morning session. If they are not normally due in, please drop off and pick up at the above times. It will be a fun morning of Party games, dancing, and some Christmas nibbles.



Forest Preschool Christmas Festive activities 12 - 15th December

Children will be taking part in Christmas crafts and activities.

Christmas Cards

The children will be doing an activity of making their own Christmas cards to take home to their family and posting them to their friends in our red post box in school, so no need to bring cards in from home.

Santa's Sack Lucky Bear Dip

We will also have a Santa's sack lucky bear dip which will be a £2, all donations will go towards a sensory area within the preschool.

Christmas Elf

We are having our very own Naughty Elf. His name is Freddy. Please feel free to use our elf instead of having your own.... :-)



Reminders:

- ✦ Please no nuts in school. We do have some children with nut allergies
- ✦ Forest Pre-school - please wear extra layers and pack spare clothes in their bags.
- ✦ Please can everyone remember to close the school gate when coming in and out
- ✦ Please refrain from single use plastics in the children's packed lunches
- ✦ Please ensure food such as grapes, tomatoes, and sausages are cut longways
- ✦ Please do not send your children in if they are unwell as they need to stay at home to recoup properly
- ✦ Only water in your child's water bottles due to CLB promoting dental healthcare
- ✦ Please inform us if you are taking any holiday and update Famly for all absences and reasons why.

Other important news:

As you are all aware, we are an eco-friendly and ethical school and try to recycle and reduce waste as much as possible. If you have anything which you think may be of use to the school, please offer it to us. We are currently on lookout for tinsel, Christmas decorations, Christmas wrapping paper, ribbons, corks, pinecones, newspaper, and cardboard boxes. Please ask and we will gladly let you know if it is suitable.

We are extremely grateful for your generosity at the end of terms but please do not feel you need to buy gifts, we are all happy if your children are happy and that is the best gift of all. We know that times are difficult, and it can be stressful going shopping for your own loved ones.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind warm wishes
Clare, Emily and all the CLB team