



As we look over the past 5 years of Earlystarts, it's incredible to think what we have achieved and to say I am proud is an understatement. The children who have been in my care over the years have been amazing and that's what makes this job so worthwhile. Going into childcare wasn't a career path I had ever thought of venturing in to but I wouldn't change a thing now.

To summarise the last 5 years

We have had 102 children come through our doors

We have had 21 sets of siblings

4 sets of twins

10 pregnancies

17 have left to go to school

Florence Earley was our youngest recruit at 4 months old

George Earley & Beau Gifford were our first 2 starters

4 Summer BBQs

5 Christmas parties

3 yummy mummy curry nights

Our quietest day 2

Our busiest day 30 (23 children and 7 after schoolers)

We have given birth to 17 chicks

We have gained a dog and a hamster

We have 1 Vegetarian and 1 Diabetic

We have completed 5 World Tours

3 successful passes of Cache Level 3

1 successful pass of CACHE Level 4

1st qualified member of staff in SENCO

Joined the Government Apprenticeship Scheme

Places we have visited

Longleat, Paultons Park, Natural History Museum, Windsor Castle, Zoo, Aquarium, Farms, Fort Nelson, Spinnaker Tower, Monkey World

We have conducted swimming lessons, hair cuts, numerous charity events, graduations, Earlystarts Summer Camp and joined partnership with Dinky Dancers.

Nationalities - it's been great to integrate with so many different Nationalities over the years - Belgium, French, Italian, Indian, African, Caribbean, Irish, Polish, Lithuanian, Russian, Mexican and South African

We had a great start to 2020 with the World Tour, we said welcome to a number of new children and we had some great plans to meet and visit lots of different people and places. We have had to put a number of our plans on hold due to Covid 19 but we haven't let this stop us in anyway.

Through the support of our parents and being able to continue to operate for Key Workers we have managed to carry on and take part in lots of fun activities both at HQ and for the children who are at home. It's been great to see the children and parents take part and for us to keep updated. I have managed to get around to see all of the children by bike to say hello which has been so lovely, we miss you all so much.

It just shows what a wonderful community of families we have, I have made some great friendships with past and present mummies, I ensure that I keep in regular contact with past children and see how they are getting on because if you hadn't have come on this journey in the first place we wouldn't be the success that we are today.

I am forever an optimist and our plans that we are going to focus on for the rest of 2020

We have 2 new babies coming in to the world

Chicks are arriving in September

4 starting school in September

Longleat trip in November

Claire & Liesa to complete their Level 4

Then in December we will be holding a Christmas Parent Party!!!! Hopefully a way to say goodbye to 2020 and welcome in a new start in 2021

I can't thank you all enough, I have been lucky enough to see your families grow and for you also to become an extended part of my family.

We will raise a glass to celebrate but here's to the next 5 years

Thanks as always

Claire