



August Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to our August newsletter, a little later than normal due to the fact that I have been on holiday.

It hardly seems possible that it's August already and the summer holidays are now well underway.

Most of our Tiggers have already left and it won't be long before the rest follow on. It is with a mixture of pride and sadness that we watch as they fly the nest. We wish them all the very best and hope they will take away with them many happy memories of their time spent with us here at Toy Box.

Baby Unit

The babies have had lots of fun throughout July partaking in various activities which help hone their fine and gross motor skills. Staff set out large and small Lego bricks, wooden bricks and boxes of various sizes, which the children enjoyed sorting and climbing inside.

Staff also took advantage of the beautiful weather and the babies spent lots of time outdoors, under the canopy where they enjoyed sand and water play.

Early Years Unit

In the Early Years Unit both Tiggers and Piglets have been partaking in the usual end of year celebrations. Staff and children played lots of party games as they enjoyed different themed activities each week, followed by a little graduation ceremony for those children who are leaving to start school in September. The beautiful weather has been a huge bonus for the children as they have been able to spend a large part of each day outdoors.

Summer Holiday Club

Toy Box Day Nursery is offering a Summer Holiday Club for children already attending school or are about to start full time school.

Sessions are for children aged 4 to 6 years and run from 8.30am until 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

Each day includes themed activities, breakfast, lunch, tea, a snack and refreshments. Children can bring a packed lunch each day if they so wish. However, if you would like your child to have a two course cooked nursery lunch, this can be purchased at a cost of £2.00 per day.

Summer Holiday Club lasts for the duration of the six weeks school holidays. The cost is £20.00 per day with no food or 22 per day which includes all meals, snacks and refreshments.

Birthdays

We have seven birthdays this month here at Toy Box and I'm sure you will join with us as we wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Pooh Bears-----Daniel 1, Leo 1, Cole 1
Rabbits -----Rosie, 2
Piglets -----Joshua 3, Levi 3
Tiggers -----Cian 4,

Staff Member of the Month

Due to the summer holidays there will be no Staff Member of the Month for August.

Staff Member of the Month will be reinstated in September when everything is back to normal.

Dates to remember

Bank Holiday-----Monday 27th August (NURSERY CLOSED)

Start of Term **GRANT ONLY CHILDREN** Wednesday 5th September.

Reminders for Sun Hats. Sun Cream

As we continue to have fabulous weather, please ensure your child/ children come to nursery every day with a sun hat and sun cream.

If your child has sun cream left over from last year please be aware that most sun creams have a shelf life of twelve months.

Even though its mostly warm and sunny it has been a little cooler on a couple of occasions recently. To ensure your child is warm and comfortable and able to play outdoors regardless of the weather, please make sure they come to nursery with a cardigan or light jacket.

30 Hours Funded Childcare starting in September

Are you eligible to claim the 30 funded childcare?

If you are not sure please go to the government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to check your eligibility. If you are eligible you can register immediately and you will be issued with an eligibility code.

Once you have been given an eligibility code please bring it to nursery, together with your National Insurance Numbers and give everything to either myself or Louise. Once we have all the relevant information we can then go ahead and allocate sessions.

If you have any questions or need clarification on any points regarding the 30 hours funding, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or Louise and we will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

And finally.....

Thank you to all our parent/ carers who continue to park either in the car park across the road or well back from the nursery entrance. It has made a huge difference to the health and safety of parents/carers and children who attend nursery. Your co-operation in this important matter is very much appreciated.

As usual we thank all parents/ carers for your continuing support. Please remember that all your comments, concerns and suggestions are welcome, taken seriously and acted upon if necessary.

We look forward to working with all our parents/ carers, both old and new throughout the new Academic Year.

Kerry and all the Staff at Toy Box Day Nursery