



# August Newsletter 2017

## Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to our August newsletter. It hardly seems possible that it's August already and the summer holidays are once again upon us.

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 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 based around our seaside topic. Activities including playing in the sand with buckets and spades, printing with ice cream cones and playing with ice cream were firm favourites amongst all the children. Using yellow play dough the children had great fun making their own ice cream cones, which were eagerly passed around and admired by everyone.

Louise has asked if the children could bring in photos of themselves, family members and friends which will be used throughout August as part of our next topic "All About Me" It would be really helpful if parent/ carers could write the names of everyone in the photo on the back, as it will help make it much more personal if staff can refer to everyone by name.

## Early Years Unit

Throughout the month Piglets spent lots of time familiarising themselves with numbers and counting. To help with visual awareness the children sang counting and number songs eg Five Current Buns and Five Men in a Flying Saucer. Singing numerical songs, combined with language such as less, more, add and take away helped to reinforce the children's learning and understanding.

Throughout the month of July the children in the Tigger room took part in our usual end of year celebrations. We started our celebrations by saying good bye to some of our children who are leaving to start school in September. This was followed by party week to celebrate their graduation from Toy Box Day Nursery. Staff and children played lots of party games and generally had a lovely time as they celebrated the children's next step in their little lives.

## Summer Holiday Club

Toy Box Day Nursery is offering a Summer Holiday Club for children already attending school or about to start full time school. Sessions are for children aged 4 years to 6 years, 8.30am until 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

Each day will include breakfast, a snack and refreshments. Children can bring a packed lunch each day, however if you would like your child to have a two course cooked nursery lunch please advise and this can be purchased at a cost of £2.00. Summer Holiday Club is ongoing for the six weeks holidays; the cost is £20.00 (not including lunch) each day.

### **Birthdays**

We have three 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.

Rabbits ----- Joshua, 2  
Piglets ----- Kayden 3, Cian 3, Jude 3  
Tiggers ----- Treijon 4

### **Staff Member of the Month**

Winner of Staff Member of the Month for July goes to Lauren Wilson. Lauren will now receive a £20 gift voucher of her choice.

Lauren left us a couple of years due to her children going to school and she has been itching to come back for a while. When Lauren heard there was a position available in the nursery she jumped at the chance to come back. It feels like she has never been away!

Lauren has done very well to settle straight back into the nursery so quickly, in the busiest room and at the busiest time of year. We are all delighted to have her back.

### **Dates to remember**

Bank Holiday		Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
Start of Term	<b>GRANT ONLY CHILDREN</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September.

### **Reminders for Sun Hats, Sun Cream**

As summer has finally arrived, 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 summer is here it has been a bit hit and miss recently. To ensure your child is warm and comfortable and able to play out regardless of the weather, please make sure they come to nursery with a jacket or coat.

### **30 Hours Funded Childcare starting in September**

Are you eligible to claim the 30 funded childcare starting in September?

If you are not sure please go to the government website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://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.

All claims for extra hours by existing parent/ carers here at Toy Box must be submitted to Early Years before the end of August.

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.....**

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**