



June Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to our June Newsletter bringing you up to date with what has been happening here at Toy Box during the month of May as well as our plans for the month ahead.

It seems hardly possible that we are half way through the year already, with the summer holidays fast approaching. I'm sure there is someone in the background fast forwarding time.

Baby Unit

The babies and Rabbits have all been making the most of all this beautiful weather by ensuring all the children had as much outdoor play and sunshine as possible. The children have loved been outside promoting their physical development as they crawl, cruise and climb. The babies have also enjoyed their new sand exploring tray and have enjoyed doing more craft activities.

The children in the Rabbits room have really enjoyed playing in the home corner with real food. They have had bags of flour, sugar, mini marshmallows and baking trays and have enjoyed role playing with it, exploring its textures. They have also enjoyed the sand tray. They have drawers with various sand resources in and they are enjoying being independent and choosing their own toys to enhance the area themselves.

Early Years Unit

The Tiggers have been very busy looking after the plants and seeds they sowed recently. They planted herbs, sunflowers and cress and they have all taken a keen interest in watering the plants on a daily basis and watching them grow.

With the summer holidays fast approaching all the Tiggers are getting excited about starting big school. Most of the children have had their letter informing them which school they are going to and some teachers have already booked to come and meet the children. Staff have a box of different school uniforms which are placed in the dressing up corner at this time every year. The children enjoy dressing up in the uniforms and listening to stories about going to school.

The Piglets have had a busy month with their book of the month "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." The story really captured the children's imagination and led to several activities which all the children enjoyed. They created art work for displays by printing with the fruit the caterpillar ate in the story, food tasting the food he eats, salami, fruit, cherry pie etc. We also have our own caterpillars that will soon become butterflies that the children have watched grow at nursery, the Tiggers also have a set of caterpillars in their room.

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.

Pooh Bears - Ella 1

Rabbits – Holly 2

Tiggers – Lexi 4

Staff member of the month

The award for Staff Member of the Month for June goes to Katie Welch. Katie has been fantastic with the new children that have started in the baby room ensuring that parents/carers feel happy when they leave their children.

Well Done Katie keep up the good work.

Nursery Photographs

The nursery photographer will be visiting the nursery on Wednesday 5th June.

All children who would normally attend nursery on that day will have their photo taken, unless otherwise specified by the parent/carer.

If your child would not normally attend nursery on that day but you would like to have his/her photo taken, please see myself, Louise, Kirstie or Lauren and we will be delighted to book a suitable time slot for you.

The photographer will also be taking the Annual School Leavers photo of all the children who will be leaving Toy Box to start school in September.

The school leaver's photo is scheduled to be taken at 1pm. If you would like your child to be part of the photo, please ensure you have your child/ children at the nursery by 12.50. This will give staff and the photographer time to get the children ready and organised for the photo.

Similarly, we are asking parent/ carers who would normally arrive at 1pm to pick up their child after the morning session to please wait until 1.10. This will allow the photographer time to get the photo taken without too much rushing.

School places September 2019

Please can parents/carers inform us of the allocated school that your child has received a place at. We have sent out future plans letters but do not seem to have many returned. Staff will be ringing around the schools to invite them in to see the children in setting, if we do not know the school we cannot arrange this and it is vital for transition. Not all schools will be able to visit, but be assured we will phone them and do a verbal handover regarding the child and their development instead.

Parking outside the Nursery

Yet AGAIN We had an issue this month regarding the parking on the drive outside the nursery. Please Please Please can you not park on the grass and block the view of parents/carers that are attempting to pull off the drive. This can lead to the situation being dangerous and accidents may then occur. I appreciate it is very busy at the moment as the nursery is full. I cannot make the parking any bigger although i would love to. There is space further down the road to the right of nursery and there is ample parking over the road. Please can we use this as a means to avoid a similar situation happening again.

Thanking you in anticipation. Your co-operation in this matter is very important.

Dates to remember

Grant only children back to nursery	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Nursery Photos (Tempest)	Wednesday 5 th June 2019
Last day of Summer term grant only	Wednesday 17 th July 2019
Last day of summer stretched funding	Friday 30 th August 2019

Reminders for Sun Hats, Sun Cream and Spare Clothes

As summer has now supposedly arrived, please ensure your child/ children come to nursery every day with a sun hat, sun cream and a spare change of clothes.

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, or so we are advised.

We are only allowed to use sun cream provided by the parent /carer so if you forget to bring sun cream to nursery your child will have to remain indoors. The same applies to hats. After our long cold winter the children need all the sunshine and fresh air they can get, so please remember to pack their bag with a sun hat and sun cream.

All the children also need to have a spare change of clothes here at nursery. Throughout the course of the day, as well as potty training, the children take part in several wet messy activities. To enable staff to keep the children dry and comfortable each child needs to have their own spare set of clothing. We constantly use our own "spares" but unfortunately these "spares" are seldom returned to nursery, resulting in our stocks being completely depleted. So please please please do not forget to ensure your child/ children come to nursery every day with a sun hat, sun cream and a spare change of clothing.

If parent/ carers have any "spares" of any description and would like to donate them to our "spares" box here at nursery we will be delighted to add them to our severely depleted box.

A big thank you to the parents who already do this. It is greatly appreciated.

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.

Kerry, Noreen and all the Staff at Toy Box Day Nursery