



June Newsletter 2018

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

Throughout the nursery staff have been making the most of all this beautiful weather by ensuring all the children had as much outdoor play and sunshine as possible. Pooh Bears and Rabbits have had several trips out in the six seater buggy to the fields and woods across from the nursery.

As well as bird and squirrel spotting they had great fun kicking small footballs around and generally running around and having fun in the sun.

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.

All the children throughout the nursery enjoyed the Royal Wedding celebration day on the Friday. The nursery was decorated with bunting and the children made their own crowns and had a royal tea party in the afternoon, dressed for the occasion of course! Staff printed off pictures of the Royal Family and everybody had a really fun day looking at the pictures and just enjoying the lead up to the joyous event.

Birthdays

We have only one birthday this month here at Toy Box. I'm sure you will all want to join with us as we wish Sophia, who will be 4 this month and is in Tiggers, a very Happy Birthday.

Staff member of the month

The award for Staff Member of the Month for June goes to Sarah Butterfield. Sarah has recently returned to work, having been on maternity leave for several months. Sarah has come back full of enthusiasm and has settled straight back into nursery life. She has wasted no time in getting to know all the children and already it feels like she has never been away.

Welcome back Sarah and thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all.

Nursery Photographs

The nursery photographer will be visiting the nursery on Friday 15th 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.

Offer of Places at School Nurseries

It has been brought to our attention that some parents who have received an offer of a place at a school nursery, have been given the impression that unless they take up the nursery place they will not be assured of a place at the school when the time comes.

I would like to assure parent/ carers that this is absolutely not true. If you have been told this please inform Ofsted and they will deal with it. The allocation of school places is most definitely not in the hands of schools. Just because you have been offered a place at a school nursery it doesn't mean you have to take it up. We all have to follow the very same curriculum, regardless of whether we are a private setting like Toy Box or a government run nursery attached to a school. Also, when it comes to Ofsted inspections we are all inspected

under the same framework, standards and guidelines, regardless of whether we are a school nursery or a private setting like Toy Box.

If any parent/ carer would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to speak to either Louise or myself and we will be happy to address any worries or queries you may have.

Parking outside the Nursery

I would like to respectfully request that parent/ carers park well back from the nursery entrance. Recently we have had two near misses as parents were leaving the nursery car park. When cars are parked close to the nursery entrance it make it very difficult to get a clear view to the right when exiting the nursery car park. Please, please park well back from the nursery entrance or in the new car park across the road.

Staff no longer park on the road near the nursery. They now park either in the new car park across the road, or on the road to the side of the nursery. With a little thought there's plenty of space for everyone. It just means walking a few extra steps. Surely, to ensure the safety of every child who attends Toy Box, a few extra steps is well worth the effort.

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

Dates to remember

Grant only children back to nursery
Nursery Photos

Monday 4th June 2018
Friday 15th June 2018

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