



September 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the start of a brand new Academic Year here at Toy Box Day Nursery.

To those parent/ carers who have just joined us we extend an especially warm welcome. We hope that you and your child will settle in well and quickly. All our Tiggers have now flown the nest and started school. We wish them all the best as they start their new adventure.

Baby Unit

Throughout September the babies have had lots of fun with their topic "All about Me." Whilst singing "Head and Shoulders Knees and Toes" and "Put Your Finger On Your Nose" the children pointed to the relevant part of their body. The babies love repetition and in no time at all they learned the words and actions off by heart.

The babies also enjoyed lots of sensory outdoor play with sand and water, bubbles and treasure baskets.

Early Years Unit

Throughout July and August several teachers from local schools visited Toy Box to introduce themselves and to meet the children who were due to start school in September.

All the Tiggers were so excited and our "Going To School Box" got well used throughout the summer. We were of course all very excited for them too and it was with a mixture of joy and sadness that we watched them go.

Several of the Piglets are now of course getting ready to become Tiggers and the whole process will start all over again. They have already started practising pre-writing skills and learning their numbers and shapes. Some are already becoming very confident and proud that they are now going to be the big Tiggers!

The Piglets have also been looking at prepositions using baskets, boxes and small objects to carry out actions such as 'under', 'on top', 'in' and 'out. All the children really enjoyed this activity and continued to practice their new skills themselves by self initiating the game outdoors with their peers.

Both Tiggers and Piglets joined in with several of the extra activities which were on offer during Holiday Club. They had lots of free play, moving around from one activity to the next at will.

Birthdays

This month we have 8 birthdays I'm sure you will join us in celebrating their special day with us.

Pooh Bears

Rabbits Ellie 2, Hayden 2

Piglet Guy 3, Freddie 3, Olivia 3, Alfie 3

Tiggers Joe 4, Jacob 3

Staff member of the month

As from the beginning of September we will once again restart nominations for Staff Member of the Month.

Our staff team are very dedicated and hardworking and very much appreciate parents/ carers taking the time to vote. To make it easier to vote we have attached a voting slip to this newsletter. All you have to do is decide who you would like to nominate and place the completed slip into the box in the entrance lobby.

Summer Holiday Club

Toy Box ran a School Holiday Club again this year throughout the summer holidays, which once again proved very popular. As a result of the take up of the service we will be extending the holiday club to include Half Terms and Easter holidays.

Head Lice

We currently have a couple of cases of head lice reported within the nursery. Could we respectfully request that all parent/ carers check their child/ children to ensure their scalp are clear of head lice? If by any chance you do find head lice, please do not panic as this condition is very common within schools and nurseries. Head lice can be rapidly and effectively treated with products freely available from your local pharmacy or supermarket.

Updated contact details form

All parents/carers should by now have received an update contact details sheet for your child/children.

If any contact details for your child/ children have changed it is extremely important that you inform me. I need to ensure that all contact details are up to date and correct in case of emergency.

Dates to remember

Half term--Grant only children-----Friday 27th Oct 2017

Grant children start back -----Monday 6th Nov 2017

Reminders for Sun Hats, Sun Cream

Even though the hottest summer days are now largely behind us, it's still important to ensure that your child/ children bring a sun hat and sun cream to nursery every day. Hopefully we still have several nice warm sunny days to come before the cold weather sets in and we want to make sure that all the children are safe to play outdoors at every opportunity.

We currently have children who bring bikes, scooters and prams to nursery and store them behind the gate at the side of the nursery each day.

We don't mind this as long as each item is stored carefully so as not to cause an obstruction and taken home at the end of each day. Unfortunately, we now have so many items stored and left on a daily basis that it's causing our main fire escape route to become clogged up.

Could I respectfully ask all parents/ carers to check whether any unclaimed items belong to your child and if so please take them home? We will be carrying out a big clear out at the end of the week and items which have been there for a while will be removed and taken to the charity shop or the tip.

If your child does bring a bike, scooter or pram to nursery please ensure that it's stored neatly to one side. If our fire escape exit continues to get cluttered we will have no option but to ban the storage of all such items.

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

Staff changes

Katie Peters is back at work after maternity leave. Katie is very excited to be back and we are just as excited to have her back. Katy popped in a few times over the last few months so the children didn't forget her. She will be working with the Tiggers most of which are already familiar with her.

And finally

It has been an emotional few weeks for staff, children and parents/ carers as they said their final goodbyes before leaving to start school.

Each year, it never ceases to amaze us all that between Easter and July the Tiggers not only grow in stature, but in confidence as well. Suddenly they are no longer little nursery children but big boys and girls, bursting with confidence and excitement, ready to start "big school" in September.

It has been a huge privilege and pleasure to have been able to watch those changes take place and to be part of that journey as they prepared for the next stage in their little lives.

We wish them all every happiness and success and hope that they take away with them as many happy memories of us as we have of them.

As usual we thank all parents/ carers for your continuing support. We look forward to working with all our parents/ carers, both old and new throughout the coming Academic Year.

Please remember that all your comments, concerns and suggestions are always welcome, taken seriously and acted upon if necessary.

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