



August Newsletter 2020

Dear Parent/ Carers

Just a quick update on life here at Toy Box since we came back just over a month ago.

As usual and just as we were expecting, the children have once again amazed us all by how quickly and how well they have settled back into daily life here at nursery. The lovely warm weather has made life that much easier for everyone, enabling the children to spend more time outdoors. Whether indoors or outdoors, the children have access to water play, mark making, small world, and construction play and of course all the other outdoor equipment. We recently purchased a tablet for the children's use and they have had lots of fun learning to use it.

With the children spending so much time outdoors these days, could I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to please ensure that their child/children have sun cream, sun hats and appropriate clothing in their bag on a daily basis. As the children do lots of wet messy play is always good to have a change of clothing in your child's bag. Also, sun hats and sun cream are a must. Without these two items the children cannot go outside to play.

As we are a lot quieter at nursery due to the holidays, we have taken this opportunity to settle the children who turned two during lockdown into the downstairs area, ready for their official transition in September. They love the freedom of being able to move about freely as they explore their new surroundings, meeting the other children and forging relationships with the downstairs staff. By the time the new term starts in September they will be well and truly settled in.

We recently had three children who displayed symptoms of colds and coughs and a high temperature. The parents in question rang 119 and were advised to take the children for a Covid test. Thankfully all three came back negative and the children are back at nursery.

Unfortunately, we will shortly be reaching that time of year when children do pick up coughs and colds and we are all going to have to be very vigilant. If your child does show symptoms, please ring 119 or go on to the government or NHS website for advice on how to book a test. It is very easy to book an appointment for a test and you will be given a specific time. The test centre for Doncaster is based at Doncaster airport and results are back within 24 to 72 hours, via email or text message.

If you, your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of COVID-19 then please do book a test, and inform the nursery. If the child's test comes back as negative then your child can come back to nursery immediately. If the result is positive then please continue to self isolate for the 14 days. If your test result is inconclusive you should book another test. Please inform the nursery of the test results as soon as possible. It is absolutely incumbent on each and every one of us to be extra vigilant, taking appropriate steps where necessary. By doing so we will help ensure one another's safety and hang on to our precious new normality.

Lauren Wilson, who was a senior nursery nurse in Piglets, will unfortunately not be returning to Toy Box after furlough finishes. She decided it was time for a bit of a career change and is taking up a position as a support worker at Hesley Village in September. Lauren has to do what she feels is right for herself and her family and we will all miss her. We wish her all the very best and hope she will be very happy in her new position.

Birthdays

We have seven birthdays to celebrate here at Toy Box this month and they are :

Rabbits – Everlyn 2

Piglets – Daniel 3, Maya 3, Cole 3, Sonny 3, Malakai 3

Tiggers – Rosie 4

Term Dates

Bank Holiday **(NURSERYCLOSED)**

Monday 31st August 2020

Start of term **(Grant Only)**

Monday 7th September 2020

As always, a very big thank you to all our lovely parent/carers for your continued support, patience and co-operation as we pick our way through these unprecedented times. We are currently working out our plans for September and will update you as soon as the plans are finalised.

Wishing you all a peaceful, happy and healthy summer holiday.

Kerry.