

January 2019 Newsletter

Toy Box Day Nursery & Pre-School

Dear Parents/ Carers

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

Hopefully everyone has had a relaxing Christmas break, refreshed and ready to start the New Year. The children seemed very happy and excited to see one another again after the Christmas holiday and for the most part are settling straight back into nursery routine, as though nothing much has happened!

We would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new parent/ carers and children who have just joined us this term. We hope that in no time at all you too will settle into nursery routine and feel like you have been with us forever.

Baby Unit & Early Years Unit

Throughout the month of December the entire nursery had enormous fun preparing for Christmas.

All the children, from the babies through to Tiggers spent the whole month knee deep in glitter, glue, tinsel and sequins. They made lots of Christmas decorations and Christmas cards which helped create a lovely festive feeling throughout the nursery. Discussions about Father Christmas and what he might bring, as well as discussions about what would be best to leave out for the reindeers featured heavily in most conversations.

December, although a very busy month, is a really lovely time here at nursery. Once the Christmas tree goes up and the children start rehearsing for the Nativity, one can feel the excitement and sense of expectation as the children prepare for the big day.

Everything is back to normal now and all the tinsel is packed away for another year. Depending on the children's interests and suggestions, a whole new set of activities will commence all over again at the beginning of this term.

Parking

Once again we seem to be experiencing lots of thoughtless parking by a tiny minority of parent/carers. This thoughtless and dangerous parking ranges from parking on the grass verge directly in front of the nursery, to parking on the road very close to the nursery

entrance and inconsiderate parking in the nursery car park. Parking on the grass verge directly in front of the nursery is illegal and very dangerous. Also, please remember there are four spaces in the nursery carp park directly in front of the nursery, two to the left and two to the right as one drives in. On several occasions recently we have had parent/ carers parking across both spaces, making it impossible for a second car to park. Also, parking on the road close to the nursery entrance is extremely dangerous, as it obscures the drivers vision when exiting the nursery cars park. Parking on the road is not a problem as long as cars are parked well back from the nursery entrance, allowing a clear line of vision for anybody driving out of the nursery. There are ample parking spaces across the road from Toy Box in the new car park as well as on the road to the side of Toy Box and directly opposite Toy Box, so there is no need for anybody to park inconsiderately.

As we start the New Year I would like to respectfully request that every parent/ carer do their bit to ensure the safety of everybody who uses the nursery by parking considerately, both on the road and in front of the nursery.

Co-operation in these matters by all parent/ carers is extremely important.

Birthdays

We have nine 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.

Piglets - Alice 3, Mia 3, Miles 2, lyla-Jane 3, Sebastian 3

Tiggers - Bradley 3, Cody 4, Merci-Mai 4, Ruby 4

Dates to remember

February half term **Funded Only children** Break up Friday 15th February

Term starts back **Funded Only children** Monday 25th February

Staff member of the month

We are re-starting our Staff Member of the Month nominations this month. (Nomination Form attached to this newsletter)

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.

Tigger Nativity, Christmas Fayre and Christmas Party

A massive well done to all the children who took part in our Christmas Nativity this year. They were just amazing! A massive thank you also to all our lovely parent /carers who supplied the costumes and took the time out to come along on the day. The costumes were

lovely and considering that most of the children are mainly 3 years old they did extremely well. We are very proud of them all.

A massive thank you also to the staff who put a lot of time, effort and hard work into rehearsals with the children. The end result spoke for itself.

Toy Box Christmas party which took place on Wednesday 6th December was also well attended.

The entertainer did a fabulous job and feedback tells us that everybody, including parents/ carers, staff and children all enjoyed it equally.

This year's Christmas Fayre was the biggest ever and was a really fun day for all who attended. Staff gave up their time for free and organised everything in their own time. It was very gratifying that so many people turned up on the day making all their efforts worthwhile. Monies raised on the day will be split equally between the four rooms with staff deciding for themselves which resources they feel are most appropriate for each room.

Thank you so much to everybody who came on the day. Your participation made the event a huge success.

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December was a very hectic month here at Toy Box and we were all delighted when the Friday before Christmas arrived and we could finally have a very well earned rest. As we start the New Year we look forward once again to working closely with all our children, parents/ carers, both old and new, so that together we can achieve the best possible outcome for all the children in our care.

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.

A very Happy New Year to one and all and may 2019 see all your dreams come true.

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