

# January 2020 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.

After a relaxing Christmas break we are back, feeling 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 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 as we start the new term.

## **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 - Miles 3, Natalie 2, Jack 2

Tiggers - Bradley 4, Sebastian 4, Alice 4, Mia 4, Avaarni 3, Victor 4

## **Dates to remember**

February half term **Funded Only children** Break up Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Term starts back **Funded Only children** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

## **Staff member of the month**

The award for Staff Member of the Month for December goes to Joanne Carr. Joanne joined our Toy Box team last October and in no time at all got to know all the children and parents/carers. Joanne happily uses her own initiative and has brought lots of new ideas to the nursery.

Well done Joanne. Your enthusiasm and dedication is greatly appreciated by all.

Joanne who will now receive a £20 gift voucher of her choice.

## **Parking Safely**

I would once again like to point out the importance of parking safely, well away from the nursery entrance. If parents/ carers park on the grass in front of the nursery, which is not only dangerous but totally illegal, or right up to the nursery entrance, it makes it almost impossible to see what's coming from the right or left when exiting the nursery car park.

There is a big car park directly across from the nursery which always has plenty spaces. Please try and use that car park or the roads opposite or to the side of the nursery. If you must park on the road, please make sure it's well back from the nursery entrance.

A huge thank you to all our parent/carers who already park with care and consideration. To the few parent/carers who think it's acceptable to park on the grass directly in front of the nursery, or right up to the nursery entrance, please rethink your parking decisions. Your actions could cause an accident and I'm sure that's not something anyone would want on their conscience.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation on this important matter.

## **Tigger Nativity, Christmas Fayre and Christmas Party**

A massive well done to all the children who took part in our Christmas Nativity this year. As always 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 4<sup>th</sup> December was also well attended.

The party entertainment this year was provided by Music Bugs. All the children are familiar with Music Bugs as they provide a music and movement session here at Nursery every week. Feedback from parents/carers has been really positive and it sounds like parent/carers enjoyed the party every bit as much as the children. We will hopefully book Music Bugs again for the party next year.

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, in consultation with me of course, 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.

**.And finally.....**

December was a very hectic month here at Toy Box and we were all delighted when the Christmas Eve finally arrived and we could 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 2020 see all your dreams come true.

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