



July Newsletter

2019

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to the July newsletter bringing you up to date with what has been happening here at Toy Box during the month of June as well as our plans for the month ahead. It just seems impossible that its July again and the summer holidays are here !

Baby Unit

Throughout the month sand and water play has proved very popular with all the babies. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the feel of the sand with their hands, digging with spades and spoons, and using lots of different tools to make marks. Staff took the activity to the outside play area, providing sand and various resources in a tuff container for the children to explore further.

The babies have also been honing their problem solving skills with jigsaws, an activity which really helps develop fine motor skills. Using the four piece inset jigsaws, the children enjoyed taking pieces out and then trying to put them back in again and again.

We have several babies turning one at the moment. That of course means they will shortly be moving into the Rabbits room. To help ease the transition from Poo Bears to Rabbits they have been paying visits to the Rabbit room and having little settle sessions with the other Rabbits. As usual they all took it in their stride and just got on with the serious business of exploring their new environment.

All staff and children throughout the nursery made the most of the weather and have been spending a lot of time outdoors.

Early Years Unit

Once again the big focus this month in the Tigger room has been on getting ready for school, with teachers from various schools popping in to say hello. Staff put together a "Going to School Box" which contains items of uniform in an effort to familiarise the children with what is about to happen in September. Staff also placed items of school uniform in the dressing up trolley. These items quickly became the favourite dressing up outfit. The children are well and truly ready for the transition to big school and they are all feeling very grown up and excited about their forthcoming adventure.

Tiggers have also been enhancing their literacy skills, practising writing their names and making sure they are familiar with all their numbers. They have also really enjoyed playing in the different areas within nursery i.e. home corner, construction area and outdoors.

Throughout June the Piglets have been looking at the book "Were Going on a Bear Hunt". They have had lots of fun acting out the story, looking for the bear in the shed and around corners. The book really captured their imagination with all the Piglets joining in the hunt for the bear.

Piglets who are turning three soon have also been having visits to the Tigger room in preparation for their big move in September, or indeed earlier for those who reach three before then.

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.

Pooh Bears	Luca 1, Jack 1, Ava-Rose 1
Rabbits	Miles 2
Piglet	Jugaad 2, Tilly 3, Liam 3
Tiggers	Grayson 4, Travis 4

Staff member of the month

Our staff member of the month for July is Kerry Naughton.

Kerry works in the Tigger room. Kerry is a super organised and dedicated member of staff. Her organisational skill and attention to detail have hugely impressed us all. She has put lots of thought and work into making sure the children who are leaving are fully prepared and ready to start school in September.

So well done to Kerry. Keep up the good work! Your efforts are very much appreciated by all.

Summer Holiday Club

Toy Box Day Nursery will be offering a Summer Holiday Club for children already attending school or about to start full time school.

Sessions are for children aged from 4 years to 5 years 11 months. Sessions start each day at 8am until 5.30pm Monday to Friday, at a cost of £20 per day, payable in advance on booking.

Each day will include a snack and refreshments. Children can bring a packed lunch each day if they so wish. However, if you would like your child to have a cooked two course nursery lunch; this can be purchased at a cost of £2.00.

Summer Holiday Club will commence on 22nd July for the duration of the six weeks summer holiday.

Nursery Group photo

The nursery group photo has now arrived. If you would like to see the photo and place an order please speak to Kirstie or Lauren and they will be delighted to show you the photo and take your order.

The photo costs £14 and is a lovely keepsake for the children to remember their time at Toy Box.

Dates to remember

Last day of term	GRANT ONLY CHILDREN	Wednesday 17 th July 2019
Nursery Returns	GRANT ONLY CHILDREN	Wednesday 4 th September 2019

Reminders for Sun Hats and Sun Cream

Please ensure that your child/children bring a sun hat and sun cream every day. This is really important as we want the children to have as much fresh air and sun as possible during these lovely short lived summer months.

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