



May Newsletter 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our May newsletter bringing you up to date with everything that has been happening here at Toy Box over the last month.

Baby Unit

No doubt parent/ carers will have noticed that both Rabbits and Pooh Bears rooms have had a change around. This has enabled staff to present the children with different play opportunities which the children waste no time in exploring on a daily basis.

To enhance the newly decorated rooms and the changed play spaces both Rabbits and Pooh Bears have been making new decorations which staff will hang from the walls and ceilings.

Throughout the month of April both Rabbits and Pooh Bears also took part in lots of Easter activities. They all showed their creative skills as they used paint, glue, glitter and a host of other materials to decorate egg shaped pictures. Their favourite Easter activity though was baking and icing Easter biscuits with lots of nice treats.

Early Years

The children in the Early Years Unit have also been exploring their new environment.

One of their favourite activities is playing in the large construction area, using the wooden clothes airer and fabric to build dens. It is lovely to watch and listen as the children use their imagination to turn the "den" into whatever they want it to be. Most often it becomes a shop with children calling out "who wants to buy an ice cream?"

The newly refurbished home corner is also a big hit with the children. They spend lots of time preparing "dinner" before sitting down on the sofa in front of the fire with a book or having an imaginary chat on the telephone. It is clear from watching the children as they play that they are enacting scenes from home. It is very funny to watch as the children balance the phone under their chin, pretending to talk whilst continuing to stir a pan that's on the hob!

The Early Years children have also had great fun exploring and preparing for Easter. Along with making Easter hats, cards and biscuits the children also went on an Easter Egg hunt in the woods. Staff hid Easter egg pictures all around the woods and the children were encouraged to find a picture to bring back to nursery. If they were successful they were able to exchange their egg picture for some sweets as a reward!

Birthdays

We have ten 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 – Ethan 1

Rabbits – Scarlett 2, Callum 2, Logan 2.

Piglets – Layton 3, Mia 3, Theo 3, DJ 3, Alydia 3.

Tiggers – Joseph 4, Rhianne 4.

Nursery news

Our decorator is continuing to work hard during the weekends and is now reaching the final stage of decorating the nursery. Each weekend he has worked very hard and took great care to get everything put back and as far as possible have the rooms ready for staff and children on Monday morning.

I hope you will agree that the end result is wonderful and the nursery now looks bright and cheerful. Staff are continuing to sort and move the rooms around, taking full advantage of the newly decorated space and everybody is very happy with the results. Hopefully the end of the month should finally see the task completed.

Our three new members of staff have all now started and are all settling in really well. It can be very daunting starting a new job but I'm pleased to say they have all been made to feel very welcome and have already been accepted by the children, which for me as manager is always a priority.

We are now all set fair and fully prepared to start our new term.

Staff member of the month

Staff member of the month this time goes to Kirsty Simpson. Kirsty works across the nursery helping out in every room when needed. She is a happy member of staff with a permanent smile on her face always ready to help out and do whatever is needed. Kirsty's attitude in our busy nursery is just what we need!

So well done Kirsty! Keep up the good work!

Please continue to nominate staff for this award as it means so much to them to know that their efforts are appreciated.

Fancy Dress Day – Thursday 15th May

As usual we are taking part in a dress up day in support of Crackerjacks Children's Trust. This trust supports children with severe disabilities through helping them source equipment and providing support where needed.

There is no strict theme this year other than to dress up in your favourite fancy dress costume! All we ask is that all children bring a donation to go towards this worthwhile charity.

This event will take place on Thursday 15th May and all children who would normally attend on the day are invited to take part.

May Menu

Sue has planned a lovely menu for May which you will find attached to this newsletter. Any feedback on the menu and ideas for any future menus are always welcome.

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday NURSERY CLOSED

Thursday 15th May – Fancy dress day

Friday 23rd May – last day of term for GRANT ONLY CHILDREN.

Monday 26th May – Bank Holiday NURSERY CLOSED.

Monday 2nd June – first day of term for GRANT ONLY CHILDREN.

And finally

Thank you for your continued support. As ever please remember that all your comments, concerns and suggestions are welcome, taken seriously and acted upon if necessary.

Joanne and all the Staff at Toy Box