



November Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers

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

Baby Unit & Early Years Unit

This month the children throughout the whole nursery have been celebrating Diwali, Halloween and bonfire night. The children have had fun creating Halloween pictures and bonfire pictures. The children also enjoyed a Diwali and Halloween themed lunch cooked by Karen. They enjoyed curry, rice pudding and Samos's for Diwali and Hot dogs, ghost potatoes and spaghetti worms with spider buns for pudding for Halloween.

The children also enjoyed Diwali sweets that a parent brought in for the staff and children to enjoy whilst they celebrated.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

As usual all the staff and children here at Toy Box will take part in fundraising for this worthy cause.

We are inviting all the children who would normally attend nursery on that day to come to nursery in their pyjamas. Children In Need is usually a fun packed day with all the children and staff getting into the spirit of the occasion, baking and decorating buns, taking part in craft activities and just generally having lots of fund raising fun throughout the day.

As usual, staff will come to work in their best pyjamas and all we ask is that everybody donates at least £1 to this very worthwhile charity.

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	– Louiza-Daisy 1
Rabbits	–
Piglet	– George 3
Tiggers	– Ella 4, Morrison 4

Staff member of the month

The award for staff member of the month for November goes to Jolanta for working so hard to ensure that the nursery is always to a high standard of cleanliness. Jolanta has also been supporting staff with polish words in order to enable us to communicate with children who are of none English speaking.

Well done Jolanta and thank you so much!

Children's Christmas Party – Wednesday 6th December

The children's Christmas Party will take place at the usual venue of St. Paul's church hall which is directly opposite the nursery.

The party is scheduled to start at 2.30pm and will finish at approximately 4pm depending on how the children are enjoying themselves.

We have booked an entertainer to come along and entertain the children during the party and I have heard a whisper that towards the end of the party, if he is not too busy, Father Christmas will be putting in an appearance!

As usual staff will be in Christmas fancy dress outfits and all the children are invited to come along in fancy dress as well.

All parents/ carers are invited to come along and join in the fun. Unfortunately, for Health and Safety reasons we have to limit numbers to a maximum of two adults per family and NO OLDER SIBLINGS. If the hall becomes too overcrowded it makes it impossible for the children to spread out and enjoy the entertainer and the activities.

Also, depending on final numbers we may have to say no to prams being parked in the hall. Last year the hall became so congested, that had there been an emergency, it would have made it very difficult for everybody to get out in a hurry.

Children over the age of two who would normally attend nursery during the afternoon of the party can be taken across to the party by staff. Please note that this applies ONLY if staff are made aware well in advance that parents are unable to attend.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE MADE ON THE DAY.

Children under the age of two MUST be accompanied by a parent/ carer.

All children who would not normally attend nursery during this afternoon session MUST also be accompanied by a parent/ carer for the duration of the party.

Invitations will be sent out during November along with a reply slip so that we can get an idea of the numbers of people attending.

Toy Box Christmas Fayre - Saturday 2nd December

We will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre here at Toy Box on Saturday 2nd December. This particular event is always well attended and everybody has a lovely time.

Staff and children are already planning decorations and games for the event! As usual we are requesting donations for prizes for both the games and the tombola. Any and all donations will be gratefully received.

More details will follow nearer the time so look out for the posters. Everyone is invited so be sure to tell friends and family as well. The more the merrier!

Parent Evening

We would like to invite you to a parents evening on Wednesday 22nd November beginning at 6pm. The aim of this evening is for you to have the opportunity to discuss with your child's key person their developmental progress.

A separate letter will be sent out for you to make an appointment with your child's key person so that a time slot can be allocated. In order to ensure everyone can be allocated an appointment, each time slot will be for 10 minutes each.

Due to space we can only allow 2 adults per child and unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate any children during the evening.

Dates to remember

Children in Need	– Friday 17 th November
Parents evening	- Wednesday 22 nd November
Toy Box Christmas Fayre	- Saturday 2 nd December
Children's Christmas Party	– Wednesday 6 th December

Christmas Closing Dates

The nursery will close for Christmas on Friday 22nd December at 6pm.

THE NURSERY WILL REMAIN CLOSED THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS WEEK AND WILL REOPEN AS NORMAL ON TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2018

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 and all the Staff at Toy Box Day Nursery