



# January Newsletter 2014

## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2014! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are feeling refreshed and ready to face whatever 2014 may bring!

I look forward to speaking to all the children and hearing all their tales of what they have been up to over Christmas and what Father Christmas has bought them.

## Early Years and Baby Unit

Across the nursery the month of December was completely taken up with preparations for Christmas. This included making lots of lovely Christmas cards and decorations for the children to take home.

Although the children thought this was all fabulous fun and had a wonderful time as they used glitter, glue, cotton wool and talked about Christmas trees, presents and Father Christmas, the staff were working hard to incorporate learning and development into everything they did. This included practicing hand-eye co-ordination, new language and songs, and social experiences such as turn taking and sharing.

## Birthdays

We have 4 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.

Rabbits – Ollie 2

Piglets - Harry 3, Sophie 3.

Tiggers – Mason 4

## Christmas Party and Christmas Fayre

As usual both events were well attended and a huge success. Thank you so much to everybody who took the time to come and tell us how much they enjoyed both events. We as a nursery really look forward to these annual festive occasions and appreciate your support and very positive feedback. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions so please do let us know if there is any way you feel we could improve things further for next year.

Photographs taken at both events will be displayed in books which are available in the front entrance for everyone to see.

## **Reminders**

Just the usual reminder to all parents/ carers about the importance of ensuring that your child/ children come to nursery dressed in suitable clothing for both indoor and outdoor play.

As far as possible we try to ensure that all the children have access to the outdoors, regardless of the weather. If a child does not have suitable warm outdoor clothing they cannot partake in this important aspect of daily nursery life. A warm hat, coat, gloves and boots or wellies will ensure they are kept comfortable whilst playing outside.

Every child also needs to bring a spare change of clothing for indoor play. Throughout the day a range of messy activities are available for the children to access. Again if they get wet or very messy it is important that staff have a change of clothing to change them into. This applies especially if your child is potty training. With the best will in the world little "accidents" happen. If your child is potty training please ensure that they have at least three spare pairs of underpants in his/ her bag every day.

We are currently running very low on spare clothes. Please could all parent/ carers check at home for any nursery clothes which your child may have worn going home and have not been returned to Toy Box.

During your search if you come across any spare clothes which your child no longer wears or needs we will be delighted to add them to our box of spares here at nursery.

**Please ensure that all your children's belongings are clearly labelled.**

## **Staff member of the month**

Staff member of the month for December goes to Kerry, our Senior Nursery Nurse in the Early Years Unit.

The nomination has come from a parent who feels that Kerry always has a smile for all the parents and children and this hasn't changed even though Kerry has been through some very sad times herself this last year.

Well done Kerry and keep smiling!

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

## **January Menu**

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

**And finally .....**

As we begin 2014 we would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support throughout 2013.

As we start 2014 we are all looking forward to working closely with all our parents/ carers and children, both old and new so that together we can ensure the best possible outcomes for every child in our care.

As ever please remember that all your comments, concerns and suggestions are welcomed and taken seriously and acted upon if necessary.

**Joanne and all the Staff at Toy Box**