



July Newsletter 2018

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.

Baby Unit

Throughout the month sand and water play has proved very popular with all the babies. They have had great fun exploring the feel of the sand with their hands, digging with spades and spoons, and using lots of different tools to make marks. Louise also took this 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 really enjoyed problem solving with jigsaws. Using the four piece inset jigsaws, the children have enjoyed taking pieces out and then trying to put them back in again this really helps to develop the children's fine motor skills.

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 learning about big and small, sorting objects into groups and colour recognition. Activities including painting, sticking, outdoor play and circle time games helped the children become familiar with these concepts.

Some of the Piglet children have also been having their transition sessions into the Tigger room ready for September, when they themselves become Big Tiggers and start their transition to getting ready for big school next year.

Birthdays

We have seven 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	Jugaad 1, Miles G 1
Rabbits	Liam 2
Piglet	Lizzie 4, Travis 3

Staff member of the month

The award for staff member of the month for July goes to Katie D. Katie has been with us as student since September 2017 she is studying for her level 3 in childcare. The children love her so as the staffing needs of the nursery changed we thought we would employ her as a staff member as the children already knew her. Katie is reliable and will work at short notice she has settled in really well she works across all areas of the nursery. Katie will now receive a £20 gift voucher of her choice, so well done Katie. Keep up the good work!!

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 23rd 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 £13 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 18th July 2018

Reminders for Sun Hats, Sun Cream

Lastly, as summer has finally arrived, please ensure your child/ child

If your child has sun cream left over from last year please be aware that most sun creams have a shelf life of twelve months.

Please can you ensure that children bring a sun hat and sun cream every day?

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