



July Newsletter 2016

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

This month we have had a couple of new children join our Baby Unit. In an effort to help these new children settle in staff provided lots of turn taking activities which encouraged the children to communicate and become involved with one another. This has proved a huge success and all our new children have now settled in really well. Promoting the development of these new relationships is very important as it has helped the children to settle in and give them the encouragement and confidence to participate in all the activities that are on offer.

Throughout the month sand play has also proved very popular with all the babies. They have had great fun exploring the sand tray 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.

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, PE kit and prospectus from surrounding schools, all in an effort to familiarise the children with what is about to happen in September. I must say they are all very excited and can't wait for September to come.

Tiggers have also been honing 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. Staff made little booklets so the children could write lists, and take orders for food.

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.

Also during circle time the children have been talking about taking turns, sharing and the importance of being kind to others.

On the 29th July it was the Nursery Bears' first birthday. The children had lots of fun celebrating with the bears, playing with balloons and having a tea party. Our Music Bugs session that day also related to the bears, with everybody singing happy birthday to the bears at the end of the session. The children loved it and had so much fun.

If there are any children who have not yet had a chance to take a bear home please do not hesitate to ask Sarah and she will make sure nobody misses out.

Birthdays

We have 6 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 -----Travis 1

Piglet - -----Tommy 3, Evie 2

Tiggers - ----- Theo 4, Bella 4, Lucas 3

Staff changes

This month we have had a new staff member join our team.

Her name is Ellie Oakford and she is currently studying at Doncaster College for her level 3 in childcare. Ellie has been working mainly in the Piglet room but she has also spent time upstairs with the babies. Even though she has only been with us a short time Ellie is already a big hit with all the children and staff.

Staff member of the month

The award for staff member of the month for July goes to Ellie. Ellie hasn't been with us for long but all the staff are so happy with how well she is doing. Ellie will be covering mainly in the Piglet room but as a relief member of staff she will be covering around the nursery where needed.

Ellie will now receive a £20 gift voucher of her choice, so well done Ellie. 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 4 years to 6 years, 8am until 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

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

Summer holiday club will start on 15th July for the six weeks holiday; the cost is £20.00 each day, payable in advance on booking.

At the beach week

On the week commencing 18th July we are having a "at the beach" themed week. During this week the children are welcome to bring beach balls, sunglasses, sun hats and their own bucket and spade. Weather permitting we plan has a couple of water fights with the children so please pack suitable swimwear and a towel. Let's hope we get a bit more sun shine than we have been having of late!!

Crackerjacks

On Wednesday 29th June the children and staff all came to nursery in their pyjamas to help raise money for Crackerjacks Children's Charity.

Thank you so much to everyone who took joined in on the day. We raised a grand total of £54.50. We are absolutely delighted with that and a cheque for that amount has now been sent off to the charity.

Dates to remember

Last day of term

GRANT ONLY CHILDREN

Thursday 14th July 2016

On the Beach Week

Monday 18th July 2016

Reminders for Sun Hats, Sun Cream

Lastly, as summer has now supposedly arrived, please ensure your child/ children come to nursery every day with a sun hat and sun cream.

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.

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