



# July Newsletter 2021

## Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to the July Newsletter bringing you up to date with what has been happening here at Toy Box.

As the weather has been quite good for most of the month, all the children throughout the nursery have been able to spend more time outdoors.

The babies enjoyed lots of sand play, exploring the feel of the sand with their hands, digging with spades and spoons, and using a variety of different tools to make marks.

They have also enjoyed lots of climbing, both indoors and outdoors. They just love clambering over the tyres and crates in the playground. I'm sure that by the time they get home they are more than ready for a rest.

Tiggers planted sunflower seeds and have watched in awe as the seeds have grown. They took the task of watering and generally ensuring the seeds were looked after very seriously.

Children in the Piglet room have done some lovely work around their "Book of the Month" which is "Wow said the Owl". They created beautiful pieces of art based on the story and staff have displayed their masterpieces on the walls.

All the children throughout the nursery celebrated both Father's Day and Armed Forces Day with staff providing a variety of different craft activities for each group throughout the nursery.

## Birthdays

We have five 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	Luca C 2
Piglet	Luca 3 Jack C 3 Ava-Rose 3
Tiggers	Dylan 4

## Staff member of the month

The award for staff member of the month for July goes to Abi Saddington. Abi has only recently joined Toy Box as she has just completed her GCSE exams. She will be providing an extra pair of helping hands throughout the nursery during the summer holidays.

Abi has been nominated by other staff members for the rapidity with which she has picked up the nursery routines and is always ready to help out wherever she's needed. She has formed lovely relationships with all the children and it feels like she's been here forever.

Abi will now receive a £20 gift voucher of her choice. So well done Abi. Keep up the good work. Your efforts are very much appreciated by everyone.

## **Staff Changes**

Sophie Thompson, who works with the Tiggers, will be leaving Toy Box this month. Sophie has worked here at Toy Box since November 2018 and during that time she has completed her NVQ Level 3 in Childcare. Sophie now feels it's time to move on and experience how things are done in another setting.

We wish Sophie well and hope she will be happy in her new job.

## **Dates to remember**

Last day of term	<b>GRANT ONLY CHILDREN</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Start of term	<b>GRANT ONLY CHILDREN</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021

## **Reminders for Sun Hats and Sun Cream**

Lastly, as summer has finally arrived, please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream every day.

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, or at least that's what we've been told. If they do not have a sun hat or sun cream we cannot allow them to play out and what a shame that would be! We all need as much fresh air and sunshine as we can get in order to top our vitamin D levels to help see us through the long winter ahead.

## **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**