



June Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

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

It seems hardly possible that we are half way through the year already, with the summer holidays fast approaching. I'm sure there is someone in the background fast forwarding time.

Tiggers and Piglets have once again been able to explore the joys of playing in the sand. Unfortunately the sand tray was one of the nursery resources which had to be removed when Covid struck. We have now been given the go ahead to use the sand tray again as long as the children thoroughly wash their hands before they play in it.

Throughout the month Rabbits and Pooh Bears have been exploring mark making. They have had a great time exploring all the different ways they could make marks by dipping their fingers into paint, shaving foam, gloop and yoghurt. They also spent time trying to master the art of using paint brushes on paper and giant chinks on the pavement and outside blackboard.

The beautiful weather has meant that all the children have spent lots of time outside in the sunshine and fresh air. Staff resurrected the mud kitchen, always very popular, and it's a joy to watch them having fun, playing in the mud kitchen, going on the climbing frame and riding bikes around the playground.

All the children throughout the nursery celebrated EID. They made lovely colourful cards and decorations which staff used to decorate the walls.

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.

Pooh Bears – Nylah 1, Bradley 1

Piglets – Ivy 2, Ella 3

Tiggers – Wiktor 4

Staff member of the month

The award for Staff Member of the Month for June goes to Libby Forster.

Libby is actually Lindsey's daughter and has just finished her first year at college studying photography.. She is working here at Toy Box throughout the summer holidays, providing a very welcome spare pair of hands.

Libby has only been with us for a couple of weeks and has already made a great impression on all the children.

To quote a parent who reported her child said " she's really kind and helps him on the slide and is always laughing. She is his favourite"

Well Done Libby, keep up the good work.

Libby will now receive a £20 gift voucher of her choice.

Dates to remember

Last day of summer term for grant only children

Friday 16th July 2021

Last day of summer stretched funding

Friday 27th August 2021

Reminders for Sun Hats, Sun Cream and Spare Clothes

As summer has now arrived in all its glory, please ensure your child/ children come to nursery every day with a sun hat, sun cream and a spare change of clothes.

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 so we are advised.

We are only allowed to use sun cream provided by the parent /carer, so, if you forget to bring sun cream to nursery your child will have to remain indoors. The same applies to hats. After our long cold winter the children need all the sunshine and fresh air they can get, so please remember to pack their bag with a sun hat and sun cream.

All the children also need to have a spare change of clothes here at nursery. Throughout the course of the day, as well as potty training, the children take part in several wet messy activities. To enable staff to keep the children dry and comfortable each child needs to have their own spare set of clothing. We constantly use our own "spares" but unfortunately these "spares" are seldom returned to nursery, resulting in our stocks being completely depleted. So please please please do not forget to ensure your child/ children come to nursery every day with a sun hat, sun cream and a spare change of clothing.

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, Noreen and all the Staff at Toy Box Day Nursery