

# March 2021

# Newsletter

## **Toy Box Day Nursery & Pre-School**

### **Dear Parents/ Carers**

Welcome to our March Newsletter bringing you up to date with events here at Toy Box.

I can scarcely believe that we're already composing our March newsletter, with plans for Easter well underway. It feels like we've only just put the Christmas decorations away!

It's been a very busy month for all the children, from the babies to the Tiggers. Throughout the nursery we celebrated Pancake Day, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. Everybody enjoyed the delicious pancakes Michelle made, not to mention the lovely Chinese themed lunch and all the messy sticking, cutting and colouring which went into creating Valentine cards and decorations.

Up until the beginning of this term we still had some children who had not returned to nursery as parent/carers were still a bit apprehensive about sending them back. I'm delighted to report that they are all now back and have settled in really well, as if nothing has happened. It's a real joy to hear the sounds of the children playing and interacting with one another once again.

### **Birthdays**

We have 5 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	Fox 1
Piglets	Poppy 3, Bronte 3, Sophia 3
Tiggers	Ruby-Rae 4

### **Parents Evening**

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we are once again unable to hold our usual parent/carers evening.

However, we will be sending a summary sheet/sheets home from your child's Key Person. Once you have received your child's summary sheet/sheets and have any queries or worries you may wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to call the office and I'll be delighted to make an appointment for you to talk to your child's Key Person.

A ten minute slot will be allocated for each parent/carers.

## **Red Nose Day 15<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> Carnival Themed**

Every year here at Toy Box we celebrate Red Nose Day, and this year is no exception. Throughout the week, starting on Monday March 15, staff will be wearing brightly coloured clothes every day to match the carnival theme. All the children who attend throughout the week are also invited to come to nursery in their brightest clothes as well.

Staff are already planning several fun activities which will take place throughout the week and all the children will be encouraged to participate.

We are requesting a £1 donation to raise as much money as we can throughout the week for this very worthwhile charity.

## **Staff member of the month**

Our staff member of the month for February was Kirstie.

Kirstie is a senior member of staff and works in the Tigger room. She has been nominated by a parent who is over the moon with how well her son's speech had developed and how well he has settled into nursery, all down to Kirstie's efforts.

So well done Kirstie. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated by everybody.

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

## **Fees Increase**

We have reached the time of year again where we have to think about our annual fees increase.

I'm sure parent/carers will understand, that as a result of the minimum wage increase, our fees will also have to increase in order to cover the additional costs.

Therefore, from the beginning of April the fees structure will be as follows:

Full day session will increase from £45 to £46

Half day session will increase from £28 to £29

Full time, five days a week from £200 to £205

If any parent/ carer would like further clarification on these increases, please do not hesitate to call me and I will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

## **Dates to remember**

Red Nose Day week  
Last day of term for GRANT **ONLY CHILDREN** –  
Bank Holiday **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April-**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March  
26<sup>th</sup> March  
NURSERY CLOSED

Bank Holiday **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April**-  
First day of term for GRANT **ONLY CHILDREN** –

NURSERY CLOSED  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

### **Reminders**

Can I please remind parents/ carers to bring in a bag for their child on a daily basis, containing everything they may need throughout the day. Even if your child is potty trained, they may spill a drink or get messy in the creative areas, so spare clothes for every child is a MUST. Those children still in nappies should have enough nappies, wipes and cream in their bag or box to last them throughout the day, with supplies being replenished each time they attend nursery.

Lastly, if your child is potty training, please ensure you send in enough clothing so that they can be changed numerous times. This should include items such as socks and shoes as often these get forgotten.

A big thank you to all our parents/ carers who already do this. It is greatly appreciated.

### **And finally.....**

A huge thank you to everybody for adhering to the face mask policy and for your patience when things get a bit busy at both ends of the day and for your considerate parking. Your co-operation has really helped the staff ensure the safe and smooth running of the nursery on a daily basis.

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 where necessary.

**Kerry, Noreen and all the Staff at Toy Box Day Nursery**