



October Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

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

All the children have now settled in nicely and have become well used to the hand washing and hygiene rules which govern nursery life on a daily basis.

Play and learning continue despite everything and all the children have participated eagerly in a broad range of activities. The babies particularly enjoyed playing in the construction area with the large foam bricks, constructing huge towers and knocking them down again. The children have also enjoyed doing lots of painting and have created some lovely Autumn themed pictures for displays.

Several children upstairs are turning two soon. In preparation for their move down stairs to become fully fledged Piglets, they have been having little trips down stairs to the Piglet room.

Early Years Unit

Piglets and Tiggers are continuing to spend as much time as possible outdoors.

Piglets have had fun with their "Book of the Month" Funny Bones, which ties in nicely with Halloween activities. The children have done painting, sticking and messy activities that relate to the book and have enjoyed listening to the story at story time.

Tiggers have enjoyed lots of phonics sessions using "Jolly Songs", This is the phonics programme which schools in Doncaster use to teach phonics.

All the children, both upstairs and downstairs, have enjoyed painting, cutting sticking and lots of messy activities, both indoors and outdoors.

Birthdays

This month we have 10 birthdays. I'm sure you will join us in celebrating their special day with us.

Pooh Bears	Toby 1,
Rabbits	Teddy 2, Georgia 2
Piglet	Declan 3, Oscar 2
Tigger	Jayce 4, George 4, Leo 4, Hallie 4, Lincoln

Staff member of the month

Our staff member of the month for September was Louise Carr. Louise will now be awarded a £20 gift voucher of her choice.

Louise was nominated by a parent/carer for going above and beyond to ensure their little girl settled well and enjoyed nursery again.

Well done Louise. Your enthusiasm and dedication is greatly appreciated by all.

Menu

Michelle, our lovely talented cook, has created a new menu for the Autumn Term. She has incorporated some tasty vegetarian meals into the menu and the children are thoroughly enjoying every meal.

Halloween Dress up week Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Children are invited to come to nursery in Halloween costumes and there will be lots of spooky activities for the children throughout the week.

Children in Need 9th to 13th November

This year we are once again supporting 'Children in Need,' which will take place throughout the week of the 9th November, giving all the children who attend Toy Box the chance to participate.

On the day both staff and children are invited to attend nursery in their favourite pajamas or nightie. Staff have already organised a fun filled day of games and activities and as usual on these fund raising occasions, I can predict that a good time will be had by all.

In order to help raise funds to support this worthwhile cause we are asking for a £1 donation from every child who attends on the day. We will also be selling cakes and buns throughout the week.

Toy Box Christmas Fayre

Due to current restrictions we will not be able to hold our annual Christmas Fayre at Toy Box.

However, we are looking into the possibility of a virtual Fayre, where we create a group and sell the decorations for you to take home and decorate with your child. We have a few parents making us some things to sell to raise money and the staff are planning some cake sales outside the front of the nursery.

More details will follow nearer the time.

Dates to remember

Friday 23rd October
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
Monday 2nd November
Monday 9th – Friday 13th November

Last day of term (funded children only).
Halloween Dress Up week
First day of term (funded children only).
Children in need PJ week

Face Masks

I would like to thank all parents/carers for your continued co-operation in the wearing of face masks. It will go a long way in protecting staff as they admit children to nursery. Unfortunately, if a staff member is diagnosed with Covid, the entire nursery will have to close down for two weeks. This, I'm sure you will agree, is a situation which we must all do our best to avoid.

And finally.....

As always, we would like to thank everyone for their 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