

January 2021 Newsletter

Toy Box Day Nursery & Pre-School

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to everybody after our lovely Christmas break.

I do hope you have all had a lovely chilled Christmas and managed to get together with loved ones, all be it for a short period only.

December is usually a pretty busy time for staff with all the Christmas preparations. Even though we didn't have our usual Christmas Nativity and Children's party, it was still fairly hectic. Staff wanted to ensure, that as far as possible, the children could experience all the joys of preparing for Christmas. I hope parents/carers enjoyed the little video of the children singing Christmas songs. Everybody enjoyed making it and combined with all the lovely decorations the children created to decorate the nursery, it helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit. Even Father Christmas managed to make an invisible appearance and left a small gift for each of the children!

All the tinsel is now packed away and a whole new set of activities and learning experiences are about to begin. We go forward in hope and everybody's fingers are tightly crossed that we can make it through the rest of the year without a case of Covid.

COVID UPDATE

As it's the beginning of the new year and new term I thought it might be useful to once again reiterate the rules around Covid and coming to nursery. Just in case anybody is confused about what to do should a child or family member become ill, I thought I would include the following Government guidelines.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should your child attend nursery if you, they or any member of the household display Covid symptoms. Always inform the nursery if your child or any member of the household has symptoms and is booked in for a test.

DO NOT bring your child to nursery whilst you, or they, or any member of the family is awaiting the result of a Covid test.

DO NOT bring your child to nursery if they are not feeling well or if they have a cough, cold, a runny or blocked nose or a temperature. With this new variant being more transmissible we all need to be extra vigilant.

ALWAYS INFORM THE NURSERY IF YOUR FAMILY HAS TO SELF ISOLATE. Current guidelines on isolation stipulate that you should isolate for ten days, starting from the day after you last had contact with the infected person.

If any parent/carer is confused or would like clarification on any of the guidance regarding Covid, please do not hesitate to either email or call me and I'll be delighted to help in any way I can.

Birthdays

As we start off the New Year we have four birthdays here at Toy Box. I'm sure you will join with us as we wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Piglets - Jack 3, Ethan 3

Tiggers - Miles 4, Natalie 3

Dates to remember

February half term **Funded Only children** Break up Friday 12th February

Term starts back **Funded Only children** Monday 22nd February

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parent/carers of funded only children that drop off and pick up times are as follows.

Morning sessions 8.15 to 1 o'clock

Afternoon sessions 1 o'clock to 5.45

Full day sessions 8.15 to 5.45

If your child arrives early or is picked up late from funded only sessions, you will be charged at a rate of £5 per five minutes late.

Staff member of the month

Nominations for staff member of the month are always appreciated and mean so much to the staff. If you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate for staff member of the month please get in touch.

And finally.....

As usual, we thank all our parents/ carers for your continuing support. Please remember that all your comments, concerns and suggestions are welcome, taken seriously and acted upon if necessary.

As we start the New Year we look forward once again to working closely with all our children, parents/carers, both old and new, so that together we can achieve the best possible outcome for all the children in our care.

A very Happy New Year to one and all and may 2021 see all your dreams come true.

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