



October Newsletter 2021

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, and what a month it turned out to be!

Towards the end of the month we had two staff test positive for Covid, followed by three more staff as well as a child who attends nursery, at the beginning of October. Thankfully, with the help and co-operation of all our amazing staff and parents, we managed to weather the storm. Two staff are still off recovering, but hopefully by next week they too will be fully recovered and back to work.

I'm sure parents/carers are aware of how vigilant and thorough we are with following all the government guidelines regarding hygiene practices etc. Despite all our best efforts, Covid still snook in the door. The next couple of months, with all the usual coughs, colds etc doing the rounds, is going to prove taxing for us all. If your child does develop a cough, cold or a temperature it is extremely important that you carry out a PCR test to ensure that it's not Covid.

Hopefully we can get to Christmas without any further Covid episodes.

Both Pooh Bears and Rabbits have welcomed several new children throughout the month. Staff have been busy helping the children settle in and as usually happens, they are all settling in really well. The children settle into nursery life and routines very quickly. Our poor Mums and Dads find it far more difficult.

Tiggers and Piglets have also welcomed some new children into their groups. Our existing Piglets and Tiggers have felt very grown up as they showed the new arrivals around. They have all had a very busy month, getting to know one another through lots of fun filled activities.

Birthdays

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

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| Pooh Bears | Roxy 1, Aria 1, Ada 1 |
| Rabbits | Toby 2 |
| Piglet | Darcy 2, Isabella 3, Nancy 2 |
| Tigger | Teddy 3, Georgia 3, Oscar 3 |

Staff member of the month

Our staff member of the month for September is Amy Hobson.

Amy works in the Rabbits room and has put such a lot of effort into ensuring that all our new babies are feeling comfortable and settled. Thank you Amy for all your hard work and dedication. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all.

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

Halloween Dressing Up Week. Monday 25th – Friday 29th October

As part of our Halloween activities, children who would normally attend that week are invited to come to nursery wearing their favourite Halloween costume.

Activities will start on Monday 25 October as this will ensure that every child, regardless of which day they attend, gets an opportunity to partake in all the activities.

Children in Need 15th to 19th November

This year we are once again supporting Children in Need.

In order to ensure that all the children get the opportunity to participate, staff have planned activities for the duration the week. All the children and staff who would normally attend nursery during the week are invited to come dressed in their favourite pajamas, nightie or spotty clothes.

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, which will have been baked by the children, throughout the week.

Dates to remember

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| Friday 15thOctober | Last day of term (funded children only). |
| Monday 25th – Friday 29thOctober | Halloween Dressing Up week |
| Monday 1stNovember | First day of term (funded children only). |
| Monday 8th– Friday 12th November | Children in Need PJ week |

And finally.....

We would like to thank everyone for their continuing support, especially with the continued wearing of face masks. We all need to do everything we can to try and keep Covid at bay, especially now that winter is here.

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