



December Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to the December newsletter bringing you up to date with what has been happening here at Toy Box during the past month.

Every year, once Bonfire Night has passed, the countdown to Christmas begins. Christmas is a time of great excitement for both children and staff alike and after the challenging year we've all had, it's so nice to be able to indulge in a bit of festive magic.

From now until we close on Christmas Eve, just about all the nursery activities will include preparing for Christmas. Throughout nursery the children have already started making Christmas cards and Christmas decorations, which will be displayed in their respective rooms.

Decorating the Christmas tree turned into a tinsel fest. The children decided that the best way to decorate the tree was to add more and more tinsel. So, if any anyone is wondering why there's so much tinsel on the Christmas tree in the conservatory, well it was the children's idea.

They have also loved dressing up as Nativity characters and singing Christmas Carols.

Throughout December staff will be wearing their Christmas Jumpers and all the children are invited to join in too, if they so wish.

Birthdays

We have 5 birthday this month here at Toy Box and I'm sure you will join with us as we wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Rabbits----- Bonnie 2

Piglets----- Natalia 3, Martha 3, Keyara 3

Tiggers----- Ryder 4

Staff Member of the Month

The award for staff member of the month for December goes to Katie, who works in the Tigger Room.

Katie is relatively new to Toy Box and has settled in really well. She has a natural affinity with the children and they all absolutely love her. Katie recently undertook her first parents/carers evening, which she was really nervous about and as we all fully expected, she did amazing. Well done Katie.

Please continue to nominate for this award, as it means a lot to staff to know that they are appreciated for all the hard work they put in on a daily basis.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 10th December

This year we have decided to take part in the Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day.

The reason for the event is to help raise money for McMillan, Make a Wish and Save the Children charities.

All donations from the day will go to these charities. All we are asking is that every child attending on the day comes to nursery in their Christmas jumper (if possible) and makes a £1 donation towards these worthy causes.

Nursery closure dates for Christmas

Nursery will close on Friday 24th December for both funded and non-funded children at the slightly earlier time of 3pm.

NURSERY WILL REMAIN CLOSED THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Nursery will re-open as normal on Tuesday 4th January 2022 for non funded children and Monday 10th January for FUNDED children.

December Invoice

As the December invoice is a five week month we have made the decision to take the free week over the Christmas period off this invoice, now making this invoice a four week month.

If anyone would like further clarification on this matter please don't hesitate to come and speak to me.

Food Bank

We are still collecting donations for the food bank, the last date to hand in donations is Monday 13th December.

So far we have had a tremendous response. On behalf of all the staff, not to mention the eventual recipients, a massive thank you. In this time of excesses it's nice that the children know that we are thinking about people who are not as lucky as they are.

Thank you all so much. Your kindness is much appreciated and will make a big difference.

COVID OMICRON

In light of the new government guidance following the new strain of COVID 19, we must now INSIST that all parents/carers wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up.

If any parents/carers attend without a face mask, especially when picking up, staff are instructed to pass you your child without a handover. As always, we are doing everything in our power to keep both staff and children safe and in making sure the nursery remains open.

Dates to remember

Christmas Jumper Day for text Santa	- Friday 10 th December 2021
Term finishes for GRANT ONLY children	- Tuesday 21 st December 2021
Term finishes for ALL CHILDREN	- Friday 24 th December 2021 at 3pm
Nursery re-opens after Christmas break	- Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Term starts for GRANT ONLY children	- Monday 10 th January 2022

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.

We would also like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you all for your support throughout 2021. We look forward to working closely with all parents/carers and children in 2022.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

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