



# November Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to our November Newsletter.

October has been a very busy month for everybody here at Toy Box. Halloween activities, which included lots of pumpkin carving and dressing up in Halloween clothes, featured heavily in all areas of creativity throughout the month. The children listened to Halloween music, played with spooky playdough, and made lots of magic potions. All these activities, combined with all the usual daily activities, ensured October has been a fun packed month for all.

## **Birthdays**

This month we have 4 birthdays here at Toy Box. I'm sure you will all want to join us in celebrating their special day.

Pooh Bears	Vienna 1
Rabbits	Alya 2
Piglet	Monroe 3
Tigger	Marissa 4

## **Staff member of the month**

The staff member of the month for November is Joanne Carr. Joanne works with Kirsty in the Tigger room.

Kirsty has recently had to have time off due to illness and during her absence Joanne stepped in and made sure everything ran smoothly in Kirstie's absence. She is a very dedicated member of staff and is always thinking up new ways to grab the children's attention, ensuring they get maximum enjoyment out of every activity.

So congratulations to Joanne and well done. We all appreciate your hard work and dedication.

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

## **Parents Evening Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

We would like to invite all our parent/ carers to our Parent's Evening on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, starting at 6.05pm until 7:45pm

The aim of the evening is to give parent/ carers the opportunity to meet with your child's Key Person and to discuss your child's developmental progress. It also provides an opportunity to discuss with your child's Key Person any issues or concerns you may have.

A separate letter will be sent out shortly, asking parents/ carers to make the appointment with their child's Key Person.

A ten minute slot will be allocated for each child. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions we can only allow two adults per child.

## **Children are not allowed to attend on the evening.**

### **Children's Christmas Party**

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we will not be holding our usual children's Christmas party. Instead we will have party days at nursery during the last week of term. We did this last year and all the children had a lovely time. A member of staff will dress up as Santa and each child will get a little gift and each day will end with a party tea.

### **Children in Need 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November**

This year we are once again supporting Children in Need.

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.

To help raise funds to support this worthwhile cause, we are asking for a £1 donation from every child who attends on the day.

### **Thank You to Parents/Carers**

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support at this difficult time. We thank parents for co-operating with the wearing of face masks and not parking on the nursery drive and especially for keeping their children off when they are ill or feeling under the weather.

Thank you all once again. Your efforts are appreciated by all the staff.

### **Food bank donations**

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP!

After an amazing response last year we have decided that we would ask for donations for the food bank again this year. Last year everyone stepped up to the plate and the end result was a huge donation of everyday food items. It's such a nice way of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

If anyone would like to donate any items it would be greatly appreciated not only by us, but ultimately by those who will receive it. After consulting Doncaster Food Bank they have told us the items which they can and cannot accept, and those they do not need (please see the list below)

We will be using this exercise as an opportunity to talk to the children and make them aware that there are children and families less fortunate than themselves, and how some children go hungry with little or no food.

#### **Can accept:**

- Instant mashed potato
- Tinned meats
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Cereals
- Long life UHT milk

- Drinking chocolate
- Long life fruit juice
- Cooking sauces
- Essential toiletries
- Shaving and sanitary products
- Cleaning products
- Washing detergent
- Toilet rolls

### **Dates to remember**

Children in need	15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Parents Evening	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021
End of term for GRANT ONLY children	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
Start of term for GRANT ONLY children	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Nursery closes	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 (earlier than 6)
Nursery re-opens	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022

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