

July 19 Newsletter

Toy Box Day Nursery & Pre-School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our July Newsletter, the last newsletter of this Academic year.

I'm sure, like all of us here at Toy Box, you are asking yourself where the first half of this year has disappeared to. It really does feel like it was only yesterday that we were rehearsing for our Nativity play.

Pre-School and Baby Room Activities

Baby room

The babies had great fun exploring in a variety of coloured spaghetti. They have also been mark making in the paint with a variety of items such as cars, animals and brushes. The babies have thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in a range of multicultural dressing up clothes.

Pre-School

The Pre-School children have enjoyed doing lots of observational drawings of shells and various sea creatures and have also been busy with mathematical mark making drawing up lots of tally charts. The Pre-School children have also been very busy discussing similarities and differences while they have been playing with the multicultural and disabled play people.

Our Rhyme of the Month for the Babies is: "If Your Happy and You Know it"
Our Rhyme of the Month for the Pre- School is: "Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar"
Our Book of the Month for the Pre-School is: "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

Sports Day

Thank you so much to all our parents/ carers who took the time and made the effort to come along to our Sports Day.

All the children who participated had great fun and it was a pleasure watching them all take part. They put a lot of effort and practice into preparing for the day and I'm sure you will agree, that considering they are just three and four years old, they all did exceptionally well. Congratulations to all the winners and well done to everybody who took part!

Graduation Party – Saturday 6th July 10.30am - OWLS ONLY

This year on Saturday 6th July we are hosting our annual Graduation Party for all the Owls who are leaving Toy Box to start school in September.

As well as helping the children celebrate the end of their time at Toy Box the occasion also gives parents/ carers a chance to get together one last time here at nursery before everyone goes their separate ways.

The party will start at 10.30am and will probably last one and a half to two hours or so, depending on how the children are enjoying themselves. The event will be completely informal and the children will be free to play with one another whilst parents/ carers have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake.

We realise that Saturday is always a busy day for everybody so if you feel that you are unable to spend a whole hour just drop in for ten minutes or so.

If your child is leaving us to go to school this summer and you would like to attend, please fill in the reply slip attached to the newsletter and return it to nursery as soon as possible.

Please remember the graduation party is for those children who are leaving to go to school ONLY.

Mini Beast Dress up Day – Main Room ONLY

Due to popular demand we are having another Mini-beast Dressing up day on Wednesday 24th July. All children in the main Pre-School room who would normally attend nursery on that day are invited to come to nursery dressed as their favourite mini beast or creepy crawly.

This is a great opportunity for parents/carers and children to get together and let their imaginations run riot.

If, by any chance, you are stuck for ideas please do not hesitate to speak to any member of staff and they will be delighted to help with a few suggestions. Each year the costumes become more and more inventive, so we are looking forward to seeing what surprises are in store for us this time.

Lending Library

Our small lending library is now enhanced with the addition of themed bags containing books, story props, songs and activities. You can choose from The Three Little Pigs, good manners bag, Rhyme bag and the Counting Rhyme bag.

Birthdays

We would like to wish the following children a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY during the month of July.

Sebastian E	- 1 year old
Arthur M	- 1 year old
Maali M	- 3 years old
Toby G	- 3 years old
Heidi M	- 4 years old
Abi D.H	- 4 years old
Esther S	- 4 years old
Darwin G.C	- 5 years old

Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to Beth Hamilton who has been nominated Staff Member of the Month for June. Beth will receive a £20.00 gift voucher of her choice.

So, well done to Beth and a very big "Thank you" to all parents/carers who took the time to vote. Your efforts are much appreciated by everyone.

Dates for your Diary

Mini Beast Dress-Up Day – Main Room Only - Wednesday 24th July

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Amy Walton has been appointed as Room Leader for our pre-school room. Amy has really impressed us since she joined Toy Box and was room leader at her previous nursery.

We would like to thank Beth Hamilton, our Deputy Manager and EYP, for overseeing the room whilst we were appointing a new room leader.

And Finally

Also we would all like to take this opportunity to wish all our Owls the very best of luck as they leave us to begin the next exciting phase of their little lives. As usual, some of the children who are leaving us this year started off in the baby room and it is quite amazing to see them now, all grown up, independent and ready to fly the nest. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, size and stature as the years have progressed.

For all the staff here at Toy Box it is an emotional time as they have developed strong bonds with all the children in their care. We hope all the children who are leaving will take away as many happy and fond memories of us as we have of them.

So Bon Voyage, Good Luck and Thank You to all our parents/carers and Owls who are leaving us for the last time. We shall miss you all. Please do call in and say hello if you are passing by.

In the meantime for all those parents/ carers and children who are remaining or have just joined our family here at Toy Box, we extend a very warm welcome to you all. We look forward to working closely with you all throughout the new Academic Year.

Sam, Helen and all the staff at Toy Box Day Nursery