

# June 19 Newsletter

Toy Box Day Nursery & Pre-School

**Dear Parents/ Carers**

Welcome to our June newsletter bringing you up to date with all the latest news and events here at Toy Box.

## **Pre-School and Baby Room Activities**

### **Baby room**

The babies have had a busy month with lots of sand play which included playing with stacking cups, cars and animals in the sand tray. They all enjoyed burying the animals and cars in the sand. They had fun getting messy exploring sea life animals in the glittery water and in the shaving foam. The babies have spent quite a bit of time looking in their family books at all the different pictures of their families.

### **Pre-School**

This month (as you will have probably noticed!) the children in the pre-school room been enjoying playing in the mud and sand pits and making pies in the mud kitchen. They have also had lots of fun creating their own pictures using glue and various materials.

<b>Our Rhyme of the Month for the Babies is:</b>	<b>“Humpty Dumpty”</b>
<b>Our Rhyme of the Month for the Pre-School is:</b>	<b>“Five Starfish”</b>
<b>Our Book of the Month for the Pre-School is:</b>	<b>“Sharing a Shell”</b>

## **Aliens and Space Dress-Up Day**

A huge thank you to all our parents/ carers for the time, effort, imagination and creativity that everybody put into the dressing up costumes for our Aliens and Space Dress-Up Day. The lovely costumes added to the occasion and both staff and children had great fun throughout the day with lots of silly games and activities.

Your efforts and involvement are very much appreciated by all the staff.

## **Fire crew and engine visit**

The children all enjoyed the visit of the fire crew and engine, which they were able to climb up and sit in. The flashing lights and siren were particularly popular (although probably not

with our neighbours!) Rastrick fire station are holding an open day on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 11.00am – 4.00pm in aid of the Fire Fighters charity, there will be a bouncy castle and lots of fun things to see and do. They would really welcome your support.

### **Sports Day – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

We are inviting parents/ carers of our Owls to our Sports Day on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

As in previous years, the event will take place in the school grounds directly opposite the nursery kitchen window.

All the children have been practicing every day and are very excited about the event. As to how they will react when parents/carers are present on the day remains to be seen.

The children will be split into teams and will be competing against one another in the following races:

Egg and Spoon Race	Children - Nursery will provide the “eggs”
Relay Race	Children – Each child needs to wear their team colour top
Sack Race	Children - Each child must bring a pillow case
Backwards Race	Children
Three-legged Race	Staff

There will also be a Mummies race and a Daddies race.

If you would like your child to take part in our sports day please fill in and return the accompanying reply slip ASAP. Once we know how many children will be participating in the event staff will then set about deciding on teams and team colours.

In order to give staff plenty of time to arrange team colours we will need to know by June 7<sup>th</sup> whether your child will be taking part.

There is no need to bring a drink for your child/ children on the day as water and biscuits will be provided.

### **Graduation Party – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am - OWLS ONLY**

This year on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 under the supervision of the staff whilst parents/ carers have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake.

I 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.

### **Parents/ Carers Day**

We are holding a parents/ carers day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June between 9.30am and 5.15pm. A fifteen minute slot will be allocated to each parent/ carer where you can look through your child/ children's Learning Journey and discuss with your child's Key Person any queries or concerns you may have about your child/ children's development.

Please see Helen to make an appointment. If you cannot attend on that day, we will be delighted to make an alternative mutually convenient appointment for you.

### **E – Safety**

We have produced some leaflets for you on E-Safety for your children. A copy is attached to the newsletter and copies are also available in the entrance lobby. We would encourage all parents/ carers to read these where we have included some useful resources to share with your children.

### **Future Plans**

Have you returned your Future Plans forms? If not we would really appreciate it if you could return the form ASAP. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have already returned both forms but unfortunately at this point there are still several outstanding.

### **Parent/carers questionnaires**

We really value your feedback and if you have not already done so, please could you complete and return. Another copy is attached to this newsletter and printed copies are available in the reception foyer.

We really do need to have the questionnaires returned by the end of this month so we can collate all the information and get it ready in time to publish the results in our July newsletter.

### **Staff News**

We are delighted to announce that Beth Hamilton has been appointed as our new Deputy Manager, which she will combine with her existing role as our early Years Practitioner.

Amy Walton has recently joined our team as a nursery practitioner. She holds a Level 3 Childcare qualification and has 7 years' experience working within a nursery setting.

Fern Reader has also joined us as a Modern Apprentice and will initially be studying for her Level 2 Childcare qualification whilst working at Toy Box.

### **Staff Member of the Month**

Although we had quite a few votes this month for our “Staff Member of the Month” award, there is no outright winner so all votes will be rolled over towards next month’s award.

A huge thank you to all parents/ carers who take the time to vote. It means a lot to staff to know that their efforts are appreciated.

### **Birthdays**

We would like to wish the following children a big “Happy Birthday” for the month of June.

Rome G - 1 year old

Olivia M - 3 years old  
Otis B - 3 years old

Jasper B - 4 years old  
Alex P - 4 years old  
William S - 4 years old

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Sports Day	- Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June (2.00 – 3.00pm)
Parent/Carers Day	- Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Graduation Day (OWLS ONLY)	- Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (10.30am)

### **And Finally...**

As always thank you to all parents/ carers who participate in and respond to requests that we make. Your involvement is very much appreciated and all your suggestions and queries are always very welcome.

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