

January 2017 Newsletter

Toy Box Day Nursery & Pre-School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2017.

We hope you have all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas leaving you feeling reinvigorated and ready to start the New Year. All the children seemed very happy and excited to see one another again this morning after the Christmas break and for the most part, appear to be settling straight back into nursery life without any tears.

We would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new parents/ carers and children who have just joined us this term. We hope that in no time at all you too will settle into nursery routine and feel like you have been with us forever.

Pre-School and Baby Room Activities

Throughout December most activities involved glue, glitter and tinsel as staff and children prepared the nursery for the Festive Season. They were all kept busy making Christmas cards, calendars and various sparkly decorations which added a lovely festive feel to the nursery.

Everything is back to normal now and all the tinsel is packed away for another year. Depending on the children's interests and suggestions, a whole new set of activities will start all over again at the beginning of this week.

Our Rhyme of the Month for the Babies is:	“Row, Row, Row Your Boat”
Our Rhyme of the Month for the Pre-School is:	“The Snowflake Song”
Our Book of the Month for the Pre-School is:	“Where’s Polar Bear”

Children’s Christmas Party and Nativity

A huge thank you to all our parents/ carers who helped make our Nativity such an enjoyable and memorable event. The costumes were really lovely and considering the ages of the children, they all did very well. Staff put a lot of time, effort and hard work into rehearsals with the children and the end result spoke for itself.

So thank you very much to all our lovely parents/ carers and staff without whose hard work and dedication the event would not have been nearly as enjoyable.

Thank you also to all our parent/ carers for all the lovely feedback from our nursery party. We are delighted that everybody including parents, carers, children and staff all enjoyed it equally. The occasion seems to have been such a hit that we will no doubt repeat the experience at the same venue next year.

If any parent/ carer has any other ideas which we could try out for our Christmas party we would be delighted to hear from you. We are always open to suggestions.

Children in Need

This year our Children In Need appeal raised a staggering **£360.85**. What a splendid result! A massive thank you to all those parents/ carers and children who participated in the event. You can all be justifiably proud of your efforts.

As usual Toy Box matched the figure raised so a cheque for the grand total of **£721.70** has been paid into Children In Need.

A receipt for this amount will be displayed in the entrance lobby for all to see.

Parking

Now that we are starting a new term, I would like to respectfully request that all parents/ carers, especially new parents/ carers who have just joined us, respect the school's request that the school car park be used for school staff, out of school staff and Toy Box staff parking ONLY.

The car park is not to be used by any parents/carers of children either from the school, the out of school club or the nursery between the hours of 8.30am – 4.30pm. You may use the car parking facilities outside of these hours and also throughout the school holidays. As the school holidays are now over and the school is open as normal, everybody please take note.

A huge thank you to all our existing parents/carers who already adhere to the car parking rules and park on the road.

Your full co-operation will be very much appreciated by both the school and Toy Box.

Staff Changes

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Higson, who joined our staff team in December. Sarah is a Level 2 qualified Nursery Nurse, about to start her NVQ Level 3 and has several years experience of working in a nursery. She will be working full time and providing cover across the nursery where needed.

Please join us in giving Sarah the usual warm Toy Box welcome.

Staff Member of the Month

The winner of staff member of the month for December is Bethany Woolnough.

So well done and congratulations to Bethany who will now receive a £20 gift voucher of her choice.

Thank you also to all parents/ carers who took the time to vote. It means a lot to all the staff that their efforts are recognised and appreciated.

There are always voting slips available in the lobby for parents/ carers to fill in and pop into the basket.

In order to make voting more convenient we attach a voting slip to the newsletter each month. You can either print this off at home and bring it in or fill it in online and email it to the office and we can pop it into the basket for you.

Birthdays

Throughout January we would like to wish a big “Happy Birthday” to the following children.

Zephy D - 1 year old

Lucas P - 2 years old

Amelia B - 2 years old

Ava K - 3 years old

Joel R - 3 years old

Dates for your Diary

Nursery re-opens as normal

- Tuesday 3rd January 2017

And Finally

December was a very hectic month for both staff and children alike. We were all delighted when Christmas Eve finally arrived so everybody could all have a well-earned rest.

As we start the first term of the New Year we look forward to working closely with all parents/ carers so that together we can achieve the best possible outcomes for all the children in our care.

A Happy New Year to everybody and may 2017 see all your dreams come true.

Noreen, Anna and all the staff at Toy Box Day Nursery