



Spring 2/2024

# Trinket Box Newsletter

## Dates for the Diary

- Monday 4th March (all week) - Can dress up as book character for World Book Day.
- Week commencing 4th March—Mothers Day Cupcakes (for parents who have ordered)
- 7th March—World Book Day
- 8th March—Professor Kaos Visits
- 12th March—Incredible Eggs arrive
- 13th March—Police Visit
- 14th March—Cyber Security Webinar by Police
- Thursday 28th March—last day of term
- 31st March—World Book Day tokens expire
- Monday 15th April—Return after Easter holidays
- Tuesday 16th April—Primary School National Offer Day
- In the pipeline, date to be confirmed—Save Our Planet and Oceans-focus on being environmentally friendly/recycling



## KINDNESS FROM THE HEART!



At Trinket Box, we don't ever sit on our laurels for long!

As you know we have our Trinket Box House Rules to promote appropriate behaviour and we also have our 'Super Manners Song' to help with being courteous to others.

We know the children love to feel rewarded for their actions so our lovely and very talented Natalie has been crocheting a new little incentive for the children! They will now be able to earn 'Kindness Hearts'.

A 'Kindness Heart' will be awarded to any children who have gone over and above and shown kindness towards others.

There has been some interest already so be prepared if your child proudly shows you one of our hearts. The idea is they can be tied to bags/shoes or even lunchboxes!



A SMILE TRANSLATES  
**KINDNESS**  
IN EVERY LANGUAGE

## National Primary School Offer Day

On 16th April, those families with children starting Reception in September 2024 will receive their 'offer' which details the school their child has been offered.

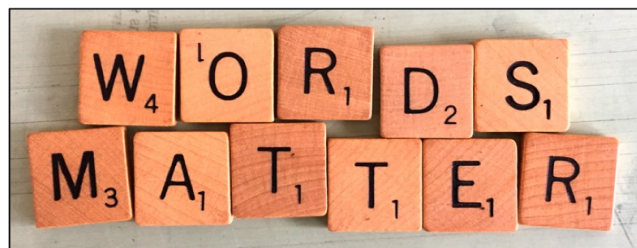


For those families staying with us please start thinking about sessions required from September please. We will ask you shortly what you would like and then we will be confirming places before working on our waiting list for our new intake.

## WORDS MATTER—Helping to safeguard your child and others

At Trinket Box we take our safeguarding role very seriously. Natalie is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Annabel will act in her absence. Both have Level 4 Safeguarding training. All our staff update their safeguarding and Prevent Duty training annually so their knowledge is fresh and they have an awareness of any local issues.

Both Natalie and Annabel attended some recent training run by a new charity called 'Words Matter'. Their aim is improve children's mental and physical health by ending verbal abuse by adults around them.



The training was powerful and the adults that influence the children the most with the words and actions they use are mentioned as parents/carers, teachers, friends, relatives and sports coaches. We are not saying that all these people verbally abuse the children around them, of course not. What we are saying is that sometimes, when tension is running high, the choice of words could be better perhaps and once said these words cannot be taken back. These may not be abusive words but just phrases that are belittling, derogatory, disrespectful and maybe fill the child with a sense of failure rather than building up their self esteem.

A phrase that arises in their campaign is **STOP, BREATHE, THINK, SPEAK**. This is to try and encourage adults to think before being too quick to respond.

### Please remember that in an emergency:

If things get too much for you, you may need to get out of your immediate environment and get urgent support. You can use Shout's free 24/7 crisis text service for mental health support on 85258 or [giveusashout.org](https://giveusashout.org).

OR

If you're worried about a child's safety, contact the NSPCC at [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or on 0800 800 5000.

If you would like to read more about the charity and it's aim please see the link below:

<https://wordsmatter.org/>

**LETS BUILD CHILDREN UP, NOT KNOCK THEM DOWN**

## Our Children's Council... Make Way for the Activity Police!



At Trinket Box the children have a voice and we care about how they feel and what they enjoy doing and playing with. This is why we have a 'children's council' aka the 'Activity Police' to help choose the toys and resources that we use.

Regularly staff will choose a group of children to consult with, discuss and choose the activities that are on offer. This empowers the children and makes them have a feeling of belonging in our Trinket Box 'family'. They can tell us why they like or dislike an activity/toy, what would improve/enhance their play and why. This helps them express themselves and even builds their problem solving abilities too!



## Flora, Fauna and Forest School



Forest School is one of our outstanding features. Whilst children can be a little reserved going for the first time, they soon get into the swing of Forest School learning and enjoy aspects such as risk assessment (your small people take this very seriously!), pond dipping, natural art, woodwork, leaf and insect identification and the awe and wonder of nature itself.

A quiet child may be very different at Forest School as the environment is quieter and they often find a voice amongst a smaller group of peers. In the last year before school, children will participate in a six week FS programme as part of our curriculum (as long as expected fees are paid). There is also the option to select more sessions afterwards and Natalie asks whether you would like this on her feedback form. Here are the fee details in case this would be something of interest to you:

**Option A: 6 FS sessions within normal attendance pattern £36**

**Option B: 6 sessions at times outside of normal attendance pattern £108 (this only works for non 30 hour attendees unfortunately)**

In the summer term Natalie will offer taster sessions for the younger age range, providing they are over 3 years old. The cost for these are : 2 taster sessions for £12



## QUOTE CORNER— Making Memories

We saw this lovely little quote so thought we would share it!

Here at Trinket Box, your child **WILL** get messy but they will be having a smashing time! It's all part of exploration, making sense of the world and play!

**This is also a reminder to dress your child in old clothes at pre-school. We use a mixture of different resources and cannot be responsible for any stains to clothing.**

THE MUD WILL  
WASH OFF  
BUT THE  
MEMORIES  
WILL LAST  
A LIFETIME.

# Recycling Reminder

## BAG2SCHOOL-Friday 3rd MAY

Are you having a clear out? Then why not bag the clothes up and donate them to us for our recycling scheme? We receive money for every kilo donated which will help buy some new resources for the children.

These are the items that can be donated if they are in good condition: men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Please place your items in a bag (clear, black, carrier or shopping) and drop your items to us week commencing 29th April. **We do the rest!**



## TERRACYCLE

### What is Terracycle?

It is an innovative recycling company and a global leader in recycling typically hard-to-recycle waste. Their aim is to eliminate the idea of waste, rather than it all going to landfill, being incinerated, or left as litter on the streets - they want to make new products and materials out of it all.

### What we are recycling:

- All brands of cracker, cake and biscuit wrappers (plastic, not card)
- Any brands of plastic bread bags and closure tags
- Any brand of bakery plastic packaging (e.g. plastic trays, zipper bags, plastic packs, etc.)



## **COMMITTEE FOCUS.....Breakfast/After School Club**



We've reached out to families as we have been approached in the past regarding offering longer hours. With the introduction of the new funding for working parents for 2 year olds in April, we know that more families may be wanting to access longer hours. This could also be advantageous if you have another child accessing an after school club.

Some of you have responded to Annabel's email and expressed an interest. If you are still mulling over the options we would ask you to indicate whether extra hours may be required.

As a Committee we will make the decision whether the expansion of hours is viable, given the costs to take into account to offer this.



Thank you, Trinket Box Committee

## STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

If you feel that a member of staff has gone over and above the norm, please nominate them for 'Staff Member of the Month'.

The Committee takes into consideration all the nominations and then awards staff members with the title. Staff at Trinket Box take pride in their work and endeavour to work with you for the benefit of your child. They do have a job role but we feel that often they go over and above that.

Your input DOES count. ALL nominations are read and shared. Nominations can be made using the nomination slips in the foyer, or by email to [annabel@thetrinket.org.uk](mailto:annabel@thetrinket.org.uk) or [natalie@thetrinket.org.uk](mailto:natalie@thetrinket.org.uk)

Thank you

