

TRINKET BOX NEWSLETTER

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A LITTLE BIT OF FAIRY DUST.....



OUR DUMMY FAIRIES

Here's our dummy fairies, Daisy and Dash. They can help you ditch your child's dummy to improve speech and encourage correct tooth growth.

Here's how.....

- 1) Tell us you are trying to ditch the dummy and want to try the scheme.
- 2) We will talk to your child about our fairies and the fact that they can take the dummies to new babies that need them.
- 3) You bring in all of the dummies. We talk to your child and explain what the fairy does with all the dummies. We give you one dummy back secretly (purely as a back up in case emotions are running too high). DO NOT let your child know you have it, it is for emergency only!
- 4) Your child receives a special letter from one of the fairies, sprinkled with fairy dust obviously!
- 5) Parents to report back the next session if successful and we give your child a special certificate to celebrate their achievement.

We have a huge success rate with this scheme so why not give it a try!



BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We offer breakfast club from 7.45am, early start from 8.30am and after school club until 4pm every day! Got an early start? Never fear as we can take ad hoc bookings too! Natalie runs these so please email us for more information. Yoga, arts and crafts, games, stories, nature walks and lots more are on offer!



UPCOMING EVENTS

4TH OCTOBER - BAG2SCHOOL

Bags can be dropped off week of 30th September

OCT DATES LISTED IN NEWSLETTER -
TINYTALES STORYTELLERS

Hannah will be coming to thrill the children with her interactive storytelling

11TH NOVEMBER - PORTRAIT PHOTOS

Little Urchins will be here to take photos - an email will follow with more details

2025 Primary School Admissions

If your child is 4 years old before 31st August 2025, then they will start school in September 2025.

Primary school admissions are now open and you can apply for your child's school place by using this link:

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions-1>

All in a Day's Play.....



Counting, colours and a whole lot more learning opportunities



Which one is the tallest?



Making new friends



Ready, steady go.....



Too cool for school!



Anyone for ice cream?

Extra Sessions

- What you need to know.....
- As soon as you know that you want to increase sessions, please let Annabel know. We have waiting lists forming for some days and all sessions are subject to availability.
- Funding is claimed at the beginning of each term so if you increase mid-term, you must meet the cost.
- The legal ratio requirement for under 3's is 1 adult per 5 children. At Trinket Box we have maintained the old ratio of 1:4. We deem this to be safer for the children.

Language, Literacy and Library



Books are an excellent learning tool and having our Trinket Box library enables the children to have access to different books every school day.

It gives the children the freedom to choose a book, share it with you at home and come back and exchange it for another. They earn stickers, stamps, certificates and little prizes the more they read!

Tinytales Storytellers are coming to Trinket Box in October

Enhanced Provision Fees cover little extras like educational visitors. We are kicking off this term with Tinytales and there will be four visits in total over different days. This means that your child will see at least one story telling session during their normal attendance pattern. Tinytales will deliver four different stories and these involve lots of interaction and normally a host of puppets and props.

Tinytales dates are:

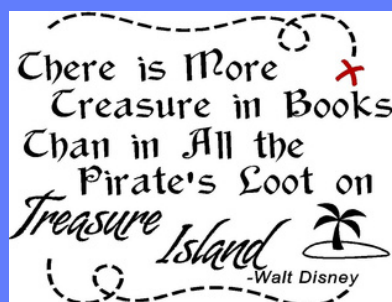
Tuesday 8th October - afternoon
Thursday 17th October - morning
Monday 21st October - morning
Friday 25th October - afternoon

Stan Has a Plan by Dan (Rivers)

We always like to celebrate success stories in our local community and one of our parents has become an author!

Dan Rivers, a local teacher, shares numerous stories with his two boys but he has recently penned his own children's picture story book aimed at 5-8 year olds. The book has a rhyming script and this is really popular with children as they learn rhyming strings.

The book is available through Waterstones and Amazon and here is a link for more information: <https://danielrivers-author.co.uk/about-the-book/>



Our sentiment exactly...open a book and be immersed in another world!

Any book can encourage conversation which in turn builds vocabulary and enhances speech. A thought provoking tool at your fingertips!



Committee Focus

Amongst parents, we know that we have a very large skill set and that some of you may be employed by large companies. Do any of your employers offer any schemes such as match funding for local charities? We have been fortunate enough over the past two years to receive such donations and we can't thank parents enough. As a charity ourselves, we are open to a helping hand in whatever form that may present itself. It may be that large companies offload something that we can recycle. We've had striped printer paper for the children to draw on in the past for example. Companies may match fund or offer a 'manpower' day. Whatever it is, we're the charity to receive it! Please let us know if you feel you can help.

Thank you
Trinket Box Committee

Can You Help?

We are often requesting many weird and wonderful things that we can use here at Trinket Box. Here's the list so please let us know if you can help:

- Old mobile phones (we use these to take photos and transfer to Tapestry)
- Old phones for role play area
- Any collage materials like different papers, wallpaper, sequins, buttons etc
- Paper and Card
- Boxes, containers for junk modelling (that haven't contained nut products)
- Discarded flowers (as in ones that are dying off that you've had in a vase)
- Lavender, herbs (living or dried lavender)
- Small settee and disposal of our existing one! (our current one is very worn and we have a cover that we have to replace frequently!)

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 by email to annabel@thetrinket.org.uk or natalie@thetrinket.org.uk

Thank you



How are we doing?

We thrive to improve our service and reflective practice is the key to success! If you have a minute, please leave us some feedback.....<http://www.thetrinket.org.uk/feedback.php>