



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

Wednesday 8th February 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy start to the New Year we've had! I would like to give a very warm welcome to our 30 new children and their families. We've had a very exciting start to the spring term, with our Family Champions coffee morning/afternoon, 'Small Steps' into work CALAT course, toilet training workshops, gardening club, 'wear what you wish' fundraising day (which raised £100!), cooking workshop and visits from the firefighters and police this week for our 'people who help us' week. I'd like to thank our staff for all of their efforts in leading so many exciting events for our families and children. Please make a note of the dates below, for next half term:

- Last day of half term– Friday 10th February**
- Children return to nursery– Monday 20th February**
- Stay and Play- every Wednesday morning 9-10.30am**
- 2yr olds Family Reading workshops– every Tuesday at the start of the session**
- Speech and Language advice clinic (pm)– Tuesday 21st February**
- Pancake day– Tuesday 28th February**
- eSafety and useful websites workshop– Thursday 2nd March**
- Speech and Language advice clinic (am)– Tuesday 7th March**
- Gardening club– Friday 10th March**
- Sharing Success day– Friday 17th March**
- Keyworker week– Monday 20th-Friday 24th March**
- Last day of term– Friday 31st March**

Our parents' notice board is updated regularly with news, events and information, as is our fabulous nursery website: www.thns.org. Please have a look at our photo galleries online!

Ladybirds (2yr olds) Family Reading course

After half term, Karen Edwards will be leading a Family Reading course for our 2yr olds, every Tuesday at the start of your child's session. In these sessions families will learn how to engage their children in reading and will make props to support story telling. There will also be a focus on how children's speech and language can be developed through reading. Please speak to Karen for more information, or to sign-up.



Punctuality and attendance

A BIG well done to those children who have 100% attendance so far this term. They will receive a special certificate later this week. Please ensure that your child is on time for their nursery session every day and if you are running late then please call the nursery office on 020 8684 0494. If children are persistently late they miss valuable learning opportunities and teaching time. Please make an extra effort to get your child in school on time if you are frequently late, which will also help you get into good habits before your child starts school. Having good attendance at nursery is really important in making sure that your child has the best opportunity to learn and develop well.



Polite reminder - mobile phones

Please ensure that your mobile phone is in your pocket when you're in the nursery and that you finish calls before coming in. We've also noticed more parents trying to sneak past us with headphones! Please do not use your phone, as your child is excited to tell you about their day at nursery.



Speech and Language Advice Clinic

Jayne Nicholls (a Croydon Speech and Language Therapist, SALT) will be leading two advice clinics after half term– see dates above. The referral criteria has changed in Croydon and from now on you must attend a 'Chatterbox' session or an advice clinic if you'd like your child to be seen by a therapist. We have been fortunate enough to arrange two advice clinics at THNS for our families (21st February and 7th March), so if you would like to meet with Jayne then please speak to Jo ASAP as places are limited.

