

# Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter February 2019



## **Dear Parents and Carers**,

We've had a busy half term welcoming our new children and families to THNS and we're pleased that everyone has settled well into their school routine.

Please make a note of the dates below, for next half term:

Stay and Play: every Wednesday morning 9-10.30am (drop in, no booking required)

Week beginning Monday 11th February: 'People who help us' week

**Thursday 14th February:** Toilet training workshop (8.45am & 12.45pm)

Friday 15th February: Last day of half term

**Monday 25th February**: Children return after half term break

Week beginning Monday 4th March: World Book Week

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (details to follow)

**Thursday 14th March**: Gardening Club (weather permitting)

Friday 15th March: Comic Relief fundraising event (details to follow)

Friday 22nd March: Sharing Success Day

Weeks beginning Monday 25th March & Monday 1st April: Keyworker Weeks

**Thursday 6th June:** Digital Learning Workshop (8.45am & 12.45pm)

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!

### Message from the school governors

As we approach the half way point of the school year, the THNS governors would like to reflect on the changes at the school and the amazing achievements of the staff and children. Welcome officially to Jenette and Chris who have moved in to the Heads of Nursery role and are doing a fantastic job co-leading the school. The governing body was extremely happy to hear of the progress children are making at the school at our February meeting. If you would like to understand more about the role governors play at THNS or have any questions, please email me at chair@THNS.org . We hope you all have a happy and restful half term holiday.

Kind regards Sophie Richardson (Chair of Governors)

A huge thank you to all of our families who supported the 2019 Safer Internet Awareness Week. It was great to see parents seeking the advice of their children's keyworkers, taking handouts and supporting one another in keeping their families safe online! Remember: zip it, block it, flag it! Keep an eye out for our upcoming digital learning and e-safety workshop—details to follow!



### Pushchairs, prams and buggies

With the arrival of the cold, damp weather, many of you will have noticed the increase in the number of pushchairs and buggies parked in the office foyer. To avoid blocking our fire exit and to prevent our children becoming hurt, we are asking all parents to remove their children from their pushchairs if they are awake and park their empty pushchair in the red sheltered bay and not bring them into the waiting area. The only exceptions will be buggies or push-

chairs with **sleeping** children in them. Please be aware that parents who park their empty pushchairs in the foyer, will immediately be asked to remove them. our co-operation with this health and safety requirement is appreciated.

### Punctuality and attendance

A BIG well done to those children who have 100% attendance so far this term. They will receive a special certificate very soon. 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.

#### Primary school places

Families will receive an email from eAdmissions on Tuesday 16th April with your child's primary school offer. You must respond to this by Tuesday 30th April. We'll remind families nearer the time and offer support if needed.

Don't forget to check out our online weekly news stories about the children's learning, phot gallery compilations and much more! www.thns.org

**Chris Mead** Head of Nursery

Jenette Indarsingh Head of Nursery