

Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now in the final half term of this academic year with only 5 weeks left until we break for the summer term. It has been another difficult year working within the covid 19 restrictions and once again it has had a huge impact on how we would normally run the nursery and what we have been able to offer parents. With the disappointing (although necessary) news that the current restrictions will not be lifted for another 4 weeks we are having to re-think some of our usual end of year events. We have been told that outdoor events can still go ahead but with some restriction on the number of people that are allowed to "gather"! With this in mind we are planning to hold several end of year picnics (details below) and face to face keyworker meetings (details below), we are also hoping to do a summer raffle!

I can't thank you enough for working with us to ensure that the children, their families and the staff at Thornton Heath Nursery have remained safe and well throughout these difficult times.

End of year picnic

On the 21st July 2021 (weather / covid restrictions permitting) we would like you to join your child for a picnic in our outdoor area. This year we will not be able to do this as one "big" event so we are looking at holding two picnics, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. If your child attends full time they will be able to join the afternoon picnic. I will write to you nearer the time with a more detailed explanation but please try to keep the 21st July 2021 free!



Keyworker meetings

The weeks beginning the 12th and 19th July are our designated keyworker weeks. Your child's keyworker will be getting in touch with you soon to organise a time to come and discuss their nursery school report and progress whilst at the nursery. If your child is leaving the nursery to move on to primary school in September you will also be able to collect their learning journey.

Plea from Caroline (Our office manager)

We are currently completing our admissions for September 2021. Please let us know by Friday 25th June 2021 if your child will be attending a different **nursery** from September 2021. We have a long waiting list of children needing nursery places and we really need to know who will be returning in September so that we can offer the right number of places.

Polite reminder

There has been a huge increase in the number of children arriving late for their nursery session and also being picked up late after their nursery session. When children are late they miss out on important learning opportunities and also disrupt the learning of others. Entry in to the morning session is between 08.30am - 08.45am, and 12.30pm - 12.45pm for the afternoon session. Any later and your child receives a late mark against their name which stays on their school record. Please also remember that there is a late collection fee at the end of each session which is detailed in our Protocol for Late Collection and Non-Collection.

Magic booking

Please remember to book your weekly sessions in advance, Sunday is the last day you can book for the following week. As stated in the contract if you miss three bookings in succession your child's place at the nursery could be at risk. Outstanding balances will need to be cleared by Monday 19th July 2021. Remaining debt will put your child's place at risk for a September return to the nursery. Please be aware that if your child is a school leaver we will continue to 'chase' any outstanding debt.

Head of Nursery

Please remember to keep checking our website THNS.org for our news stories and updates. You can also contact us through emailing keepintouch@THNS.org

Please continue to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting your child as this helps me to keep my staff safe.