



Thornton Heath Nursery School

Newsletter Thursday 5th November 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you were all able to enjoy the well deserved half term break. We had a brilliant start to the year and our children enjoyed lots of exciting events last half term. I would like to take this opportunity to say a great BIG thank you to the many parents who gave up their time to come into the nursery and lead activities. Please take time to look at the Black History picture books in the class libraries, reception area and on our website. We'd also like to give a big welcome to Joanne Newman, who has joined THNS as our new Office Administrator! Please remember that our parents' notice board is updated regularly with news, events and information, as is our nursery website: www.thns.org.

Black History—International Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our International Evening before half term. It was fantastic to see so many parents and children enjoying a meal together. A special thank you for those of you who made such delicious food for us all to share. The Djembe drumming performance by the Ecclesbourne pupils was superb and our children really enjoyed the opportunity to take part.



Applications for Primary School

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2016 then you must apply for a primary school place for them **by Thursday 15th January**. Applications can be made online at www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions. We are running workshops to support families with this process on **Wednesday 11th November**, straight after you've dropped your child off. If you can't attend this workshop but would still like some support, then speak to the school office to make an appointment. **Failure to get your child's application in on time can jeopardise the chances of getting a place at a school of your choice.**

'Parents into Reading Workshop'

Thank you to those of you who attended the 'Parents into Reading' workshop this week. Every Wednesday at the beginning of each session, we're inviting parents to come into the nursery and read with their children. Please look out for our upcoming workshops:

- ▶ Primary Admissions Workshop: Wednesday 11th November
- ▶ Maths Workshop: Wednesday 18th November



Home Learning Packs

During our 'Parents into Reading' workshop, we introduced our 'Home Learning Packs' which can be borrowed from our library. These are fun and exciting packs for you to borrow, which include a range of activities and resources to support you child's learning at home. Please return them to the box in the reception area when you've finished, so that we can check the resources for the next family to use.



Mud Kitchen

Our new 'Mud Kitchen' in our 3 & 4 year old garden is now open! Please can you ensure that your child does not come into nursery in their best clothes!



All children must have...

- Labelled spare clothes
- A labelled warm, winter coat
- Labelled wellington boots, to keep in the nursery
- Extra nappies (if they wear them).

Dates for your diary:

- 11/11/15:** Primary Admissions Workshop
- Week starting 16/11/15:** Maths Week
- 18/11/15:** Maths Workshop
- Week starting 23/11/15:** Road Safety Week
- 17/12/15:** Christmas Family Fun Day!

Please check the parents' notice board and website weekly for any other dates, workshops or events...

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Once you have collected your child from the nursery staff, please ensure that they stay with you to leave the building and don't run ahead of you.

Please could you...

- Donate any old wellington boots you have at home to the nursery
- Our 2 year old room is asking for families to bring in any food packets from their home cultures, ideally with different languages on. Please ask Ruth for more info.

Debbie Butler
Head of Nursery