



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

Monday 14th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year! We are pleased to see that all of our returning children have come back eager to learn and play. We would like to give a very warm welcome to our lovely new children and their families who will be joining us over the next few weeks.

We are very pleased to welcome Claire Smith and Jody Paterson to THNS, who are Early Year's Educators in our nursery room provision. They both come to us with a wealth of early year's knowledge and a passion for "growing" resilient, independent learners.

We would like to thank you all for being supportive of the systems that we have put in place to help keep our children, families and staff safe during these difficult times. I know that some of the changes mean that it takes a little longer for some of you to drop and collect your children but I thank you all for your patience and understanding which is helping to keep everyone safe. We look forward to working with you over the coming year. It has been a hectic start to the term but things have been running remarkably smoothly given all the new procedures that we have had to implement.

Please ensure that we have a current mobile phone number for you so that we can keep you informed via text of any changes that may have to take place.

Finally, a polite reminder that the school is currently closed to visitors and no parents should enter the building. Should you wish to speak to the school office please ring between **08:15-11.30** or **12.30-15.30**.

Our fabulous nursery website is updated regularly with news, events and information:
www.thns.org

Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 18th September 2020

On Friday 18th September, all of our children and staff are invited to wear jeans and denim for the day in order to support the 'Jeans for Genes' charity. A donation pot will be available at the gate as you drop off your child to the nursery.



Coronavirus symptoms

As you can imagine, it has been a tricky time getting all the children back in to school and we are all trying to make sure that we can keep everyone safe while at the same time not sending children home un-necessarily. Whenever children get together, there will inevitably be coughs, colds, sniffles and sneezes. Also, we recognise that every time a child has temperature or a cough it doesn't necessarily mean that they have Coronavirus. However, we also have a duty to try and keep everyone safe and ensure that the virus is not in school and spreading. We ask that people make themselves aware of the symptoms of coronavirus and exercise caution and judgement when considering whether or not your child can be in school. By working together we can keep everyone safe but also ensure that children aren't missing out on school with minor illnesses. If a child displays symptoms in school we will be in touch with you and ask you to get a test. I have published an article on the THNS website from Public Health England which gives advice about what to do if you have a confirmed COVID case in your household. Please go to http://thns.org/media/Easy_read_household_isolation.pdf to read the article.



Learning opportunity

THNS works closely with CALAT to support parents with their own professional development. This year CALAT is running an exciting ESOL course where you will be able to learn and improve your English in a fun learning environment. Please go to <http://thns.org/media/ESOL-Int-A5-Legacy.pdf> for further information

Safeguarding

Please remember to notify us if somebody different to the “norm” will be collecting your child. This is imperative to our safeguarding procedures. It is particularly vital at the beginning of the year when we might not have met all family members. We operate a password system whereby you must give the office (if you telephone to notify us) or your child’s keyworker a password that you have agreed with the person collecting your child. **If we have not been notified of this we will not let the child go until we have contacted the person that usually collects.**

Jenette Indarsingh (Head of Nursery)