



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Easter holidays are fast approaching and we have several important events between now and then! Please make a note of the dates below, for the remainder of the term. An additional news letter will be sent out with the summer term dates on.

 Stay and Play: every Wednesday morning 9-10.30am (drop in, no booking required) 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 Last day of term Friday 5th April

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: <u>www.thns.org</u>. Please have a look at our photo galleries online!

Red Nose Day

This year's theme at Thornton Heath Nursery School is WEAR IT RED!! We are asking the children to come to school dressed in red or wearing something red—this is for a £1 donation for Comic Relief. We are also running a competition for adults—for more information about this see Nadia and Faye! We will not be selling red noses this year to support becoming a more eco friendly school however if your child wishes to wear a red nose these can be bought locally. Please note—we can't be responsible for any lost noses !!

<u>Milk</u>

At the end of both the morning session and the afternoon session we provide milk for the children to take home. We would like to remind you that this is for the children of Thornton Heath Nursery and although we would love to be able to provide milk for all the children that walk through our doors this is not possible. On several occasions there has not been enough milk for all our children as they leave the nursery and this is largely due to the number of siblings that are helping themselves to milk during "pick up" time at the end of the day. Please encourage older siblings not to help themselves to milk unless a member of staff has said that they can, this way we can ensure that all of the nursery children who wish to have milk can do so. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Easter egg raffle

In order to hold our annual Easter raffle, we are asking for donations of Easter eggs or other items suitable for an Easter raffle such as soft toys (rabbits, chicks etc) or Easter craft kits. Please could donations be brought to the nursery by Monday18th March so that we can display them in our lobby area. This raffle is always a popular even and we would like to start selling tickets from the 18th March. The raffle draw will take place in the final week of this term and winners announced. All money raised will go back in to THNS funds.

Punctuality and attendance

As the weather has improved we have noticed a big improvement in attendance at THNS, well done. Punctuality is still an area that needs to improve and we would like to politely remind you that this is not only important when dropping your child off at the beginning of a session but also when you pick up at the end of a session. Small children can often get anxious if their adult is not there to pick them up, especially when they see all their friends leaving with their families. The nursery has a charging policy for late collection which is displayed in the corridor and is also available on the schools website. In the event of late collection a fee will be charged in order to pay for staffing costs that caring for a child outside their normal nursery hours may incur.

Parent survey

Our annual parent survey is now available online at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V9ZZWN2, all surveys are anonymous unless you wish to share your identity. We use the information from your completed surveys to ensure that we are offering you support where you have requested it and to make sure that the children at THNS get the best possible start in life.

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



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