



## Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

### Tuesday 19th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half term which has been a busy but also exciting time for all!

I wanted to send out a final letter for this half term with some last minute news and updates but most importantly to thank you all for making the first half term back at school a success.

We would like to remind you that the school closes at **3.30pm** on **Friday 22nd October 2021** and doesn't re-open until **8.30 am Thursday 4th November 2021**.

Have a fantastic half term break. If you would like to send any photographs of days out or activities that you do at home during the time off please feel free to do so using the [keepintouch@THNS.org](mailto:keepintouch@THNS.org) email address.

Best wishes

Jenette and the THNS team.

### **100% Attendance**

Some of the children will be bringing home certificates this week in recognition of their outstanding attendance for this half term. We strive to support families to maintain an attendance rate of 95%, giving children the best start in life possible for their onward educational journey when there is a similar expectation.



### **Gold awards**

We encourage children to celebrate their individual achievements on a daily basis in order to grow a sense of self pride but also to understand that we can be proud of others. This term we have launched our "Gold Award" certificates which focus on the Characteristics of Effective Learning which are: Playing & Exploring, Active Learning and Creating and Thinking Critically. Staff have had to make some very difficult choices about who to award a certificate to for this half term and I have been told several times that they could have awarded a certificate to each and every child for various reasons. The Gold Award certificates will continue to be awarded throughout the year so please do not be disappointed if your child has not brought one home this time. There will be plenty more opportunities to be given a certificate.

### **Becoming more Eco friendly**

In a bid to become more eco friendly we have decided not to hand out paper copies of the newsletter anymore. The newsletter will be uploaded on to our new website **THNS.org** and you will receive a text with a direct link to the letter so that you can read it at your leisure. To help with this transition to a paperless news letter we will still display a couple of enlarged letters in the entrances to the nursery whilst you get used to this.

### **Help please!!**

Please could you remember to write your child's name in their clothes but particularly those clothes that might be removed during the day for example coats, hats etc. There are many children with the same items and it is very difficult for us to identify which coat belongs to who if the coats are identical. Although we teach the children to hang their coats on their own pegs they are often in such a rush to continue with their learning that they put them on the wrong peg or not on a peg at all!!

### **Safeguarding**

Please remember to notify us if somebody different to the "norm" will be collecting your child. This is imperative to our safeguarding procedures. 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 who usually collects.**

(Head of Nursery)