



# Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

## Monday 16th December 2024



Dear parents and carers,

We had a wonderful day last week with the children (and staff!!) looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers! We raised a fantastic £67 for Save The Children—thank you for your generous donations.

This is the final newsletter for 2024 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support as we navigate our way in to 2025! We consider ourselves to be very lucky that we have such a wonderful group of children, parents and carers that make up our Thornton Heath Nursery School family.

It saddens me to tell you that our fantastic Jody is leaving us at the end of this term to take on a new challenge. We would like to thank her for the commitment that she has shown towards ensuring that the children of THNS get the best possible start in life. Good luck Jody—make sure you keep in touch.

Tracey Salmon and Demie Purchase will be joining us in January 2024. Tracey will be working in the big nursery room and Demie will be joining the staff in the ladybird room. Tracey and Demie are currently working within the early years sector and they are both very excited to be part of our team. After a successful interview, Jackie (who many of you know already) is taking on the new role of Early Year's Educator in the big nursery room.

We still have a couple of exciting events coming up:  
 17th December 2024: Sing-a-long at St Alban's Church  
 20th December 2024: Children's Christmas party 11am– 2pm

On behalf our everyone at the nursery I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas, happy holiday and a peaceful New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all when we return in January 2025.

Jenette



### Tapestry

You should all have access to the tapestry app. We use it to share photos of your child / children learning during their time at the nursery but did you know that you can also upload your own photos on the app? It would be wonderful to see some photos of how you spend your two week break from the nursery. At the end of the year there is an option to download all of the photos on Tapestry which makes a wonderful memory book for you and your child.

### Primary school applications

The application for primary school has to be made by 15th January 2025, this must be completed through e-admissions at [www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions). This can be quite a daunting process and we recognise that for many of you this will be the first time you have had to make this type of application. If you need help to make the application please contact the school office and arrange a time with Caroline for some support. Hopefully you will have been able to visit some schools in the local area and are in a position to make an informed decision.

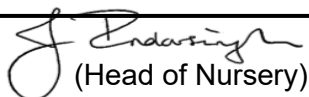
### Cold weather and appropriate clothing

I suspect that the weather will be even colder when we return in January. Please ensure that your child has a **labelled** thick coat, scarf, hat and gloves. Unfortunately we can not be responsible for items of clothing that go missing, especially if they have not been labelled with a name. Gloves are particularly hard to keep track of, there are many companies that sell "clips" that can be used to attached gloves to a sleeve which might save you some money in the long run! We have a mud kitchen and lots of 'messy' play activities at nursery, so please make sure that children are dressed in clothing which you don't mind getting dirty.



### Health and safety

In order to make sure that everyone who enters and leaves our premises is safe we would like to remind you that the children should be walking in and out of the nursery and should not be carried. This is even more vital during the spring and summer terms as there are increasing numbers of children attending. Please also remember not to give your child food to eat until they have left the premises as we have many children with allergies.

  
 (Head of Nursery)



Remember to check our website for regular updates and to see news stories about your child's learning at [THNS.org](http://THNS.org)