



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

Tuesday 18th January 2022



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022! We'd like to offer a very warm welcome to our new children and families who are joining us this term as well as a "welcome back" to the rest of the children. We have been really impressed with how quickly the children have settled in to the new term particularly those children that have moved in to the "big" nursery room. A huge well done!

In the last news letter I informed you that Lala Aslanova was joining us as a teaching assistant this term, I am pleased to announce that Lala has now joined the Ladybird room in the morning as an Early Years Educator and will carry on her teaching assistant role in the nursery room in the afternoons. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Lala to our Thornton Heath Nursery School family.

Supporting Croydon Residents

After receiving funding from government, the council has now launched a fund to support residents who are struggling to buy food, heat their home or purchase essentials such as fridge/freezer, oven/microwave, a bed or bedding.

Residents can refer themselves or a school can refer on a parent/carers' behalf, with their permission. Residents must be able to demonstrate that they do not have funds to cover the items being requested and will need to evidence any income and provide a bank statement.

Full details and application form can be found at the link below.

Applications for food/fuel will be processed within 48 hours and household items, within 4 weeks.

For more information go to www.croydon.gov.uk/benefits/household-support-fund-hsf



Punctuality and attendance

We are very concerned about the number of late arrivals to the nursery each morning, this is not only unsettling for your own child but it can also cause a health & safety risk as we have to maintain a legal adult to child ratio and often have to move staff around at last minute to accommodate the children that have arrived late.

Our nursery morning session starts at **08.30am** with a 15min entry time. If your child arrives after **08.45am** they are recorded as being late on the register. Our focused teaching and learning groups start at 09.00am. If your child arrives after **09.00am** you might be asked to wait with them until our teaching and learning groups have finished to avoid disrupting the learning of others.

We understand that there are occasions that you might be running late which is entirely acceptable however continuous lateness does mean that your child is missing out on learning.

*Please ensure that your child is on time for their nursery session every day (8.30am or 12.30pm) so that they do not miss any learning time. If your child is absent for any reason, please phone the nursery office on **020 86840494** to let us know.*

Safeguarding and Health & Safety

There has been an increasing number of older siblings entering our nursery at the end of the day. Whilst it is pleasing to see so many of them wanting to help collect the younger children it is also causing us some concern. Please ensure that any siblings stay with you whilst you are waiting for your child. Our outdoor learning space is not to be used as a "playground" whilst you wait, many of the resources outside are bought specifically for nursery aged children and they are at risk of being damaged if older children are using them.



Cold weather and appropriate clothing

As the weather gets colder, 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. We promote independence as part of the nursery curriculum so please make sure that your child is able to put on their coat - there is a video on our website thns.org/news/home-learning-dear-zoo which demonstrates how we teach children to put their coat on independently.



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Please continue to read our new stories on the website. It would be really helpful if you could click on the heart shape above each story. This will help us to monitor how many people are looking at the website.



Spring term calendar 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24th January	25th January	26th January	27th January	28th January Big garden bird watch		
31st January National Story Telling Week	1st February Chinese New Year 	2nd February	3rd February	4th February		
7th February 	8th February Safer internet day Leaflets and information available about how to stay safe online	19th February	10th February	11th February Last day of half term	12th	13th
14th February Half Term	15th February Half term	16th February Half term	17th February Half term	18th February Half term	19th	20th
21st February Return to nursery	22nd February	23rd February	24th February	25th February	26th	27th
28th February Book week	1st March Pancake day 	2nd March	3rd March World Book Day (come to nursery dressed as a book character) 	4th March	5th	6th
7th March	8th March	9th March	10th March	11th March	12th	13th
14th March Sharing Success week (A chance to see your child's learning)						
21st March Keyworker week (parent consultations)	22nd March	23rd March	24th March	25th March	26th	27th
28th March Keyworker week (parent consultations)	29th March	30th March	31st March	1st April	2nd	3rd
4th April	5th April	6th April	7th April Easter egg raffle 	8th April Last day of term	9th	10th