



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023! 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!

At the beginning of this academic year we decided to start using the main entrance for all families entering and exiting the nursery which we said we would review as the nursery got busier. I am pleased to say that this will continue. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to welcome everyone at the beginning of each session and say goodbye as they leave. It also means that Caroline and I are available to answer your questions and give gentle reminders about events, workshops, deadlines etc.

We have also started two community boards, one is in the two year old room and the other in the long corridor where the nursery children hang their coats. We will continue to update these boards with information about what is going on in your local area, where to find family support and other relevant information for families with young children. Please let us know if you become aware of any local events etc. that we could promote on these boards, we are keen to support our local community.

Please remember to finish phonecalls and put your phone away before entering the nursery. As part of our safeguarding procedures we do not allow the use of mobile phones in the nursery building.

We hope you have enjoyed the beginning of the spring term even though it has been incredibly cold and wet!!

Jenette and the THNS team.

Prams, buggies and pushchairs

Please remember to park your prams etc. under the shelter at the front of the nursery on the right hand side as you come through the gate. Unfortunately our lobby area is too small to accommodate waiting families as well as prams. We have to maintain clear entrances and exits in case we have to evacuate the building quickly for example if the fire alarm was to sound.



Welcome on Wednesday's

On Wednesday's you have the opportunity to spend a some time with your child in their learning environment when you drop them off as long as you arrive before the doors close at 08.45am (morning children and full time children) or 12.45pm (afternoon children). You can then stay with your child until 9.00am / 1pm when you will be asked to leave so that our normal teaching and learning can resume. Please make the most of this opportunity as the children really enjoy showing you what they have been doing whilst at school.



Safeguarding and Health & Safety

There has been an increasing number of older siblings entering our nursery at the beginning and end of the day. Whilst it is pleasing to see so many of them wanting to help settle or collect the younger children it is also causing us some concern. The nursery environment is very busy at the beginning and end of each session which makes it harder for us to check that each one of our children enters and leaves the premises safely. Siblings who are Year 1 or above are welcome to wait in the lobby area where Caroline and Jenette are happy to watch over them whilst nursery.



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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