



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

Monday 29th January 2024



Here is the first newsletter of 2024! 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!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Callie Stanley to the THNS team who has joined us as a teaching assistant in the pre-nursery room. We have also recruited a new Early Years Educator for the nursery room, she will be joining us after the half term break.

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

Jenette and the THNS team.

Our community boards are updated regularly with news, events and information, as is our fabulous nursery website: www.thns.org. Please have a look at our photo galleries online!

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 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. 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 below Year 1 can enter the nursery. Siblings who are Year 1 or above are welcome to wait in the lobby area however they must ensure that they are sat down or if standing, that they are away from the open doorways. If the number of children in the lobby area becomes a risk there might be a requirement for them to wait outside under the covered area at the bottom of the ramp. Please also remember that only **one** adult should drop off / collect your child, this will help reduce the number of adults entering / exiting the nursery which helps us keep your children safe.



Tapestry

Many of you will now be checking your Tapestry App regularly to receive photographs and messages about your child's learning and achievements during their week at the nursery. I just wanted to remind you that you can also add your own comments to these photos which the staff will see. There is also an option to upload your own photos on the Tapestry App to share with staff, we really enjoy seeing what the children do when they are not at school. You can also add some text to your photo. These photos from home provide a wonderful opportunity for conversation with staff encouraging the children to talk about their experiences.

Cold weather and appropriate clothing

The weather is due to get colder, please ensure that your child has a **labelled** thick coat, hat and gloves. Sadly we can not be responsible for items of clothing that go missing, especially if they have not been labelled with a name. Although the weather is cold outside, the indoor environment is wonderfully warm. Please don't put excessive amounts of clothes on your child as they get too hot. This also makes nappy changing more difficult and time consuming. 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 independently put their coat on.



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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.

