



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

Thursday 23rd January 2025



Here is the first newsletter of 2025! We would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined 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 Tracey Salmon and Demie Purchase to the THNS team who have joined us as Early Years Educators. Tracey is in the bigger nursery room with our 3-4 year olds and Demie is in the pre-nursery room with our two year olds. I would also like to congratulate Jackie Bell who is now working with us as an Early Years Educator having previously worked at the nursery as a Teaching Assistant for about 14 years!!!

Please remember we are here to help! We understand that being a parent is the most difficult but rewarding job in the world. Our open door policy means that you have opportunity for a quick chat at drop-off / collection times and if a longer appointment is needed an appointment can be made.

We hope you have enjoyed the beginning of the spring term even though it has been incredibly cold, wet and windy, we are already looking forward to some warmer days and sunshine.

Jenette and the THNS team.


Dates for your diary!

Through out the year we organise many family events including activity days, charity events and parent workshops. Some of these events link in with our teaching and learning for example we regularly collect food donations to support the St Alban’s Foodbank, this teaches our children about being good citizens and how we can help others less fortunate than ourselves. Our Chinese New Year celebrations teach children about different communities and broadens their knowledge about the wider world.

All of our events are advertised on our “Forget-me-not” board in the main corridor as well as on our website and through posters displayed in the nursery. We also send out regular text reminders as we understand how busy you all are and how easy it is to forget things!

Please see the **back** of this newsletter for the events coming up this half term, we hope that you will be able to support us with these.

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.

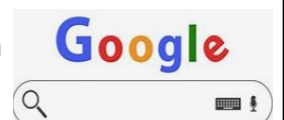


Website www.THNS.org

Our website provides you with a real insight into your child’s learning throughout the week and is also full of information about the nursery. 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. We also like to advertise community events on the website that your family and child can attend so if you know of any events coming up please let us know.



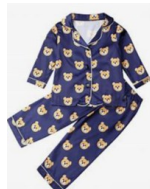
We would be really grateful if you could complete a “Google” review about the nursery as well. Many families in the local community still don’t know we are here and many children are missing out on the opportunity of having an early years education. All you need to do is google “Thornton Heath Nursery School”, click on the existing reviews and it will give you an option to add your own review.



Jenette Indarsingh
Head of Nursery

Diary Dates

29th January 2025 - Chinese New Year, it would be wonderful if they could wear something red to school on this day. Red is the luckiest colour in China and is a symbol of celebration, success and good fortune.



31st January 2025 - Pyjama day - wear pyjamas to school and bring a donation of food for the St Alban's Foodbank (see posters around the school)

5th February 2025 - World read aloud day, you are invited to come and share a book with your child (see posters around the school)



7th February 2025 - NSPCC Number Day, come to school dressed as a number and help raise money for the NSPCC



11th February 2025 - Safer Internet Day, various leaflets and information will be available to support you in keeping your child safe online



14th February 2025 - Last day of this half term, school closes at normal time

24th February 2025 - School re-opens for the second half of the spring term