



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

March 2022



Dear parents and carers,
It doesn't feel that long ago since I wrote the last news letter so I will apologise now if you feel overwhelmed with information. I have some important dates and exciting changes to share with you.

Welcome back!

Those of you that had children at THNS before the Christmas break will remember that Karen Edwards moved on to a new adventure at the end of the autumn term 2021. Although Karen has enjoyed the experience she has realised that she misses the families at THNS too much and that this is her "home". She will be re-joining the team in the pre-nursery after the Easter break and is very much looking forward to seeing all the children again and to meeting our new children.

Sharing success day—16th March 2022

On Wednesday 16th March 2022 you are invited to bring your child / children in to the nursery classrooms. You will then have an opportunity to look at your child's learning journey book with them and to see the learning environment. Although it is no longer a statutory requirement to wear a mask please feel free to do so if this is your preference. The rooms will be open to morning / fulltime parents from 08.30—08.55 and for afternoon parents from 12.30—12.55pm. There is no requirement to stay for the full 25 minutes however we do ask that you leave the classrooms promptly at 08.55 / 12.55 so that our normal timetables are not disrupted. Please also ensure that any siblings stay with you at all times.



Walk in Wednesdays!!

So that you feel more informed about your child's daily experiences in the nursery, parents will now be able to bring their child in to the nursery rooms every Wednesday instead of dropping them at the entrance doors. You will be able to help your child self register and settle them at a learning activity, this will also give you an insight in to the ever changing topics of learning that your child engages in. This is not quite the same as sharing success day as it is more of a come in and "drop-off" opportunity.

Red Nose Day—18th March 2022

On Friday children can wear their pyjamas to school for a minimum donation of 50p to help raise money for Comic Relief. Please ensure that your child is wearing clothes underneath their pyjamas, they must also wear their normal shoes to school as they will still be accessing the outdoor learning space.



Website updates

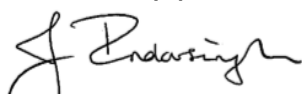
During book week we added videos of staff reading their favourite story. We had such positive feedback about this that I have decided to make it a permanent feature of the website, we will be working hard to create more videos for your child to enjoy. To access the stories please go to THNS.org > Main Menu > Parent Information > Storytime

Safeguarding

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are getting very impatient whilst waiting for their child at the end of the day. Our priority is that each child goes home safely with their parent which can take a little time. Staff will call your child when they see you and only once a member of staff has said their name will they leave the nursery room, please don't call out for your child as this can cause confusion. At the end of the day we often have round 60 children that need to be delivered safely to a family member so that they can make their journey home. If my staff believe that the safety of children is being compromised I will have to put new controls in place such as only allowing a given number of adults to enter the outdoor space at any one time, this will make the collecting process a lot slower which I would like to avoid. As parents / carers I am sure that you will all agree that child safety has to be a priority.



Polite reminder : Please do not allow your child to bring sweets to school. We have had several incidences recently where children have been giving other children their sweets which they have brought in to school in pockets etc. This is a risk to children with allergies as well as a risk to the individual dietary preferences of some families.


Head of Nursery