



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

Wednesday 13th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the school year! It's hard to believe that we have nearly come to the end of the first half term.

Your children have started off their school journey with lots of enthusiasm and are thoroughly enjoying new learning that has been put in place by Jim, Karen and the rest of the team.

We have introduced "drumming" and "claves" sessions as part of our weekly activities. Both of these activities encourage mathematical development, early identification of pattern in words, working together as a team and rhyme and rhythm.

A new nursery website is to be launched next week which we hope you will find as easy to use as the current one. We will continue to text you with links directly to new news stories, letters and other information as it arrives on the website.

We would like to remind you that the school closes at **3.30pm** on **Friday 22nd October 2021** and doesn't re-open until **8.30 am Thursday 4th November 2021**.

Finally, please remember that the nursery office is not "manned" between 11.30am and 12.30pm, if you need to speak to us please ring before 11.30am or after 12.30pm.

Valuing our heritage

We are very lucky to have a wide variety of spoken languages within the school and to celebrate this we will be focusing on a different languages throughout the year. We have started with a focus on Spanish as this is our most widely used language. The children have been learning basic phrases such as "Hola" (hello) and "Gracias" (thankyou) and they have been singing a Spanish "Hello" song.



Keyworker updates

Next week your child's keyworker will be ringing you to have a brief conversation about how your child has settled in to the nursery this half term - there will be longer key worker meetings next half term when you will get a chance to meet with the keyworker. Please see below for information about when your child's keyworker will ring.

Monday 18th October 2021 **Helen**

Tuesday 19th October 2021 **Karen** (Ladybirds), **Maria**

Wednesday 20th October 2021 **Jim**

Thursday 21st October 2021 **Kamile**, **Jody**

Friday 22nd October 2021 **Claire**



New website

Very soon we will be launching our new website which we hope you will find more user friendly. The existing website has been in place for over seven years so it is definitely time for it to be revamped! We will continue to text you with links to new stories, newsletters and other important communications.

Primary school applications

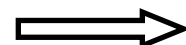
The application for primary school has to be made by 15th January 2022, this must be completed through e-admissions at www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions. This can be quite a daunting process and we recognise that for many of you this will be the first time you have had to make this type of application. If you need help to make the application please contact the school office and arrange a time with Caroline for some support.

Safeguarding

Please remember to notify us if somebody different to the "norm" will be collecting your child. This is imperative to our safeguarding procedures. We operate a password system whereby you must give the office (if you telephone to notify us) or your child's keyworker a password that you have agreed with the person collecting your child. **If we have not been notified of this we will not let the child go until we have contacted the person who usually collects.**

(Head of Nursery)

More information on
the other side



Plea from the nursery room (3 and 4 year olds)

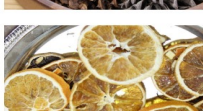
As part of our setting's celebration of our families we are asking parents and carers to email/send in photos of family networks. The photo could be at a celebration or gathering and can include whoever you see as your family network; close friends and partners, Grannies and Grandads, even next door neighbours! Please include the names by which your child knows the people in the photos and who they are; this will help us to support discussion around our families. If you are unable to print a photo at home you can email it to the keepintouch@THNS.org email address and we can print it off for you—make sure you remember to include the persons name.

We need your help!

We are trying to build up our resource bank of "loose parts"! These are items that you will find in your house and are often the things that you would throw away! Loose parts offer children infinite play opportunities, they allow children to do the thinking instead of the manufactured toy which has set directions. Please have a hunt around your home to see if you have any of the following items that you could donate or perhaps take a walk to the park and collect some items. We appreciate any donations made no matter how big or small.

Nature based loose parts

- Sticks
- Rocks
- Dried Flowers
- Leaves
- Seeds
- Pinecones
- Wood chips
- Shells
- Acorns
- Logs
- Sticks
- Feathers
- Anise Stars
- Cinnamon Sticks
- Nutmeg



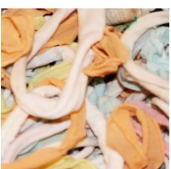
Wood reuse loose parts

- Corks
- Wooden Beads
- Golf Tees
- Dowels
- Wooden Blocks
- Candlesticks
- Napkin rings
- Wood scraps
- Wood pegs
- Scrabble pieces
- Wooden picture frames
- Thread spools



Ceramic and glass loose parts

- Ceramic tiles
- Glass Beads
- Gems
- Marbles
- Prisms
- Slate
- Flower pots
- Sea glass
- Glass vase beads



Plastic loose parts

- Milk Caps
- Plastic Bottles
- PVC pipes
- Reels
- Empty spice containers
- Curtain rings
- Hair rollers
- Straws
- CD cases
- Beads
- Bubble Wrap
- Lollipop sticks
- Buttons
- Funnels
- Plastic bead necklaces
- Golf balls
- Cups
- Hula hoops



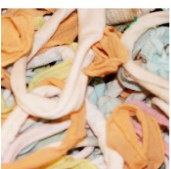
Metal loose parts

- Nuts and bolts
- Washers
- Tin foil
- Bangles
- Curtain rings
- Muffin tins
- Potato mashers
- Keys
- Bottle tabs
- Forks and spoons
- Metal lids
- Thimbles
- Door knobs
- Candle sticks



Fabric, yarn and ribbon loose parts

- Chiffon
- Twine
- Ribbon
- Silk
- Wool
- Ribbon
- Scarves
- Flags
- Yarn
- Embroidery thread
- Felt pieces
- Doilies
- Lace
- String



Packaging loose parts

- Packing
- Bubble Wrap
- Boxes
- Cardboard scraps
- Paper rolls
- Wrapping paper
- Painters tape
- Egg cartons
- Ribbon wheel
- Cereal boxes
- Paper scraps
- Rubber bands

