



**Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School**

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## NEWSLETTER

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



We are starting to see a change in the weather so that children will soon be coming in wearing hats and gloves.

Please ensure all hats and gloves have your **CHILD'S NAME WRITTEN ON THE LABEL** so that we can try to keep the right belongings with the right child! Ideally *all* clothes should be named but we are not able to keep on top of the hats and gloves without your help. Thank you!

### **HALF TERM HOLIDAY PLACES**

We break up for the half term holiday on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and we re-open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We have a few places for our holiday club. The cost is £60 per day (9.30-3.30). Please speak to Philli by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October if you would like to book a place.



### **NO SWEETS**

Please remember to remove any sweets from your child's pockets before you bring them to nursery school. We are a Healthy School and have a strict '**NO SWEETS**' **POLICY**. We also have a number of children who have serious allergies to a number of foods- many of which can be found in sweets and chocolate bars.



## ARRIVING ON TIME

Thank you so much for arriving on time to nursery for drop-off and collection. Now that we are well settled into nursery life, all families need to be arriving on time at **9.30am** or **1.30pm**.

Please remember:

- If you are not bringing your child to nursery, please always phone us before 9.00am.
- If you have an appointment and need to bring your child in a little later, please give us plenty of notice and with a clear arrival time. If you will be arriving very close to lunch-time, we ask you to give your child lunch at home first as arriving and going straight into lunch can be unsettling.
- If you do very occasionally arrive late, you are required to sit in the foyer until a member of our team can take your child to their room. Occasionally parents ignore this request and take their child to class. This is disruptive to the children who did arrive on time. Please respect our expectations regarding safe arrival and wait in the foyer as requested.

## CHILDREN'S INFORMATION FORMS

If your contact details change, including your phone number and home address, it is important that you update your records by seeing either Manoj or Philli in the office. Thank you.

## PARENT GOVERNOR- REMINDER

Would you like to know more about how we work, and help to shape the future of our nursery school? We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the school's governing body. The role of a school governor is an important and rewarding one. If you would like to put your name forward, please speak to Perina (who will put you in touch with our current parent governors). **The closing date for applications is: FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024.**

## CELEBRATION

Thank you to those of you who have come in this term to help us with activities or to celebrate Black History Month. We love families joining us and please speak to your key person if you would like get involved.



I am pleased to say that Amberliegh will be coming to Thomas Coram to deliver **DRUMMING SESSIONS** for all the children this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, as part of our Black History Month celebrations.



Amberliegh is a charity based in Islington.

Through participation in public performances, like as drumming and dancing, Amberliegh aims to empower kids to increase their self-esteem and confidence.

## DENTIST

50% of the children who attend Thomas Coram do not appear to be registered with a dentist. I have written to the Oral Health Promotion team in Camden to raise the issue of dentist shortages. If you can register with a dentist, please do so.

- NHS dental care for children is free.
- Take your child to the dentist when their first milk teeth appear. This is so they become familiar with the environment and get to know the dentist.
- The dentist can advise you on how to prevent decay and identify any oral health problems at an early stage. Just opening up the child's mouth for the dentist to take a look at is useful practice for the future.
- Cavities in baby teeth can cause permanent teeth to grow in crooked, which can lead to orthodontic treatment later in life.
- Untreated cavities can lead to dental infections that may require root canals or extractions.
- Having a cavity filled or a baby tooth removed can be painful and frightening for your child.
- Healthy teeth help children speak clearly and chew food properly.

**With Best Wishes, Perina and the Thomas Coram Team**