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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year at Thomas Coram!

We were all very happy to see the children starting at nursery school this week and last week. We are really impressed with how they are settling back into their old routines, or into their new classes. Their key persons have asked me to thank you for the way you are working with us to ensure your child is happy and getting used to the routines here.

Staffing

- I hope that you have all now met **JAN, OUR NEW DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER**. She joined the team last week and we are looking forward to working together. Jan has been spending a lot of time in the classrooms getting to know your children. She has many years of teaching and leadership experience and will be bringing some great ideas to Thomas Coram to make sure we continue to care for and inspire your children in lots of fun ways.
Jan's role is to deputise for me and she will also have a particular responsibility for children with medical needs and Health Care Plans. Please speak to her if you have any concerns or if your child has any specific medical needs.
- **SARAH** has taken on the role of **SENCO**, supporting our staff team and families with children who have additional learning or physical needs. She will be teaching in Lamb Kinder in the mornings and is available to meet you in the afternoons.

- On a sad note, we will be saying **GOODBYE TO ROBERTO** at the start of October. Roberto has been offered an exciting new post working as a deputy manager in a new and expanding nursery. Roberto has worked at Thomas Coram since it opened in 1998 and has worked as an Early Years Educator for the last 31 years! He is an excellent practitioner who constantly keeps the best interests of the children at the heart of everything he does. He will be greatly missed here and we wish him every success in his new job.

We have advertised the subsequent vacancy and hope to recruit a new Early Years Educator in October.

Copies of our **PARENT HANDBOOK** are available in the parent's room, in the foyer and in the office. Please ask your key person if you haven't received one yet.

Please try to bring in some **VEGETABLES, FRUIT OR PLAIN SNACKS** for the children share each week.

Thank you for making so much effort to arrive at nursery on time. We are impressed and understand that it takes a few days to get into the routines of a nursery school day! Please remember if you arrive after **9.40am** we do need to ask you to wait until the key group times have finished. Key group sessions are really important and help your child to feel at home and know what we have planned for the day ahead.

Please always call if your child is not coming to nursery school due to illness. It is particularly important to let us know if your child has Chickenpox, Measles, Scarlet Fever etc.

Just a reminder that if your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, please wait 48 hours after the last episode before coming back to nursery.

Please remember I am always keen to meet and talk with you. If you have any concerns or great ideas do come and speak to me!

With Best wishes

Perina and the Thomas Coram Team

Term and Holiday Dates 2018/19

Autumn term 2018

Monday 3 September to Friday 21 December 2018

Half-term: Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2018- [Open for all year round children.](#)

Christmas break: Monday 24 December 2018 to Friday 4 January 2019

Spring term 2019

Monday 7 January to Friday 5 April 2019

Half-term: Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019 -[Open for all year round children.](#)

Easter/spring holiday: Monday 8 April to Monday 22 April 2019

(including Good Friday, 19 April, and Easter Monday, 22 April) [Open for all year round children on Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April 2019.](#)

Summer term 2019

Tuesday 23 April to Tuesday 23 July 2019 -[Open for all year round children. on Wednesday 24th July to Friday 9th August 2019.](#)

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2019

Half-term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019 -[Open for all year round children.](#)

(including Spring Bank Holiday, 27 May)

Public holidays (Closed) 2019

Good Friday - Friday 19 April

Easter Monday - Monday 22 April

[May Day - Monday 6 May](#)

[Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 27 May](#)

[August Bank Holiday - Monday 26 August](#)

INSET (school closed)

[Monday 3rd September 2018](#)

[Monday 29th October 2018](#)

[Friday 21st December 2018](#)

[Tuesday 23rd April 2019](#)

[Monday 3rd June 2019](#)

Please remember that holidays cannot be taken during term-time.

