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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

PARENT GOVERNORS

Thank you to everyone who returned a ballot paper- 72 parents voted which is a really great turn-out! We have now counted the votes and I am really pleased to tell you that our two new Parent Governors are:

★ **Nick Attwood and Juliette Fisher** ★

Please take a look at our Governor Noticeboard to familiarise yourselves with all of our governors and the wonderful support they provide.

THOMAS CORAM DONATION FUND ACCOUNT-

Last term, thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic £303. Some of the items we put this money towards include:

- A beautiful new home-corner for Moses Toddlers garden
- Mini microphones for all the classrooms
- New sand and water play-trays across the Centre

I am sure you will agree, we have made very good use of your donations and we could not have bought this range of equipment without your valued support

We are again asking for a £5.00 donation from every family this term.


To make your donation, please use the donation box in the office.


If you prefer: Bank details-

Account number 61745468/Sort code 40-06-07

Many thanks for your support!

We now have our sights set on hiring two duck  incubators (at a cost of £310), as well as

meeting the usual costs of cooking and playdough ingredients, and bird  seed for our feathered friends in our gardens which the children so love feeding each week. We are also

planning some special treats such as potentially celebrating International Mud  Day again in the summer following on from the phenomenal success two years ago!-Watch this space!!

WORLD BOOK WEEK- BEGINNING Monday 2nd March

During this week we would like to encourage you all to come into nursery school and read with small groups of children. We will arrange as many story-telling slots as we can. If you are working, we will be happy to arrange a time just before pick-up/drop-off time, or during tea-time.

We want the children to hear as many different stories as possible so if you have a favourite story from recent times or from your childhood, in English or in your home language, please bring it with you. We would like grandparents, older siblings, aunts, uncles and friends to be part of our **BIG READ WEEK**- so please invite them along!

We also have lots of stories here so please do not hesitate to ask!

Please speak to your keyworker who will find a convenient slot on our Reader Rota-

Thank you!

We will also have a **dress-up day** on **Thursday 5th March** to maximise our reading adventure!

BENGALI DROP IN

A group of our parents are promoting this drop-in for our Bangladeshi mums- Please see attached.

If anyone would like to establish a small parents group where your interests can be supported, then please see Perina and we will try to arrange some slots for you to use the Parents room.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO PARENT HUB

Thank you to the 74 parents and carers who have signed up to PARENT HUB. There are still **59 families who have not signed up!** The grace period is nearly up. If you do not join the hub then we will not be able to send you all of our updates as texts cost us too much money. Please Albert if you need some support with the IT bit!

CALENDAR

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April 2020

Centre closed for **INSET 4- 03.4.20**

- Easter holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020

(Including Good Friday, 10th April, and Easter Monday, 13th April)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20 April to Tuesday 21 July 2020

Centre closed (Easter) Friday 10th April 2020

Centre closed for **INSET 5- 19.6.20**

Centre closed Monday 10th August 2020- Wednesday 2nd September 2020

- May Day Bank Holiday 2020: Friday 8th May 2020
- Half-term holiday 2020: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020

(including Spring Bank, 25.5.20)

ALL YEAR PLACES: The nursery is **CLOSED** for:

- All 5 INSET days
- Easter 2020: Friday 10th April- we open on Monday 20th April
- Three weeks in August 2020: 10.8.20- 02.09.2020
- Public holidays:
- Good Friday - Friday 10th April
- Easter Monday - Monday 13th April
- May Day 2020 - Friday 8th May
- Spring Bank Holiday 2020 - Monday 25th May
- August Bank Holiday 2020 - Monday 31st August

Best wishes

Perina and the Thomas Coram Team.