



Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School
Head Teacher: Perina Holness

Friday 26th April 2019

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break! We are looking forward to a fun-packed Summer Term at Thomas Coram. The children who come here in the holidays were really busy making lots of bird feeders and we have already seen a dramatic increase in the number of birds visiting our garden. The children have been so excited to see the birds eating from our hanging bird feeders that we intend to keep this little project going for everyone to enjoy. To extend this theme further, we will be borrowing some duck eggs and incubators later this term - we will keep you updated as time progresses.

Thomas Coram Donation Fund Account- We are relaunching our donation account so that we can afford to buy special items or organise additional events for the children. As you will have heard on the news, schools are facing difficult times with ever decreasing funding. Camden Council are extremely supportive of Thomas Coram Centre but we are finding it increasingly difficult to find the money to pay for the little extras that we like to provide for your children to enjoy.

We already have a small fund which has come from parents who have made donations in the past. We will be using some of this money to pay for the incubators and duck eggs. We also want to buy some new scooters and balance bikes for the garden and much more besides!

We will be asking for a suggested termly donation of **£5.00** (or roughly 50p per week) from each family but please free to donate more or less!

We thank you in advance for your much appreciated support! We will have a box in the office for your donations from next Tuesday- **Many thanks for your support!**

If you prefer: Bank details-

Account number 61745468/Sort code 40-06-07

Snack Reminder



We know we keep asking for donations of fruit, vegetable and plain crackers, but the children so much enjoy their snack times that we can't keep pace! If every family could please bring in one or two pieces each week we would be able to easily meet supply and demand! Thank you

Clothing



Please ensure that you regularly check and re-fill the spare clothes-bag on your child's peg. We are particularly short of spare pants and knickers. Please return any clothes you have borrowed from us. Please also check out our Lost Property collection in the hallway. Thank you.



Sunny Weather

We are all looking forward to some lovely sunny weather this term. Please remember that the children need to wear shoes with ankle straps so they are safe to run and climb. Please also ensure that their shoulders are covered and they have a sunhat with their **NAME** written inside. We will be providing sun cream so please let us know if your child has a particular allergy to particular brands. We will be asking you to sign a permission slip allowing us to cream your child over the coming weeks.

Other events for your diary this term:

Week beginning Monday 20th May 2019- **Visual Arts Week** the children will be having masses of fun exploring a huge range of new art materials and experiences. The week is always really enjoyable and we encourage the children get fully involved in these tactile experiences which impact positively on confidence, self-esteem as well as personal, social and emotional development.

We would really like as many of you as possible to come and join us. If you would like to get involved, please speak to your Key Worker.

...And way off in the future is our **COMMUNITY DAY** on Friday 12th July 2019, when all friends and families are invited to join us to celebrate the year coming to an end. The event starts at 3.15pm. There will be NO after-school club on this day as we ask all parents/ carers to come along and enjoy the fun with their children.

Time Keeping Reminder- A fairly small but persistent group of children are regularly arriving late. These children are missing out on their important key-group time. Late arrival is also distracting the teaching team on a daily basis from giving the children who have arrived on time the attention they deserve. The children who arrive late are routinely noted as finding it harder to settle into their day, establish friendships and concentrate on the activities.

For the benefit of everyone, we will be very closely monitoring late arrival this term. This will include asking you to provide a reason for your lateness and signing a 'late-book'- as is common practice in primary schools.



Morning children must arrive in their room between **9.30-9.40am**

Fees- A message form Albert

Fee paying/ extended hours parents will be invited to review and sign summer term contracts next week. Please also check with the office if you have any outstanding lunch payments to make. Thanks in advance.

Each term we run a series of **Parent Workshops on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 10.40am.**

The topics are wide ranging and based on parental requests. You will have received a questionnaire regarding these workshops which we urge you to complete and return to your key person. Your responses will help us to make these session relevant and convenient for as many families as possible.

Date	Workshop Topic	With
Tuesday 30 th April	Transition from Toddlers to Kinder - What happens in Kinder?	Natasha
Tuesday 7 th May	Dental Health Advice for parents with children under 5	Nicole and Natasha
Tuesday 14 th May	The Importance of Early Learning in a Nursery School Setting. How we support your child to enjoy and achieve!	Perina/Natasha
Tuesday 21 st May	Toilet Training - If you are thinking about potty training your child or in the process of doing so but finding it tricky? This is the workshop for you.	Natasha

Term and Holiday Dates- Summer Term 2019

- May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2019 (closed)
- Half-term Holiday: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019
- **INSET (5)-Monday 3rd June (closed)**
- **Last day of term- Tuesday 23 July 2019**
- The nursery is closed for the last 3 weeks in August- from **Monday 12th August 2019**.
- We return to school after the summer holidays on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019**

With Very Best Wishes
Perina and the Thomas Coram Team.