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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since 1987, the UK has officially designated October as **Black History Month**. It is an annual event where we recognise and celebrate the achievements, experiences and contributions of black people. Over the years, the focus of Black History Month has expanded its coverage to include the history of African, Asian and Caribbean peoples and their contribution to Britain's 'island story'.

"Black History Month is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the huge contribution black people have made to London and to our country."
Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London.

Both Toddler and Kinder celebrations are well under way and include:

- "Proud to Be", for example Proud To Be Black, Proud To Be Brown, inspired by the magazine Black History Month.
- Stories including "Handa's Surprise", "A Superhero Like You" and "Hey You!"
- Music, dancing and making instruments celebrating black culture.
- Pattern-making, tie-die and collaborative work making creative tiles inspired by African prints.
- Dressing up and making hats.
- Cooking and food tasting to include smoothies, plantain and Spiced Bun with cheese.

We are an international family at Thomas Coram and if you would like to come in and help us celebrate with cooking, reading stories, dancing, singing etc, during Black History Month or anytime, please speak to your key person, we welcome all offers!

Some Little Reminders:

- Please remember to **write your child's name** in their clothes.
- Please make sure we have spare **pants** and **socks**, as well as trousers and tops for your child!
- Nearly everyone is brilliant at arriving on time (thank you!)- Please remember that the morning session starts at **9.30am** and the afternoon session starts at **1.30pm**. Arriving late means that a key person has to leave the children who did arrive on time. This disrupts their learning, their play and their emotional security.
- The half term break is coming up, so the nursery school will be closed from Monday 25th -Friday 29th October unless you have pre-booked a holiday place. If you are interested in your child joining our holiday sessions, please speak to Andrew this week as we have a few spaces still available.
- We use our wonderful gardens in all weathers. Please make sure your child is dressed suitably to be able to play outside.
- Kinder parents- Andrew has contacted you about **lunch money fees**. These remain at £2.40 per day. Please do not accrue a debt and make a payment of £45 each month- thank you.

All the new children have now started at Thomas Coram Centre and it is a pleasure to see the nursery full of busy children indoors and outdoors.

*With Best Wishes
Perina and the Thomas Coram Team*

