



Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School
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Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably we only have three weeks left until the end of term. I really want to thank you all for being so supportive as we have battled to work with the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic. Thank you for continuing to wear your face masks at drop off and collection time- All of the staff are very grateful for the consideration you are showing them. I hope to be able to open our doors wider to you in the New Year but we will wait and see how the Christmas season bears up against Covid.

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS



Our Christmas trees are ordered and should be arriving any day now! We will place one at the front door and the second tree will be in Kinder Garden. The children will be making decorations. I would like to share more photos this year so that you can share the Christmas fun- if from slightly further off than we usually like.

I aim to put photos on the website as an easy way for your view them. We already have your permissions slips to do this. If you have changed your mind in any way about permission to use photos on our website- please let me know by 1st December. I will let you know when I post new photos.



Tuesday 14th December @ 2.15 - Please keep this date free. You are all warmly invited to come along to enjoy the children singing Christmas songs and our version of the **NATIVITY STORY**. We will hold this event outside. In the event of heavy rain we will unfortunately have to cancel.



Wednesday 15th December At the end of the session, we will have our **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**. The teams will update you about bringing in party foods and any other special arrangements- thank you for your support in advance.



Thursday 16th December -Christmas lunch- as usual the traditional lunch will be available plus a delicious vegetarian option for all the children who are in nursery school.

OTHER REMINDERS:

- Thursday 16th December is the last day this term- We re-open in the New Year on Tuesday 4th January 2022!
- Please remember to encourage your **child to walk** at least part of the way every day when you come to nursery school.
- Some Kinder families are not making **regular payments for their child's lunch**. We are not able to give kinder children meals unless the meal is paid for. Please clear your autumn term balance before the end of term.
- **Pockets and bags**- we are finding an increasing number of children are coming to nursery school with a range of items in their pockets which need to stay at home. Please do not bring your child to school with sweets, nuts, money, lip balm etc.

GENERAL HANDYMAN

Coram used to provide invaluable services to our nursery school such as caretaking, general maintenance and leaf sweeping in the garden, unfortunately they have decided to withdraw this service. We are now looking to appoint someone for 10-15 hours a week. Do you know anyone who could help ...?

General Handyperson - Casual position - Scale 1/2 SCP 2 - Paid hourly – Part-time/Term time only

Hours: 10-15 per week (negotiable or the right candidate)

We are seeking to appoint a self-motivated and enthusiastic person to join our friendly team as a general handyperson. This is an exciting and varied role, which requires someone with a good level of organisational and basic repair skills. This will also be a fairly physical job which will involve aspects like climbing ladders, sweeping external areas and some heavy lifting. The successful candidate will need to be able to demonstrate that they have previous experience in a similar role, are able to work flexibly and prioritise workload, work calm under pressure and uphold a professional and friendly manner at all times.

To apply for the position please contact Andrew Bloomer, School Business Manager on: admin@thomascoram.camden.sch.uk

Closing date: **Midday on Monday 6th December 2021** Interviews from: **Wednesday 8th December 2021**

You are warmly invited to arrange a visit to the school and to discuss the position further with the Head teacher and/or School Business Manager. Please contact the school office on: admin@thomascoram.camden.sch.uk to arrange this.

Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate will be subject to pre-employment checks including, safeguarding, an enhanced DBS check, references and the right to work in the UK.

Term and Holiday Dates 2022

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April 2022

School closed for Term Time Only children only:

Half-term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022 (School closed)

School open for all year round children

School closed for ALL children:

(INSET- One day) - Friday 1st April 2022

Easter closure for term-time only children: Monday 4 April to Monday 18th April- Children return Tuesday 19th April 2022.

School open for all year round children-Monday 4th April- Friday 8th April

Easter closure for all children: Monday 11 April 2022 - Monday 18th April 2022 - Children return Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April to Thursday 21st July 2022

Due to the **Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**, the number of teaching days has been reduced to 189. This means that all schools will have an additional closure day. We will be **closed on Friday 22nd July 2022**.

School closed for Term Time Only children only:

Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3rd June 2022 (School closed for term-time only children)

School open for all year round children Monday 30th May to Wednesday 1st June 2022

Summer closure for term-time only children: Friday 22nd July to Wednesday 31st August 2022

Summer closure for all children: Thursday 11th August to Wednesday 31st August 2022

School closed for ALL children:

(INSET- One day)- Friday 27th May 2022 (School closed)

(INSET- One day)- Friday 17th June 2022 (School closed)

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022 (School closed)

Spring Bank Holiday: Thursday 2 June 2022 (School closed)

Jubilee bank holiday: Friday 3 June 2022 (School closed)

Summer closure: Thursday 11th August to Wednesday 31st August 2022

With Very Best Wishes Perina and the Thomas Coram Team