



**Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School**  
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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,


The Christmas holidays feel so long ago now as we have had such a busy half term!


Our Healthy Week generated many positive comments- thank you for your kind words and the enthusiasm with which you supported this initiative.

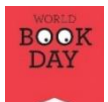
 The range of vegetables you brought in was truly impressive and generous- The children thoroughly enjoyed trying new food and talking about their favourites.

 Please keep up the good work and walk to school as much as possible.

- ❖ Most Kinder children should no longer be routinely using buggies as their muscles are growing and need plenty of opportunity to strengthen and develop.
- ❖ Toddlers also benefit from walking some distance every day but may still need their buggy to help them on their way.

 I would also like to thank the Community Dental Service for supplying the free toothbrushes- please help your child to brush their teeth twice every day!

 This term has also seen us celebrate Chinese New Year. Thank you to the parents who brought in some lovely items from home to help bring this special event to life.



Next half term holds many fun events for us. We will celebrate World Book Week at the start of March and with luck, we will be able to invite some of you in to join us to read stories with the children. Please watch this space as we re-assess Covid transmission levels.



We will once again support Red Nose Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March by dressing up. Please bring in £1.00 to support this great charity. We will, of course send a reminder nearer the time.



We will celebrate Pancake Day and the progression of springtime by making the most of our lovely gardens, planting some vegetables and flowers, and hopefully enjoying a few sunny days by going for short walks around our local area. The teams may be asking you to accompany us and help hold some hands.

### **Message for Toddlers**

If your child turns three years old before April 2022, they will be moving to Kinder after the Easter break. You will receive much more information about this after the half term break. Please continue to speak to your key worker who will explain the small changes this will entail.

Every year at this time, parents wonder whether their child should move to a nursery class in a primary school. Once the children move into Kinder they are receiving the same statutory provision that they would receive in a primary school with the same teachers and ratio requirements. As a nursery school, we also work to the same curriculum as primary schools and we are all expected to use 'learning through play' as the best way to teach children of this age.

The practitioners at Thomas Coram are all specialists in early years development and education, and we firmly believe that we provide your child with the best possible start in life! Please come and see me if you would like to discuss this further.

Today is the last day of this half term. We re-open for everyone on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

We have struggled with Covid infections this term. By arriving on time, you have really helped us at the busiest times of the day- thank you!

***We hope you have a lovely break next week!***

***Best wishes***

***Perina and the Thomas Coram team***

P.S.

Please remember to put your child's **NAME** in their clothes- especially jumpers, coats, hats and gloves.

# Term and Holiday Dates 2022

## Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

School closed for Term Time Only children only:

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

**Easter closure:** Monday 4 April to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April- Children return Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

School closed for ALL children:

(INSET- One day) - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**Easter closure:** Monday 11 April 2022 - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Children return Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

School closed for Term Time Only children only:

**Half term:** Monday 30 May to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 (School closed)

**Summer closure:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

School closed for ALL children:

(INSET- One day)- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (School closed)

(INSET- One day)- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

