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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'.

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

- Reading stories including "Handa's Surprise", "A Superhero Like You" and "Hey You!"
- Making music, dancing and making instruments celebrating black culture.
- Exploring 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 a fabulous international family at Thomas Coram!

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 all their clothes.
- We use our wonderful gardens in all weathers. Please make sure your child is dressed suitably to be able to play outside.
- A few parents seem a bit confused about not being allowed to take holiday during term-time. This is because the government is paying for your child's place and expect it to be used to the full. Holidays are recorded as unauthorised and poor attendance is discussed with the local authority.
- Please do not leave buggies in front of any of the doors. Ideally, please walk to nursery school and take your buggy home with you. The squirrels are enjoying the snacks you leave in the buggies. This is not hygienic and the number of squirrels coming here has noticeably increased.
- The half term break is coming up, so the nursery school will be **closed** from **Monday 24th -Friday 28th October** unless you have pre-booked a holiday place. If you are interested in your child joining our holiday sessions, please speak to Andrew as we have a few spaces still available.
- Thank you to everyone who is bringing fruit and vegetable snacks. The children are really enjoying having such a broad range of food.
- Thank you for making such an effort to arrive on time- we really appreciate it!
- Thank you for always calling us when your child is absent due to ill health. Please call us by 9.30am.

***With Best Wishes
Perina and the Thomas Coram Team***

