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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first month of this new term has sped by! The children have settled so happily into the nursery and it is wonderful to see them developing relationships with their key adults, making friendships and building their confidence to explore the nursery environment.

The Toddlers have been enjoying chopping and cooking their amazing home-grown pumpkins and potatoes. The children made some delicious soup and roast vegetables. They have been so inspired by their success that they have already planted some potatoes which should be ready in the New Year!



The Kinder children have been exploring some wonderful activities based around our Forest School philosophy here in our lovely garden including making a see-saw, cooking with herbs and grasses in the mud kitchen, and bug hunting!



October sees all London schools celebrating **Black History Month**. This is always a lovely time where we celebrate cultural heritage and achievements. We are very keen for you to contribute to our celebrations,

so please speak to your key person and come in sometime this month to cook, read stories sing, dance, and share your knowledge with us. We feel strongly that these celebrations should not be restricted to one month in the year so please do keep on coming in to help us expand the children's knowledge of the world throughout the year.



Our landlords, Coram have asked me to remind you to park your buggies and scooters carefully so that they do not block the pathway, fire exits or entrances to their offices. If possible, please take your buggy home with you.

Please note all buggies, bikes and scooters are left at owner's risk. Please also encourage your child to walk to nursery school as often as possible.

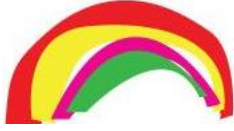


We ask you not to carry your child into nursery school at arrival or collection times. We are trying to develop good independent, physical skills in all the children. Also, when carried, their feet are at head height of the walking children and we want to avoid any head bump accidents.

Yesterday, our governing body sent a letter asking you to consider becoming a school governor. If you would like to know more about the way we work and help shape the future of our nursery school, please come and speak to me for further information.

With Best Wishes

Perina and the Thomas Coram Team



## Term and Holiday Dates 2023 to 2024

### Autumn term 2023

School closed for Term Time Only children:

Half-term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023

Christmas closure: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Children return Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

School closed for ALL children:

(Staff training INSET- One day) - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Christmas closure: Friday 22 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024 - children return Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Spring term 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

School closed for Term Time Only children only:

Half-term: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024

Easter closure: Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024 - Children return Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

School closed for ALL children:

Easter closure: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Children return Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### Summer term 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

School closed for Term Time Only children only:

Half-term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024.

Summer: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

School closed for ALL children:

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024

(Staff training INSET- One day)- Monday 15 April 2024

(Staff training INSET- One day)- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Summer: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024