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NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a very happy 2024!

We are pleased to welcome more new families to our nursery school this month and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your children, and to see them settling in so well as they enjoy their time with us. This is always a time when the well-established children really come into their own and it has been heart-warming to see them helping their new friends to feel at ease and explore.

APPLYING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your child will be due to start primary school in September 2024 if they were born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. This year's round of applications closes on **Monday 15 January 2024**. Please see Perina if you need any help.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>



SNACKS - Thanks to you all for bringing in your weekly supplies of vegetables, fruit and plain crackers. I am pleased to see that families are bringing in more vegetables which are much better for your child's teeth.





Despite the cold weather, we have noticed how many of the children are really keen to play and learn in our outdoor classrooms. This is, of course great news- please help us to make the most of this enthusiasm by bringing your child to nursery school in warm coats, gloves and hats which are **clearly labelled** with their **name** inside. You are also welcome to bring in wellie boots for them to change into (also named please).

Encouraging the children to wrap up warm and play outside is one of the **best ways to stave off coughs and colds** as the children are less likely to breathe in each other's germs, and exercise also helps to make our bodies healthy and resilient to viruses.

We are always glad to use any old wellies you have at home which no longer fit your child's feet.



Thomas Coram Home-School library!

We launched our new book loan scheme with the Toddler children last term and now we would like to expand this offer to the Kinder children too! The Toddler children are really loving choosing their books and we have heard how much parents are enjoying reading each day with their child.

Every child in the nursery can now choose one book before going into the classroom, which then must be taken home by the parent/carer.

The books can be borrowed on Tuesdays or Fridays, kept for one week and then returned to Philli. If Philli is absent please return to the office (not your key person).

Please encourage your child to enjoy and take care of our library books and return them in their folders before they borrow another one.

Also, please enjoy the book **WITH** your child and remember, it's ok to read the same book over and over again!

Fostering a love for reading at an early age sets the foundation for a lifetime of learning and creativity.



We have been happy to give everyone a gentle ease back into nursery school life. From Monday, please remember that arrival time for the morning session is 9.30- 9.40am only.



Please encourage your child to walk to nursery school as often as possible. Please remember that children should not be carried inside the nursery. We see them every day running around on their strong legs and we love their independence!



A number of you have still not downloaded **PARENT HUB** and we can also see that not everyone is opening the letters we send.

This is our **only** group communication system and so you are missing valuable information from us about your child's time at nursery school. In the event of any emergency closure, this is the only system we would use to alert you about school closure or changes in collection and drop-off times.

Thank you for your continued support!

Wishing you a happy term!

Best wishes,

Perina and the Thomas Coram Team



Term and Holiday Dates 2024



Spring term 2024

Monday 8th January to Thursday 28th March 2024

- School closed for **Term-Time Only** children:

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

- **Easter closure for term-time only children:**

Friday 29 March - Children return Tuesday 16th April 2024

- School closed for **ALL** children:

Friday 29th March- Friday 5th April 2024 - All year round children return Monday 8th April 2024.

Summer term 2024

Tuesday 16th April to Wednesday 24th July 2024

- School closed for **Term-Time Only** children only:

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

- School closed for **ALL** children:

Early May Bank Holiday closure:

Monday 6th May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday closure:

Monday 27th May 2024

- **Summer closure for term-time only children:**

Thursday 25th July to Friday 30th August 2024

- **School closed for all children :**

Monday 12th August to Friday 30th August 2024

Bank Holidays (closed):

- Good Friday - Friday 29th March 2024
- Easter Monday - Monday 1st April 2024
- May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024
- Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 27th May 2024
- August Bank Holiday - Monday 26th August 2024

INSET (closed for training days):

- Monday 15th April 2024
- Friday 21st June 2024