

# Nursery News



Thorney Island Nursery

## July 2023

### School Leavers

It is that time of year again, when we have to say goodbye to the children leaving to go to school. They had their graduation on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. It was great to see so many parents for the graduation and then a picnic afterwards. Thank you. They have all been amazing and are truly ready for their next adventure. We wish each and every one of them the very best and hope that they come back and see us very soon.

Have a great summer everyone.



Ofsted

As you are all aware, we had another OFSTED inspection on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Unfortunately, I am unable to share the result with you until the full report comes out in mid-August. We are really looking forward to the report being published, so please look out for an email in the next few weeks.

Thank you all for your continued support, it has been very much appreciated.

### Fundraising

During the summer term we have all been very busy fundraising for the nursery. As a charity this is an essential part of our income, so that we can fund specific projects and continue to make improvements to the quality of care and education that we provide the children.

A massive thank you to everyone that has supported us this past term we have raised **£1774.33!!**

This is made up of:

- BIG TODDLE £804
- Cycle ride £459.55
- Singing event - £150.98
- 100 Mile walk (Karen) - £186
- Photo commission money - £173.80

The plan for the coming term is to use the money towards a sensory garden, improve the nursery garden, and to buy additional resources for all the children. Once again, a huge thank you.

### Term dates 2023/2024

- ✓ Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September '23 – start of Autumn term
- ✓ 23-27<sup>th</sup> October '23 – half term
- ✓ 15<sup>th</sup> December '23 – end of Autumn term (Christmas holidays)
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> January '24 – Start of Spring term
- ✓ 12-16 February '24 half term
- ✓ 28<sup>th</sup> March '24 – end of Spring term (easter holidays)
- ✓ 15<sup>th</sup> April '24 – Start of Summer Term
- ✓ 27-31<sup>st</sup> May – half term
- ✓ 23<sup>rd</sup> July '24 – end of summer term

### Inset days

- ✓ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October '24
- ✓ Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October '24
- ✓ Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February '24
- ✓ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May '24
- ✓ Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June '24

## Activities for September/October 2023

The staff have been busy planning for the first half of the Autumn term. The children will be involved in many activities connected to the following themes, and they will be asked to bring certain things in to support their learning.

- ✚ Week com 4<sup>th</sup> September - please bring in a photo of the family, we will also be looking at the colour red
  - ✚ Week com 11<sup>th</sup> September - looking at the colour yellow and Jewish new year
  - ✚ Week com 18<sup>th</sup> September - looking at the colour blue and learning some Makaton signs
  - ✚ Week com 25<sup>th</sup> September - looking at the colour green, along with recycling
  - ✚ Week com 2<sup>nd</sup> October - we will be celebrating harvest festival and looking at the colour orange
  - ✚ Week com 9<sup>th</sup> October - it is world porridge week, so we will be looking at the colour brown
  - ✚ 16<sup>th</sup> October - we will look at all the colours of the rainbow. As well as celebrate world food day, Diwali and healthy eating.
- More information will follow as the term progresses.



## Tapestry



Please look on tapestry at all the lovely photos and videos of your children. These are updated weekly. If you are unable to log in, please just ask a member of staff.

We would really love to see input from home as well, so upload any photos that you may have on a day out, or a fun day at home. The Easter holidays are here, so I am sure you will have some lovely photos that you would like to share.

The staff have also written a Spring term report about your child's development, which are all now published, and we would love to see your comments on these, so please take a couple of minutes to leave us a comment and sign the report.

Thank you.

## Reminders

### Please name all personal items

Please name ALL items that you send into nursery. This will help to prevent any mix up of items and lost property. *Thank you*

### Items you need to bring with you

Please ensure your child has the following on them each day:

- ✓ nappies
- ✓ wipes
- ✓ water bottle/beaker
- ✓ 2 sets of clothes (don't forget socks)
- ✓ Welly boots
- ✓ Sun hat
- ✓ Waterproof coat
- ✓ Appropriate clothing and footwear

Thank you

## Donations

Thank you to those of you that have donated toys and books recently, it is very much appreciated.

We are always happy to receive donations, however big or small.

We are looking for the following items this coming term:

- Empty bottles/boxes**
- Old saucepans/utensils**
- Old guttering/wood**
- Buckets & containers for the garden**
- Any donations of plants**
- Paper**
- Wind chimes/ornaments for the garden**

As they say someone else's junk is another person's treasure 😊