

Nursery News



Thorney Island Nursery

October 2023

Autumn term

Welcome to everyone to the first newsletter of the academic year. For those of you that are new to the nursery we aim to send a newsletter to the parents, once every half term. It will give you information about what the children have been doing, what is coming up and if we are looking for any donations and general information.

A massive welcome goes out to Jace, Elinore, Teddie, Bindi, Gabby, Lenni, Rose, Joey, Arlo and Noah that joined us this half term. They have been doing amazingly and really settled in well.



Term dates 2023/2024

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

Inset days

- ✓ Friday 20th October '23
- ✓ Monday 30th October '23
- ✓ Monday 19th February '24
- ✓ Friday 24th May '24
- ✓ Monday 24th June '24

Committee

As a committee run nursery and a charity, we are a non profit making business and look to the committee to help and support the nursery in decision making, raising funds for resources and new ideas to help us move forward.

- **Have you got some free time?**
- **Do you have some ideas you can share?**
- **Are you able to help with fundraising?**
- **Do you know anyone that has any skills/interests that could help the nursery and/or the children?**

If you can answer **YES** to any of these questions then we are looking for new committee members to join us. It maybe that you know someone that is passionate about children and their development, or an aunt, uncle, grandparent or friend that may also have some free time. We are not looking for hours and hours a week, there will be a meeting once every half term and a little work to do behind the scenes.

If you are interested or know someone else that might be, please email manager@thorneyislandnursery.co.uk and then a member of the committee or management team will be in contact.

Thank you



Dates for Diary

- ✓ Halloween lunch – 31st October (only for children that are in on Tuesday)
- ✓ Photographer – 8th November '23 (everyone invited)
- ✓ Xmas jumper day – 7th December '23
- ✓ Christmas singalong – date TBC
- ✓ Christmas dinner – 13th December '23

Activities for November/December 2023

We are now heading into the second half of the autumn term, which ends with CHRISTMAS. I can't believe that we are only a couple of months away!! The children will be involved in and learning about the following things in the coming weeks, as well as focusing on Autumn:



- ✚ Week com 31st October - Pre-school will be celebrating Halloween and looking at bonfire night and Diwali.
Pumpkin soup story
Nursery will be doing bonfire night, fireworks and looking at colours.
- ✚ Week com 6th November - Pre-school will be celebrating children's book week, so we will be looking at different children's literature, along with talking about Remembrance Day.
Nursery will be looking at the different seasons and providing activities associated with them.
- ✚ Week com 13th November - pre-school will be looking at different nursery rhymes to celebrate nursery rhyme week and odd sock day 14th November.
Nursery will be looking at the stick man book.
- ✚ Week com 20th November - Preschool will be concentrating on the Stick man story.
Nursery will be looking at friendships and families.
- ✚ Week com 27th November - Both age groups will be starting to celebrate Christmas from this week until the end of term.
- ✚ Week com 4th December - Christmas
- ✚ Week com 11th December - Christmas



Nursery Opening hours

As you are aware we have been closing the nursery at 12.30 on a Friday for this half term, due to not having any children registered for the afternoon. Our normal closing time on a Friday is 3pm, and as mentioned in the summer term we are ready to review this.

Please could you let me know if you are interested in taking up a space on a Friday afternoon during the next half term. Email me on manager@thornevislandnursery.co.uk to express your interest.

We will need to have a minimum number of children to re-open to ensure that we cover our staffing costs and overheads. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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 – **NO JUICE OR FLAVOURED WATER**
- ✓ 2 sets of clothes (don't forget socks)
- ✓ Welly boots
- ✓ Waterproof coat
- ✓ Appropriate clothing and footwear

Thank you

Nursery Clothing

Just a reminder not to dress your children in their best clothes for nursery.

They will get dirty and although we ask the children to put aprons on when they are painting or playing with messy play, they can and will get messy. The paint that we buy is labelled as washable, but sometimes they do stain lighter clothes, especially the dark coloured paint. Using washing up liquid and soaking in cold water over night will get most stains out.

Thank you for your understanding.



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.

Termly reports

Towards Christmas the staff will write a short report to update you all about how your child is getting on at nursery. This will include their development and next steps for the following term.

There will also be an opportunity to attend a parent meeting with your child's keyworker, dates to be confirmed.

Christmas Fayre

We would like to hold a Christmas Fayre for Thorney Island Nursery on 24th November, as a fundraising event to the end the year.

To do this we need your help. I would like to hold a meeting on 3rd November at 9.15am for anyone that would like to help.

We need:

- ❖ Ideas for stalls
- ❖ People to collect items for stalls.
- ❖ Advertising around the island and local area
- ❖ Local businesses contacted for raffle prizes.
- ❖ People to run the stalls on the day.
- ❖ Etc, etc.

Maybe you have had previous experience in helping with a fayre or would just like to get involved. It is a very busy time of the year for everyone, but we are just asking for a little bit of your time.

Unfortunately, if we don't have volunteers and support to get this event off the ground, then it won't be able to go ahead. Sorry.

Thank you in advance.

Discounted sessions

During the week of 4th December, we will offering discounted sessions (20% off) for any child that attends the nursery. This needs to be an additional session to their normal booking pattern. Christmas will be just around the corner, and it might give you an extra few child free hours to go Christmas shopping or wrap the presents that you have already bought.

There will be limited space and it will be on a first come, first serve basis so pop into the office and see what is available.