

Dear parents and carers

We have had a fantastic first half term! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our open evenings this week. Thank you for all your positive feedback.

The children have been thinking about **kindness** this week and we have had lots of opportunities to reward children for being very kind to each other, particularly at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Next half term is going to be another busy one. We will be holding curriculum meetings and inviting you to come and find out a little more about the learning that will be taking place and giving you some ideas about ways that you can help at home.

We will be having an 'odd socks day' on **Monday 12th November** as part of Anti-Bullying Week and a non uniform day on **Friday 16th November** to raise money for Children in Need. I will write to you with some more details about these events after the half term break.

When we come back after the holiday, we will also be electing our new school council. All children will be eligible to apply for this very important role if they would like to and voting will take place in the week beginning **5th November 2018**.

Please remember we have an INSET day on **Monday 29th October** so we look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Tuesday 30th October**.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Best wishes

A. George

Manda George

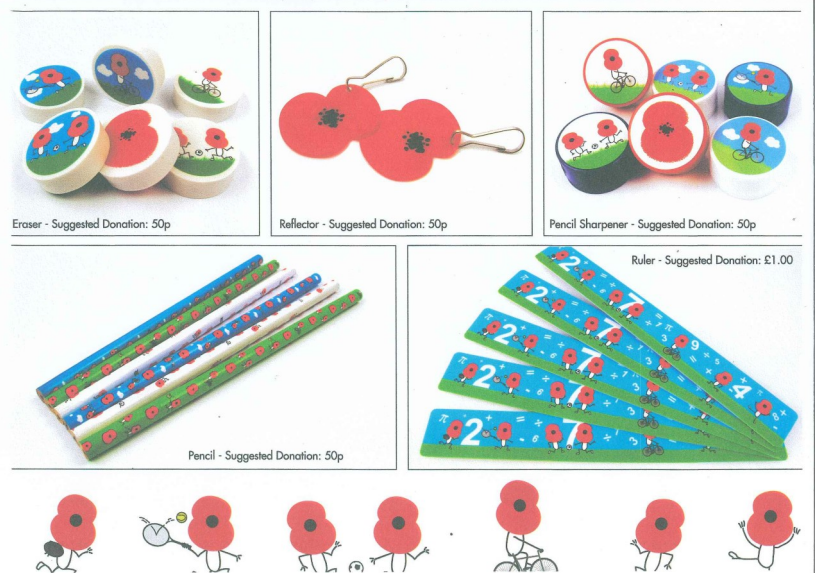
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Poppy Appeal

After half term we will be selling poppies and other Remembrance Day items in the school office up until Friday 9th November (Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 11th November). We will have the following available for sale:

Poppies (minimum donation of 20p), Erasers (50p), Reflectors (50p), Pencil sharpeners (50p), Pencils (50p) and Rulers (£1).



Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to Forster Park



On Wednesday 17th October, Year 1 visited Forster Park. We had a look at all the different types of trees and talked about the changing colour of the leaves. We were lucky enough to see some parakeets and even a squirrel. We are looking forward to going again in winter to see what changes have taken place.

Green Hedge Project

Friends of Torridon PTA are thrilled to announce that, from the fantastic fundraising to-date, they are able to get the Green Hedge Project underway. Optimal planting time for the hedges is in the autumn, when the plants are dormant, so we are limited to this time of year for the works. Due to the costs involved, it will be a 2-Phase Project. In Phase 1, which will happen over the October half-term, we will be putting up thick bamboo along the Nursery & Reception fence and planting a 6-foot laurel hedge around the KS1 Playground. Phase 2 will be a much bigger undertaking and will involve removing the tree stumps and root system in the KS2 Playground. We will then resurface and plant the laurel hedge. We are awaiting another grant fund to possibly start this phase in autumn of next year.

Many thanks again for all of your brilliant fundraising efforts thus far - it is brilliant to see how we are really starting to make a difference in greening up Torridon, making a healthier, nicer outdoor space for the children!

Anti Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying week begins the week commencing 12th November. The theme is "Choose Respect". We will be having an odd sock day on Monday 12th to kick off our week.

During the week we will be holding assemblies across the school and the children will be developing our anti bullying policy.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on **Friday 16th November** and the School Council will be involved in this by helping to sell wristbands all week before school. Children will come to school in their own clothes on that day.



Staff Changes

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Anna Russell at the end of the month. Anna has been a member of the Torridon team for nearly 12 years and has made a huge difference to the children she has worked with. She will be greatly missed by all of us and we wish her the very best for the future.

School Office Telephone Number

Please note, the School Office number is 0208 697 2762. The old Infant School number is now obsolete.


Stars of the Week

Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
RAZ	Edier	4V	Shyanner
RE	Rashvin	4NS	Kobier
RS	Daniel	4S	Marthiny
1KJ	Reyhan	4L	Rashaun
1MJ	Manjot	5C	Haley
1JB	Eva	5A	Maliquer
2E	Tyrael	5L	Brianna
2D	Joneller	6RS	Ryan
2SA	Gabriella	6C	Krisha
3C	Precious	6CH	Chacuoy
3A	Roxanner	Lighthouse	Isaiah
30	Sophier		

Reminders

Homework projects are due in on **Tuesday 30th October 2018** – after the half term break.

We would like you to **complete at least two of the items listed in column 1** and then to choose some, or all, of the tasks in column 2. All designing and written tasks can be completed in the children's home learning book. Our new sport leaders will then choose some of the games to play in our playground next half term. We will display your playground posters in the playground and your designs around the school. Have fun!

Column 1	Column 2
Write or draw instructions to explain how to play your favourite playground game.	Make your ideal school playground. Use a cardboard box to make your ideal playground.
Write a letter to Manda to tell her what would make the playground better. Remember to persuade Manda by explaining why you think a piece of equipment or area would be a good idea. eg table tennis table would make our playground amazing because	Draw your ideal playground design – think about how much space you will need for each area and the space that we have! 
Write a description of your ideal playground and draw a picture. Think about what you can see and hear.	Design a poster to display in the playground showing our behaviour expectations.

Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th October	HALF TERM
Monday 29th October	INSET Day
31st October	Deadline for Secondary School Applications
Wednesday 31st October	Year 2 workshop
Friday 2nd November	Year 2 Swimming at Downham
TBC	Curriculum Meetings
Monday 12th November	Start of Anti Bullying Week
Friday 16th November	Children in Need