



TORRIDON NEWS

14th December 2018



Dear parents and carers,



We are almost at the end of term and what a term it has been! There have been many successes in our first term as a primary school, not least of which is the progress that the children have made in both managing their behaviour and in their learning.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the coffee morning today. It was great to have some feedback and to have some time to talk to you about future developments for Torridon. Your feedback was extremely positive and I have taken on board some of the suggestions and comments you have made. As this morning was such a success, we will continue to hold these events termly.

I hope you will be able to join us next week for some of the festive events we have planned. Please see the diary for more details.

The weather has definitely taken a wintry turn so please make sure that children are wrapped up warmly with coats, hats, scarves and gloves. This will be especially important on Wednesday and Thursday as we will be rehearsing and performing our Christmas songs in the playground.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

A. George

Manda George

Headteacher



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Staffing

As you may be aware, we have some members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of term.

We will be saying goodbye to the following members of staff next week;

Judith Harris (Y1 teacher), Jackie Booth (Y1 teacher), Laura Geraghty (Y4 teacher), Charlene Andrews (Y5 teacher), Jessica Burke (Lighthouse Resource Base), Ramon Fernandez (music teacher), Jean Worthy (HLTA), Rochia Powell (TA), Kaya Kilburn (TA)

On behalf of staff and governors, I would like to thank all of them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to Torridon and wish them all the very best for the future.

Vivian Etuk (Y4 teacher) will also be starting her maternity leave in January and we wish her well as she starts her journey into motherhood.

New staff members joining us are:

Jaimie Watson (4L), Jonathan Registe (maternity cover 4V), Jack Morrison (5C) and Tom Sadler (Lighthouse Resource Base). There will be opportunities for you to meet new staff early in the new year.

Stick Man

Reminder that Year 1 children will be visiting the West End to see 'Stick Man' at the theatre on Monday 17th December.

They aim to be back at school by 3:30pm which is slightly later than the usual school finish time. Should there be any delays, we will send a text message out to notify you.

Your child **must** be in school uniform.



Year 1 Cake Sale

A HUGE thank you to all who helped out and bought cakes at the Year 1 cake sale on Friday.

We raised over **£130** which is a fantastic contribution towards our Year 1 theatre trip.



5L Sharing Assembly

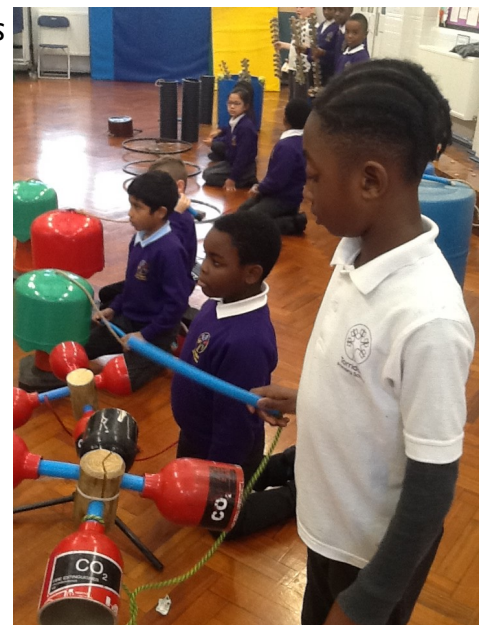
Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our sharing assembly.

The children enjoyed sharing their work with everyone.



Junk Orchestra

Year 4 were thrilled to welcome the Junk Orchestra into the school. We had a wonderful time playing music on instruments made entirely out of found and reused objects. The children had a chance to be part of the orchestra, and also to conduct each other. What an inspiring day!



Last Week's Stars of the Week

Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
Nursery	Abigail	4V	Osman
RAZ	Tavarier	4N	Heather
RE	Vincent	4S	Marthiny
1KJ	Sofia	4L	Jeremy
1MJ	Hazel	5L	Angela
1JB	Jaker	5C	Fifi
2D	Kayla	5A	Zavier
2SA	Nicola	6R	Neive
3C	Jayden	6C	Thilaxshan
3A	Cerys	6CH	Kayne
30	Oscar		



Message from the Governors

It is already nearly the end of our first term as Torridon Primary school. So much has changed! We are now one of the largest primary schools in the borough, we have a new logo, a purple uniform, newly painted classrooms, a new Head, new staff, new children and the playground fence between the old Juniors and Infants has come down! So much is still the same though, and for that I am glad. I have seen the same culture of caring and embracing the diversity of abilities and backgrounds in our school by children and staff alike, of creativity and dedicated hard work in teaching and learning and, of active support from parents, carers and the wider school community. I hope these core values of Torridon remain, as we go forward with taking on the new opportunities and challenges in 2019.

Many thanks to the children, staff, governors, parents and carers for all your support and hard work.

On behalf of the Governors, we wish you a good break over the holidays and look forward to seeing you in January.

Best wishes

Jo Honeybone

Chair, Governors

Big Red Box

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Big Red Box scheme. We had such a fantastic response for the charity. All the items were collected today and will be going to a worthwhile cause.



Dates for your diary

Friday 14th December	School Discos
Monday 17th December	EYFS Performance
Tuesday 18th December	
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Singing in the playground
Friday 21st December	Christmas Parties End of term
Monday 7th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 8th January	Children back at school
Friday 11th January	EYFS Open Day

Christmas Events



Tuesday 18th December:

Nursery and Reception singing performance: Please make sure you have your tickets for the performance.

Wednesday 19th December:

Christmas Jumper Day: Children (and adults) can wear a Christmas jumper and make a donation to Save the Children. We are hoping to raise lots of money so please support this fantastic cause.

Christmas Lunch: The children are looking forward to their Christmas Lunch, yum, yum!

Outdoor singing rehearsal: Please make sure children are wrapped up warmly as we will be practising our songs in the playground

Thursday 20th December

Christmas singing in the playground (Year 1 to Year 6): please come and join us for a mince pie and hot chocolate whilst you listen to the children singing festive songs.

Friday 21st December

Christmas Parties: Children can wear their party clothes and bring a small donation of party food.

Last day of term: School will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm





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There is no time more fitting to say

Thank you

& wish you a Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year

We look forward to working
with you in 2019

Christmas Hours

Please note: We will be closing Friday 21st December
& will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January

On behalf of the
whole Mapac Team ✕

