



Torridon  
Primary School

# TORRIDON NEWS

30th November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that November is over already and we are rapidly approaching the end of our first term as Torridon Primary School.

I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA who have managed to secure some additional funding for our hedge project. See inside for more details.

Thank you to those who took advantage of our drop in sessions for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs. Linda Matthews (Head of Inclusion) and Sai Satyadeva (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator – SENCo) were on hand to answer questions and offer support over a cup of tea and a biscuit. Don't worry if you were unable to attend this time, Linda and Sai will be running these sessions on a regular basis. The next session will be **Tuesday 4th December** between 9am - 11:30am.

I hope you will be able to come and join us for some of the events in the lead up to the holiday. Please see the 'dates for your diary' section for more information.

Warm wishes

Manda George

Headteacher

## School Council

Congratulations to Hana (6CH) who was elected chair of the school council, Jake (5A) who was elected vice chair and Shathurya (6C) who will be the secretary of the council. They are a junior leadership team to be proud of!



## Year 2 Tower Bridge Trip

Year 2 were so excited about their trip to Tower Bridge this week. We travelled into Central London on the train and we even got to go on the Underground. It was amazing to learn all about Tower Bridge and how it was built.



The view at the top was great and we sketched the famous landmarks that we could see including, 'The Shard', 'The Cheese Grater' and 'St Paul's Cathedral'. We all loved standing on the glass floor but it was a bit scary!



## Year 1 Forster Park Trip

On Wednesday afternoon Year 1 visited Forster Park. We were amazed at how the park had changed since our last visit in October! We had a great time walking through the leaves and spotting evergreen or deciduous trees. We even saw a tree which we thought looked like 'Stick Man'. We are looking forward to going back again next term.

## Playtime Snacks

Children in Key Stage 1 are provided with fresh fruit through the NHS School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Children in other year groups are allowed to bring a piece of fruit for a snack at morning playtime if they would like to. Please do not send other snacks such as crisps, biscuits or cakes.

Thank you



## Reception Phonics Workshops: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Parents and carers are invited to watch a phonics session in action and see their child participating in activities to develop their phonetic knowledge. This will be from 9:00am until 9:15am on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. It will be a great opportunity for you to watch your child learning with other children, and to see how you might be able to support their phonic learning at home. Please sign up on the sheet outside your child's classroom.

**Angela Molly, EYFS Leader**



## Year 3 Sharing Assembly

We had a great time acting out our favourite Greek myth and sharing with you some of our work on our 'Ancient Greece' topic. We have been particularly proud of our art work and enjoyed designing and decorating pots and vases using clay. We had fun performing our traditional dance called Zobra. We hope you enjoyed it, too.

## Year 5/6 Athletics

"On Tuesday 27th November, 17 children from Y5 and Y6 took part in Lewisham's annual School Sportshall Athletics tournament at Prendergast School. There were 12 events on the day including relay races, obstacle races, long jump, javelin, speed bounce and more. Our Torridon children put in all their efforts in every event which resulted in many 1st and 2nd place scores on the day! A special congratulations to Clio and Amina who won their 6 lap relay and were awarded the highest points for that event in Lewisham!



When all the scores were totalled, Torridon finished overall in 5th place which is an outstanding achievement for all involved. Congratulations to all 17 children."

**Michael Church, P.E. Teacher**

## Year 1 Cake Sale

Year 1 will be organising a cake sale on **Friday 7th December** at 3:15pm to raise money for our trip to see Stick Man at the theatre. This will take place in the KS1 hall. There will be plenty of cakes and biscuits for sale as well as a raffle to win a luxurious cake made by 1JB's class teacher, Boe. We look forward to seeing you there!







### Reception Class Parties

“Reception worked hard preparing for their class parties as part of their topic on ‘celebrations’. They made decorations, sandwiches, cakes and party bags and wrote cards, lists and invitations. The parties were enjoyed by all.”

Reception Class Teachers

### Punctuality

Please remember that school starts at **8.55am**. It is really important that children are in class and ready at the start of the day so they don't miss any learning time. If there are exceptional circumstances and you are running late, please go straight to the main office so your child can get a late slip to take to their class teacher.

The school playground needs to be clear by **9:05am** each morning. If you arrive at school after this time please come in via the School Office.

### Spare Uniform

If you have any uniform which your children have grown out of and would be willing to donate it to school, it would be gratefully received. Please hand any items in to the school office. Thank you



### TORRIDON PRIMARY CHRISTMAS DISCO!

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Friends of Torridon PTA is delighted to host the  
whole school Christmas disco!

**Tickets are £2.50**

**Bring your money and form into the office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

4.15 – 5.15 pm Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

5.30 – 6.30 pm Years 3 & 4, 5 & 6

Children will be given a snack and drinks.



*Friends of Torridon PTA organises school events to raise money for activities & facilities that all the children can enjoy. Find us on Facebook!*

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th December	SEND Drop-in session 9-11.30 am – KS1 Library
Wednesday 5th December	EYFS Open Day
Wednesday 5th December	3A Sharing Assembly
Thursday 6th December	EYFS Open Day
Wednesday 12th December	2SA, 3O and 5L Sharing Assembly
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 11th January	EYFS Open Day

### Teddy Bears Clinic



On **Monday 3rd December 2018**, Dr Anya Okine will be coming in to talk to the children about keeping healthy. She will also be running a 'Teddy Bears' Clinic' with each Year 1 class. Please

can the children bring in a teddy bear for the teddy bear clinic.

### Christmas Songs in the Playground

On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** we will be singing Christmas Songs in the playground for parents and carers. The EYFS will not be involved as they will be doing a performance earlier in the week.



### Last Week's Stars of the Week

Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
RAZ	Nicoler	3O	Jayden
RE	Ethan	4V	Mirabeller
RS	Danieller	4N	Kiara
1KJ	Alayah	4S	Talia
1MJ	Nikisha	4L	Dinah
1JB	Nobler	5C	Savannah
2E	Ella	5A	Willow
2D	Thai	6R	Fabian
2SA	Arun	6C	Michael
3C	Shradha	6CH	Stanley
3A	Josiah	Lighthouse KS1	Meritt



## Friends of Torridon PTA

Many thanks to everyone who ordered their child's Christmas cards this year. We are pleased to have raised a total of £336 for Torridon from the card, wrapping paper and gift tag sales. Those who ordered should receive their cards and other items next week. Thank you again for your support - we hope your friends and family enjoy your children's festive artwork!



We are also thrilled to announce that, thanks to the support of the wider Catford community, the PTA have been awarded £2500 from Catford South's Assembly Fund Awards to contribute to our ongoing fundraising for the new laurel hedge around the school. Many local people stopped by our stall on the 12th November to talk to us about our efforts to make a cleaner, greener space for the Torridon children.

# TRICOLOR PRIZE RAFFLE

**THREE CATEGORIES, DOZENS OF WINNERS!!**

**TOP LUXURY GIFTS**  
X2 TICKETS: £1.00    x5 Tickets: £2.00

**FUN FAMILY STUFF**  
X2 TICKETS: 50p    x5 Tickets: £1.00

**CHILDREN'S ITEMS**  
X2 TICKETS: 50p    x5 Tickets: £1.00

Prize draw will be held 6.30pm  
Sunday 2nd December

The Library, 103 -105 Torridon Road. Catford. SE6 1RQ

A full list of winning ticket numbers will be published on our Facebook and Twitter pages online. Winning ticket holders who do not claim prizes on the day must collect their prizes within 14 days.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW !!!**

# Christmas Crafts Fair & Bazaar

The Library, 103 -105 Torridon Road. Catford. SE6 1RQ

**All Day - Indoor Drone Flight Tasters, Face Painting Artists, Free Craft Activities**

**12:30pm - Christmas Baby Bounce**  
**1:30pm - The Sparkle Girls**  
**Live Art & Music Performance ...**

**Plus ... Seasonal Gifts, Hand-Made Jewellery, Neal's Yard Remedies, Tricolor Prize Raffle, Festive Mince Pies & Mulled Wine.**

**Sunday 2nd December**  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Doors Open: 11am - 7pm**

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