



Torridon
Primary School

TORRIDON NEWS

15th March 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your support with Red Nose Day today. We sold out of Red Noses this morning so I am hoping we have raised a fantastic amount of money for Comic Relief! The Office team are busy counting it all up so I will be able to report to you how much we have raised in next week's newsletter.

From Monday we will be welcoming some trainee teachers from Goldsmith's University. They will be working alongside the teachers in 1KJ, 2E and 5C over the next few weeks. I am sure you would like to join me in welcoming them to the Torridon team.

Next week is assessment week. Teachers will be assessing how well the children are doing and reviewing how much progress they have made this term.

We will also be welcoming Sara Williams, Lewisham's Director of Education, who will be visiting Torridon to see some of the wonderful learning that has been happening this term.

The school council will be writing to you shortly to invite you to take part in our upcoming *Diversity Day* which will be taking place on Friday 5th April. I do hope you will be able to come and join us for a celebration of our fantastic school community.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards

Manda George

Headteacher



Safer Community Workshops

PC Andrew Reading is our dedicated ward officer and will be working with us to promote safer communities. This is particularly important given the increase in knife crime in recent months. He will be offering a workshop for parents and carers at 6:00pm on **Thursday 28th March** and will be running workshops for our children in Year 5 and 6 on **4th and 5th April 2019**.



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Nursery Fire Engine Visit

Nursery had a visit from the fire brigade yesterday, Thursday 14th March. The children had a lovely time trying out the equipment and sitting in the fire engine.



Sharing Assemblies

Thank you to those of you who came to the sharing assemblies this week. Here are some of the lovely comments you made on your feedback forms. We look forward to seeing parents and carers of children in RS next week.

"That was brilliant! Lots of fun and great learning. Thanks for being great teachers"

"I thought the assembly was amazing. It was lovely to see the children's work. Can't wait to see more!"

"The assembly was great. The children were so good at remembering all the words and actions, and most of all how lovely their work was"

Dates for your diary

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| Mon 18th—Fri 22nd March | Whole School Assessment Week |
| Mon 18th—Fri 22nd March | Yr 5 Bikeability training |
| Tuesday 19th March | Tate visiting to photograph Yr 3 pupils for Tate/ Steve McQueen Project |
| Wednesday 20th March | Sharing Assembly for RS |
| Mon 25th to Fri 29th March | Yr 5 residential trip |
| Wednesday 27th March | Sharing Assembly for RE |
| Thursday 28th March | Police workshop for parents at 6:00pm |
| Friday 29th March | Whole School Coffee Morning 9:00am |
| Mon 1st—Fri 5th April | World Autism Awareness Week |
| Wednesday 3rd April | Sharing Assemblies for 2E, 3C and 5A |
| Thursday 4th April | Police workshops for Yr 5 & 6 |
| Friday 5th April | Police workshops for Yr 5 & 6 |
| Friday 5th April | Diversity Day |
| Friday 5th April | Last Day of Term |

Free School Meal Applications

If you are in receipt of the following you could be entitled to free school meals:

- income support
- income-based jobseeker's allowance or employment and support allowance
- child tax credit only – income below £16,190
- guarantee element of pension credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

You can check your eligibility by visiting:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

The parents and carers will need to complete their application online. If you require assistance with the application you can attend one of the Digital Zone Drop in sessions at Catford Library Tues/Thurs 2pm-4pm Weds 10am-1pm or Torridon Road Library Mondays 10am-12pm who can also be contacted on 020 8378 5358 for advice.

Parenting course at Knights Temple Grove

Programme details

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| Where | Knights Temple Grove School Ballamore Road, Bromley, BR1 5LW |
| When | Thursday 25th April to Thursday 18th July 2019 |
| Time | 9.15am-12.15pm |
| Facilities | Lunch, refreshments and creche provided Please contact Chalice to book childcare |
| Contact | Call Chalice on 0207428 1880 or 07701048479 Email: chalice@racefound.org.uk Or register online here: http://bit.ly/SFSC-RISE |



**strengthening families
strengthening communities**

A free inclusive course to help parents and carers raise happy confident children all ages from babies to teens

Logos: Race Equality Foundation, strengthening families strengthening communities, RISE (Raising Inclusive Schools), KNIGHTS ACADEMY

About the programme

This is a popular parenting programme for anyone raising children. We welcome parents and carers from all backgrounds who would like to work on their parenting skills and build positive relationships with their children.

I spend more time with my mum and we communicate better

I feel more confident talking to my children about subjects like sex and relationships

I found it very supportive being part of a group and sharing ideas with other parents.

I feel calmer about dealing with my children on a day-to-day basis. I don't get angry as quickly.

SFSC runs for three hours a week for 12 weeks. Some groups provide free childcare and refreshments. There is also an introductory session where you can find out more. Just come along, bring a friend or partner if you prefer, and see if it's for you!

The course will help you to

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Gain confidence and communication skills
- Understand your child's development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- Meet others and share ideas

All groups end with a celebration. You will receive a certificate and a parent manual.







TORRIDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES

2019 – 2020



| AUTUMN TERM 2019 | |
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| INSET DAYS | Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019 |
| First Day of Autumn Term | Wednesday 4 th September 2019 |
| INSET DAY | Friday 18th October 2019 |
| <i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i> | <i>Monday 21st October – Friday 15th October 2019</i> |
| Last Day of Autumn Term | Thursday, 19 th December 2019 |
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| <i>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</i> | <i>Friday 20th December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020</i> |
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| SPRING TERM 2020 | |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6th January 2020 |
| First Day of Spring Term | Tuesday 7 th January 2020 |
| <i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i> | <i>Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020</i> |
| Last Day of Spring Term | Friday 3 rd April 2020 |
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| <i>EASTER HOLIDAY</i> | <i>Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020</i> |
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| SUMMER TERM 2020 | |
| First Day of Summer Term | Monday 20 th April 2020 |
| <i>BANK HOLIDAY</i> | <i>Monday 4th May 2020</i> |
| INSET DAY | Friday 22nd May 2020 |
| <i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i> | <i>Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020</i> |
| Last Day of Summer Term | Tuesday 21 st July 2020 |
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| <i>SUMMER HOLIDAY</i> | <i>Wednesday 22nd July 2020</i> |



Children do not come to school on INSET Days