



# TORRIDON NEWS

22nd July 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of our first year as Torridon Primary School. It has certainly been a busy, challenging and exciting year for all of us. Your support has been incredible and I hope we can continue to work in partnership as we move into our second year together.

Thank you for those of you who braved the torrential rain to support our end of year carnival. I think we managed to capture the carnival spirit despite the inclement weather and last minute relocation of our planned outdoor events. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the staff team who worked very hard to make sure the event ran as smoothly as possible and was enjoyable for all!

Several of you have contacted me with ideas as to how we develop and improve our communication strategy next term. Thank you for your comments - your feedback is greatly appreciated. We have taken on board your thoughts and suggestions and will be making some changes ready for the new academic year

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded with a Silver Schools Games Mark in recognition of our participation in sporting events throughout the year. A big thank you to Michael Church who works so hard to ensure all our children have access to high quality sports provision and to Lucinda Gower who worked with Michael to plan and co-ordinate our wonderful Sports Week.

We would like to invite you to a welcome meeting in the first full week of the new term. It will be an opportunity for you to meet the teaching team who will be supporting your children next year, to find out about the curriculum and to ask any questions you may have. See inside for more details.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



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# Parent Governor Nominations Result

*Dear parents and carers*

*I am writing to inform you of the result of our election for two parent governors.*

*Michelle Weise Henry and Catrine Rogers have been elected and will join the Governing Body in September.*

*On behalf of the Governors I would like to thank all those who put their name forward and took the time to complete candidate statements. There was a very good response to the elections, I am happy to provide details of the number of votes cast on request from [mbrightman@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk].*

*I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.*

*Margaret Brightman*

*Chair of Governors*

## Staffing Update

Thank you to all who contributed to the memory book for Lynne Pope (Deputy Headteacher). She was delighted to receive your messages of love and support as she leaves Torridon after 13 years. She has been a huge part of the school and will be missed by all of us.

Joy Ahwieh, one of our school business managers will be moving on to a new challenge in the autumn term. She has worked very hard to support the junior school (and subsequently the primary school) with many aspects of financial and budget matters. We wish her the best of luck for her new job.

We are saying goodbye to some of our teaching staff at the end of term:

Marion Stableford and Jas Baines (Year 1 teachers) will be moving on after many years of teaching at Torridon Infant School. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them well for the future.

Oma Louise Odigboh, Jack Morrison and Sarah Conway are all taking up new teaching positions in September 2019. We wish them all the very best for their new ventures.

Sadly, we are also saying farewell to a number of our wonderful support staff. Over the years, they have made such a difference to the children of Torridon and I am sure you will want to join me in saying thank you for their commitment and loyalty and in wishing them the very best for the future.

We will be welcoming some new faces to the team in the autumn term. Faye Odurny and Larissa Miles will be joining the Early Years team as Reception teachers, Lauren Fields will be teaching in year 2 and Whitley Weston will be joining the year 5 team.

We will be delighted to see Nick Younger and Vivian Etuk returning in September. As many of you know, Nick has been unwell this term. He is feeling much better and is looking forward to coming back to school next term. Vivian has been on maternity leave and is very excited to meet her new class after the holiday.

There will be an opportunity for you to meet the new teaching teams at our welcome meetings in September.

## Welcome Meetings

We would like to invite you to meet the teaching team who will be supporting your children next year, to find out about the curriculum and to ask any questions you may have.

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Team Leader Kate Read</b>
	<b>2.45pm</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Team Leader Nick Younger</b>
	<b>2.45pm</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Team Leader Richard Newsome</b>
	<b>2.45pm</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	

We hope you will be able to join us. If you are unable to attend the meeting for your child's year group, please speak to the team leader who will be happy to see you at a different time.

## Year 6 End of Term Events

*The Year 6 team would like to extend their thanks to parents and carers for joining us for our two performances of 'Shakespeare Rocks!' on Wednesday this week. The children had a lot of fun and worked very hard in preparation for the shows. We hope you enjoyed seeing the fabulous singing dancing and acting from our talented children.*

*As a reward for the hard work and dedication that they have shown throughout the year, Y6 enjoyed an afternoon of bowling in Surrey Quays on Thursday. All involved had a great time.*

*We look forward to seeing all Y6 parents and carers again for one final goodbye to our children in their leavers' assembly at 9.15am on Tuesday 23rd July in the Y5 hall.*

*Richard Newsome*

*Assistant Headteacher*

# Unity Dance Company

We are pleased to introduce Torricon's very own dance company: Unity Dance Company.

Children from key stage 2 have been selected to meet once a week to explore different dance styles and be involved in dance making and performing.

The company performed brilliantly at the Carnival and we are extremely proud of celebrating the talent and commitment of our children here at school.





## Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 23rd July	*****LAST DAY OF TERM*****
Monday 2nd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th September	Children return to school at 8.55am

## Events

RAIDERS NETBALL CLUB PRESENT

# YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

COME AND JOIN OUR PINK & BLACK FAMILY

AGE: 9 - 16 YRS OLD  
ALL ABILITY LEVELS

DATES:  
TUESDAY  
6th August  
13th August  
20th August  
27th August

**£5**  
PER DAY



TIME: 12:00PM - 16:30PM  
VENUE: DOWNHAM LEISURE CENTRE  
MOORSIDE ROAD BR1 5EP

EACH CHILD PLEASE BRING A DRINK  
AND A PACKED LUNCH

-EVERYDAY WE HAVE A WINNER-  
TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL:  
raidersnetballclubuk@gmail.com  
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ALL COACHES ARE DBS ACCREDITED

RAIDERS NETBALL CLUB



## TORRIDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

### TERM DATES

2019 – 2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019	
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
First Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
INSET DAY	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019</i>
Last Day of Autumn Term	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<i>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020</i>
SPRING TERM 2020	
INSET DAY	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
First Day of Spring Term	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020</i>
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
<i>EASTER HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020</i>
SUMMER TERM 2020	
First Day of Summer Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<i>BANK HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</i>
INSET DAY	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020</i>
Last Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020
<i>SUMMER HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020</i>

Children do not come to school on INSET Days