



# TORRIDON NEWS

6th September 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It was lovely to see the children returning to school after the holiday looking well rested and ready for learning.

We are really pleased to see that the children have settled into their new classes exceptionally well and we have been so impressed with the start of the term.

We have started this term with a whole school topic based around the theme of 'Identity'. Children have been talking about their own identity, finding out about the identity and heritage of their peers and creating class identities. They have produced some fantastic learning already, the self portraits created in some classrooms are particularly creative.

One of the things you requested last year was more notice prior to school events. In response to this, we are issuing an annual calendar with an overview of events, meetings, workshops and coffee mornings. It will be available on the school website and we will reissue it half termly to include any updates. I hope you will find it helpful and informative.

I look forward to seeing you at our welcome meetings next week.

Best wishes

A. George

Manda George

Headteacher



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## BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK 2019

Schools across the UK are being invited to take part in the 2019 Bike to School Week, 23 – 27 September.

Organised by Sustrans, the walking and cycling charity, and supported by the Bikeability Trust. Bike to School Week celebrates cycling to school and the benefits of travelling actively for children.



Full details on Bike to School Week can be found on the following link:

<https://bikeability.org.uk/bikeability-club/bike-to-school-week/>

## CAR FREE DAY—AFTER SCHOOL PLAY OUT

**Mark your diaries!** We are delighted to announce that, as part of London's Car Free Day, we will be holding an all-school '**play-out**' on Birkhall Road after school on **Friday, 20th September from 3:15-5pm**. The road (between Hazelbank and Ardoch Roads) will be closed off to traffic (with marshals monitoring the road) and children and their families\* are invited to come out, bring scooters, bicycles, chalk, skipping ropes, etc., to enjoy. The PTA will be holding a cake sale with refreshments. Please contact [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com) if you would like to help at the event. \*Please note - parents and carers are responsible for their children at this play out.



## 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.

## Calling all marathon runners

The PTA are thrilled to announce that Torrington has a community place in this year's Vitality London Half-Marathon on Sunday 1st March! It is an amazing opportunity to support the school and challenge yourself to running 13.1 miles past some of London's iconic landmarks. Staff, parents, carers and friends or family are all invited to take part. There will be lots of support and encouragement (and lots of different running apps to help you train). We will be joining many other local school teams on the starting line. We have 20 places available for Torrington, so to secure your spot, please get in touch with Emily Steadman ([ehsteadman@gmail.com](mailto:ehsteadman@gmail.com) or tel. 07970 538 657) if you are interested in joining the school team! Let's go Torrington!!



## Prospective Parents and Carers

We will be hosting visits to the school for parents and carers of children who will be starting school in September 2020.

If you would like to book a visit or know of someone with a child who would like to join Torridon, please get in touch with a member of the admin team.

Visits will take place at 9.00am on a Friday morning in the autumn term. Places will be limited so please contact the school office on 0208 6972762 to make an appointment.

## Playtime snacks

As you may be aware, children between the ages of 4 and 6 are provided with fruit or vegetables for their mid morning snack. This is provided through the NHS 'School Fruit And Vegetable Scheme' in order to support children with getting their '5 a day'.

Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in some fruit or veg if they would like a snack at playtime. Please do not send crisps, biscuits or sweets.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## September 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>2</b> INSET DAY	<b>3</b> INSET DAY	<b>4</b> FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>9</b> WELCOME MEETINGS 9.15am Year 1 2.45pm Year 2	<b>10</b> WELCOME MEETINGS 9.15am Year 3 2.45pm Year 4	<b>11</b> WELCOME MEETINGS 9.15am Year 5 2.45pm Year 6	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT
<b>16</b> 2.30pm YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6.30pm YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING	<b>19</b> 9.00am INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING	<b>20</b> PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT  Car Free Day 3.15—5.00 After school play out.
<b>23</b> Bike to school week	<b>24</b> Bike to school week	<b>25</b> Bike to school week	<b>26</b> Bike to school week	<b>27</b> PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT
<b>30</b>				