



TORRIDON NEWS

22nd November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a great Road Safety Week at school. The children were very passionate in their writing to the council to campaign for a new crossing patrol officer. See inside for an example from one of our year 2 classes. I will be sending the letters off next week so there is still time for you to write a letter of support if you wish to do so.

We were very pleased with the results from our parent and carer questionnaires. Thank you to all who completed them. An overwhelming 96% of you said that your children are happy at Torridon and 92% said you would recommend Torridon to another parent. You told us you would like to see more arts provision and would like us to think about how we are supporting your children's wider development. We have taken your comments on board and are looking at ways in which we can make improvements. Full results have been e-mailed to you separately and are available on the website.

I hope you will be able to spare some time to come and speak to governors next week. They are keen to meet with you and hear your views. They will be available to meet with you on **Thursday 28th November** at 9.00am, 2.30pm or 7.00pm. We hope to see you there.

Have a lovely weekend

A. George

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Headteacher



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Road Safety Letter



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Thursday 21st November 2019

Dear Lewisham Council,

We need a lollypop person! Our lollypop person, Ray, got too old for his job and retired in October. And now, we **NEED** another one. A child could get hurt on the road! If a child gets hit by a car, they could hurt themselves and end up in hospital. This also means, that child could miss out on all of their learning. This is **NOT** fair!

We are Torridon Primary School and we have lots of children here. There are more than 700 people in this school! We have children as young as Nursery in our school. These children may not know as much as we do about road safety and they could get hurt. We have to keep them safe! Some of our children go to after school clubs, like Happy Days. It is their job to look after the children and to keep them safe. Their parents pay for that and do not want their children to get hurt. Please help us.

We also **NEED** a zebra crossing. This will help everyone to cross the road in the same place. This will help to keep us all safe! Some people might be listening to music and not hear when the cars are coming. If there is a zebra crossing and a lollypop person, they will know they can cross there safely.

We REALLY REALLY need your help. Please can you get us a new lollypop person and a zebra crossing as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

2KL

P.S. Please don't say no!

Children In Need

Thank you to everybody who helped celebrate our yearly fundraiser "Children in need". We are delighted to announce so far we have raised over £500.00 with donations still trickling into school. We are continuing to sell the "Children in Need"

bands in the office so
please feel free to come in
and make a contribution.



Tate Modern

Last year, Torridon Year 3 children (our current year 4s), were photographed as part of Steve McQueen's (Turner prize winning artist and Oscar winning filmmaker) huge undertaking of photographing every year 3 class in the capital. The exhibition began in November and runs until May 2020.

The Year 3 class photographs have been popping up on over 600 billboards across London's 33 boroughs as part of an accompanying, city-wide outdoor exhibition organised by Artangel.

Details will be available next week on how parents can view the exhibition at the gallery.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tatebritain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year-3>



Torridon Xmas Cards PTA

Huge thanks to all those who ordered holiday cards designed by their child. Friends of Torridon PTA are delighted to announce that sales from the cards, wrapping paper and gift tags have raised a total of **£432.50** for Torridon! Finished cards and other items should arrive by the end of next week, and will be given out by your child's teacher. If you put in an order after the deadline, your cards may arrive later. Many thanks again for your support - we hope your friends and family enjoy your child's festive artwork!



PTA Christmas Fair Helpers

Friends of Torridon PTA will be holding an Xmas Fair on Saturday 14th December 2019. Please can you help the PTA by volunteering to help make this a fun event for all the Torridon Community.



Join the Christmas Fair Crew!

Email us at

friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com



Amazon Wishlist

Follow this link to the school amazon wish list and donate a book today:

<https://tinyurl.com/y488l5gn>



Climate Change March

At Torridon we take Climate Change very seriously and we have been made aware of the Global Climate Change march on Friday 29th November. There will be a Torridon banner taken up to Parliament Square on Friday by Flora (Art Teacher) on behalf of the school and local community.

Any parents wishing to join (with or without their children) should assemble outside the school office at midday on Friday so we can make our way by public transport.



School Announcements

Pokémon Cards



Please do not allow children to bring toys, sweets or pokémon cards into school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nursery & Reception Forest Schools Trip



The children are looking forward to their forest school trips next week. Please remember to have your child wear wellies, warm waterproof coats, hats and gloves.



Christmas Decorations



Recycle your pre-loved festive decorations

We would be grateful for any festive decorations tinsel, baubles etc that you no longer require,

please hand them into the office. Sorry but we are unable to accept lights or items that require

electricity as these items have to be safety tested.

We thank you in anticipation.

Christmas Performance YR1 & YR2 Monday 16th December

Please note the change of date. Performance will take place at 10am and 2pm. Tickets will be available at the school office from Monday 9th December.

Resource Baser

Children in the Resource Base enjoyed an autumnal trip to Forster Memorial Park on Monday. The children enjoyed being out in nature, seeing the changes in colour in the woods and searching for woodland creatures they have been reading about in our core text, Billy and the Beast. There was time as well for playing in the playground, spending time on the swings and stopping for a quick snack before coming back to school.



A lovely



Stars of The Week

| Class | Pupil | Class | Pupil | Class | Pupil |
|---------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| RAZ | Edie | 2KL | Amar | 5A | Olaolu |
| RF | Afonso | 2L | Sukhmani | 5C | Thajien |
| RL | Esme | 3E | Ava | 5L | Danny |
| Resource Base | Nathan | 3C | James | 5W | Maeyles |
| 1BL | Azariah | 3V | George | 6C | Abigail |
| 1S | Holly | 4AM | Elisha | 6RN | Tharsha |
| 1N | Isabella | 4C | Sammy | | |
| 2D | Amoriah | 4J | Joshua | | |
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Saturday League Football

On Saturday 16th November, the boys' football team kicked off their season as they played their first Lewisham league matches at Blackheath. It was a challenging start to their campaign as it was the first time they played together as a team and they were up against last year's winners and another top 4 team. They showed a promising start as they passed the ball around well and controlled the games at times. Some players needed to cover in extraordinary positions as they didn't have a full squad on the day but they persisted really well without full confidence. The final scores did not truly reflect the teams' performance, hopefully it will not take long before the boys record their first win of the season.

Final scores: Torridon 1 - 2 Horniman & Torridon 0 - 4 Edmund Waller. The girls will be playing their first matches this **Saturday 23rd November** from **9:30am-12:00pm** at Blackheath.



Events

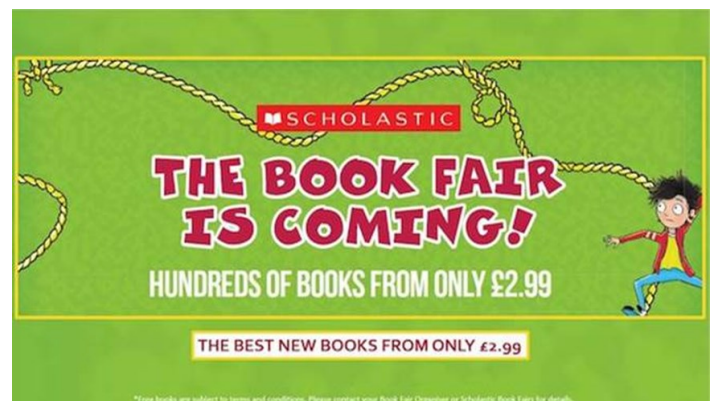
★ Torridon Tots ★

Christmas Party



★ Make your own wrapping paper ★
+ Christmas decorations

❧ Messy play + small world play ❧



Monday 25th November to Friday 29th
November 2019 at 3.20pm– 4pm Year 4 Hall

Calling all readers!

Come, browse and buy some exciting books!
Help us earn free books for our school. Every
book purchased helps fill our classrooms with
amazing free books.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event | Time |
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| Monday 25 th November | RAZ Forest School Session | 9.15am |
| Monday 25 th November to Friday 29 th November | Whole School Book Fair | Daily at 3.15pm |
| Tuesday 26 th November | RAZ Forest School Session | 9.15am |
| Wednesday 27 th November | 2L to Museum of London | All day |
| Wednesday 27 th November | Year 4 Sharing Assembly | 9.15am |
| Wednesday 27 th November | Nursery Forest School Session | 9.15am |
| Thursday 28 th November | 2D to Museum of London | All day |
| Thursday 28 th November | RF Forest School Session | 9.15am |
| Thursday 28 th November | Nursery Forest School Session | 1.15pm |
| Thursday 28 th November | Governor Drop In Sessions | 9.00am 2.30pm 7.00pm |
| Friday 29 th November | 2KL to Museum of London | All Day |
| Monday 2nd December | Year 1 to Horniman Museum | All Day |
| Wednesday 4 th December | Year 4 to Horniman Museum | All Day |
| Friday 6th December | Year 4 to Science Museum | All day |
| Friday 6th December | Non uniform day | All day |
| Week beginning Monday 9 th December | Whole School Assessment Week | All Week |
| Thursday 12th December | SCHOOL USED AS POLLING STATION | School Closed to Children |
| Saturday 14 th December | CHRISTMAS FAIR | 9.00 AM |
| Monday 16 th December | Key Stage One & Two Performance | 10 AM & 2PM |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Christmas Jumper Day | All Day |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Christmas Lunch | Lunch Period |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Nursery and Reception Performance | TBC |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Christmas Disco | TBC |
| Thursday 19 th December | Key Stage Two singing in the playground | TBC |
| Friday 20th December | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY | HALF TERM |
| Monday 6 th January | INSET DAY | School Closed to Children |
| Tuesday 7th January | FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM | 8.50 AM |