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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Headteacher Update

Staff have been absolutely thrilled to have some face to face contact with their children this week via our Teams meetings. Thank you again for your patience with our initial teething problems. I am sure that things will run smoothly this week. Children will have the opportunity to see their friends and their teachers again next week. Meetings will take place on the same day and time as this week's calls.

Torridon Cookbook

Thank you so much for all of you who contributed mouthwatering recipes for our first Torridon Family Cookbook. I am very pleased to tell you that it is now ready to share with you. We have placed a copy on the school website:

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Torridon-Cookbook-Version-1.pdf>

and we will be adding it to our class blogs. If you would like a hard copy, we would be glad to provide one for a small contribution. All funds raised will be put towards our welfare fund to help vulnerable families over the summer holiday period.

A big thank you to Lauren and Lizzie who worked hard to collate the recipes and well done to Isabel (Y6) who created the beautiful, winning design for the front cover.

Lewisham Survey

Lewisham Local Authority are gathering some information from all parents and carers in the borough in order to support the planning for schools fully opening in September. Please see below for the link to a very short survey enquiring about your children's access to the internet for home learning and your plans for travel to and from school. I would urge as many of you as possible to complete the questionnaire as it will help with borough wide planning for next term. You can access the questionnaire here:

[Travel and IT home access survey](#)

Staffing update

We will be saying goodbye to Emma Cordon at the end of term. She will be taking some time away from teaching and moving to the Isle of Wight to be closer to family. She has taught many of the children during her time at Torridon and has inspired them to become passionate

readers and aspiring writers. I know that you will want to join me in thanking her for her hard work and huge contribution to the school and in wishing her all the very best for the future.

We will be creating a book of messages for her as a memento of her time at Torridon. If you would like to share a message, picture or drawing, please email your contribution to admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk with the subject line Goodbye Emma.

We are delighted to welcome some new teachers to the Torridon Team for September. Anna Morrison, Ben Tandy, Claudia Roe and Lucille Jousellin will join us as class teachers and Chris McCartney will join the creative arts team as our specialist music teacher.

Staffing Arrangements for September

As I said in my update last week, we will not be mixing the class groups this year. Children will move up to their new class with the same friends who were in their class this year. The new classes are as follows:

Current Class	New Class in September	Class Teachers in September
RAZ	1N	Nikki Dodd
RF	1S	Suraiya Jaffer
RL	1BZ	Boe Ommunnakwe/ Zehra Bulent
1BL	2L	Lizzie Maryon-Davies
1N	2D	Dorothy Hallam
1S	2A	Anna Morrison
2D	3J	Lucille Jousellin
2KL	3C	Carmen Samuel-Agyei
2L	3L	Lauren Stokes-Newton
3C	4C	Caroline Henry-Ledgister
3E	4AS	Anne Wakefield/ Sai Satyadeva
3V	4V	Vivian Etuk
4C	5W	Whitley Weston
4AM	5A	Ada Chinda
4J	5C	Claudia Radu
5A	6R	Claudia Roe
5C	6C	Craige Young
5L	6N	Neptali Palmer
5W	6B	Ben Tandy

We will be arranging Teams meetings for children to have a video call with their new teacher before the end of term. Please look out for the email informing you of the date and time for your child's meeting.

Transition Project

As part of the transition home learning next week, we will be inviting children to take part in a sing-along project which will be edited into an audio/video montage for the whole school. Lizzie is co-ordinating the project. Look out for more details on the upcoming email and creative arts home learning letter.

Welfare Bundles

We will be teaming up with Lewisham Foodbank and Lewisham Mutual Aid to continue to provide food parcels and welfare bundles for vulnerable families over the summer holiday period. We would be very grateful for any donations of tinned or dried foods. Our donation station outside the main office is open from 8am to 4pm until Monday 20th July. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. George". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Manda George
Headteacher