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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Headteacher Update

Fabulous Fantastic Food

I hope you are all well and have had some fun this week with our latest home learning topic *'Fabulous, Fantastic Food.'* It has been wonderful to see some examples uploaded onto our class blogs. We have seen fantastic food poetry, practical maths in the kitchen - weighing and measuring ingredients and even self portraits made with fruit and vegetables.

We are inviting you to share some of your culinary creations by sending us your favourite family recipes for our Torridon Family Cookbook. You can email, post or drop your entries off at school. We are also inviting children to design a front cover for our cookbook. See attached flier for more details.

Black Lives Matter

Ordinarily in school we respond to local and national events, and strive to give children the time and space to understand, question and develop their viewpoints on the world around them. We are aware that the current Black Lives Matter movement will be affecting many of our families in a wide range of ways, and we believe it is very important for the children to understand and be able to talk about this. We know that we are not able to support you with having conversations about this in school as we usually would, so if you are finding it hard to talk to your children about some of these very difficult and sensitive issues, we have sourced some child-friendly resources to help the children to understand what is happening. There are a range of age appropriate materials available on our website:

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/blacklivesmatter/>

Let's keep this very important conversation going so that we can all learn, understand and stand up for equality together.

Wider Opening

Our in school provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers has continued to grow and we are operating at full capacity in almost all year groups. Our ability to open to larger numbers of children is limited by the size of our classroom spaces and the availability of

staff members. Under the current government guidelines regarding social distancing, we will not be able to open additional bubbles at the moment. We will, of course, keep this under review and I will update you as soon as possible if there are any further developments. I know we are all feeling very frustrated that we cannot have more children back at school at the moment but we have to put the safety of our community first.

Home learning platform

Last week I explained that we were upgrading our ICT system to enable us to offer a more interactive home learning experience. I am pleased to tell you that we will be trialling some virtual face to face sessions with groups of children next week where they will be able to talk to staff and to some of their classmates. We hope to be able to roll this out across the school the following week. It will be lovely for children to be able to start to reconnect with their peers as I know that lots of them have really been missing the social interaction they have at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



Manda George
Headteacher