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Dear parents and carers,

### **Re: Updates**

#### **Welcome to new staff members**

This week we have welcomed some new staff members to the Torridon Team. Neptali Palmer will take over as class teacher for 5L, Alex Ashman and Naheeda Khan join the support staff team and Daryl Bullock joins Mihali and Tom as part of the premises team. It must feel very strange to be starting a new job during the school closure but the team have welcomed them with open arms and we look forward to having them as part of the Torridon family.

#### **Science week**

What a great week we have had this week! Children who were in school and all of you who were completing learning at home have been doing some wonderful science learning! We have seen rainbows in glasses, super-strong paper tables, floating masterpieces and one or two exploding lemonade bottles. It has been great fun! Thank you to everyone who has been sharing their learning on Instagram and via the class blogs. It is fantastic to see what the children have been getting up to.

#### **Author focus week**

Next week we will be focussing the home learning on favourite authors. The teachers have chosen some of their favourites, including; David Walliams, Julia Donaldson, Roald Dahl and Eric Carle. We will be emailing you on Monday with some suggested home learning activities. You can use the authors we have selected or choose a favourite of your own. I look forward to seeing some of the children's creative and imaginative learning next week.

#### **Donation Station**

This week we set up our 'Donation Station' and asked you to drop off any donations during your daily exercise. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. Thanks to your thoughtfulness, we have managed to provide food, books, toys, games and craft materials to over forty families this week. Thank you so much for your support – it is really making a difference. We will be continuing to send welfare bundles to families so any donations will be very warmly welcomed.

**Phone calls**

It has been so lovely to speak to children over the phone this week. If you have not yet received a call from your child's class teacher, you can expect to hear from him or her in the next few days. The teachers have really missed their classes and it has been so good to have the chance to speak to the children directly.

**Communication**

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any question or concerns, if there is anything we can help with or anything at all you need. We will do our very best to help wherever we can.

Please stay safe and well and I hope to see you soon.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'G'.

Manda George  
Headteacher