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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Newsletter

It has been another great week at Torridon, although it was a little warm at times! The children have really enjoyed returning to the wider curriculum. Children have enjoyed rounders, hockey, cricket, French, art and dance lessons this week.



We also had the musical instruments out for this first time this term. Our new music teacher, Chris McCartney started ukulele lessons with the year 6 children and will be teaching class music lessons across the school, starting with key stage 2.

Chris will be starting individual and small group lessons for drums, piano, guitar and violin this term. If you expressed an interest last term, you will have received an email with more details about these lessons. If you have any questions about the music tuition or would like some more information, please email Chris McCartney (Specialist Music Teacher) or Lizzie Maryon-Davies (Music Lead) at: music@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Lunch

I am pleased to tell you that we are able to provide hot lunches again. Thank you for your patience while we made the necessary preparations with Chartwells. Please contact the school office if you have any queries about school lunch:

admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk



PE kits



Please remember that children should wear school uniform on a daily basis unless it is their PE day. If it is your child's PE day please ensure they come to school dressed in his/her PE kit (**black shorts, black jogging bottoms or black leggings, white t-shirt and trainers**). Please save football kits for own clothes days and dress up days. A sweatshirt is advised (this must be their usual school jumper), as the weather gets colder, as PE will remain outside for as long as possible. If you need to purchase uniform, please visit the school website where

there is a link to a uniform shop where you can purchase uniform and have it sent directly to your address.

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Donations

Many of you will know that we built a strong partnership with Angela Doherty from *The Studio* in Chislehurst during lockdown. She worked with Deme Rocco (specialist dance teacher) and our welfare team to source and provide some of the food and wellbeing bundles for vulnerable families in the community. She recently received a certificate from the Mayor of Bromley in recognition of her community work during lockdown.



We are still accepting donations and our welfare team continue to work hard to source contributions for food parcels and welfare bundles for the local community. Thank you so much to those of you who have donated already at our donation station at the front entrance. If you would like to donate to the **Legendary Community Club** who help us to support our families in difficult times, please use the link below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/LegendaryCC>

Reminders



Children can bring a piece of fruit for a snack at breaktime. Crisps, chocolate bars, cake, biscuits, cereal bars are not allowed.

Please can we remind you that the only drink that children should be bringing in to school is water

Parking

We have had a number of complaints from local residents, and from many of you, about parking at drop off and pick up times. Cars are **NOT ALLOWED** to park in front of a dropped curb. A number of local residents have not been able to leave their houses to go to work or attend appointments because they have been blocked in by one of our parents and carers. Torridon is a community school and we wish to work in partnership with everyone who lives around us. Therefore, we are working with the community police and the Lewisham traffic team to ensure that cars are not being parked inappropriately. Number plates of vehicles who have parked in front of driveways will be displayed in the newsletter from next week.

Did you know that if you are caught with your car idling you will get an £80.00 fine?



PLEASE WALK TO SCHOOL IF YOU CAN.

Bikes and Scooters

Last week I said that we would be reviewing our Risk Assessment to see if we could have children riding their bikes and scooters to school. I am pleased to say that children will be able to come to school on a bike or scooter from **Monday 21st September**. In order to comply with safety measures, the following must be adhered to:

- Children will need to take responsibility for their own bike or scooter as we are still not able to allow parents and carers onto the school site on a day to day basis
- The bike shelters are next to Gate C on Hazelbank Road (closest to the main office). You need to be aware that children will be crossing playground zones in order to store their bikes or scooters and may come into contact with children from other bubbles.
- Children will not be allowed to ride their bike or scooter on the pavement during busy periods at drop off and pick up times.

If your child would like to ride to school, you may prefer to take their bike or scooter home with you and bring it back at the end of the day.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Kind Regards

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Headteacher

