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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Newsletter

## World Mental Health Day - #Hello Yellow







It was wonderful to see so many of the children coming together in support of World Mental Health Day. Today the school has been a sea of yellow rather than our usual purple!



Thank you for your kind donations for the **YoungMinds** mental health charity who work tirelessly to support children and young people who are finding things difficult. If you have not had a chance to do so, you can make a donation via our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/torridonprimaryschoolwmh2020>

Throughout the day, children have been learning about ways to look after themselves and each other. Some of the things we have talked about include the following:

Looking After Ourselves		Looking after each other	
	Getting lots of fresh air	Saying 'good morning' or 'hello'	
	Listening to our favourite music	Waving and smiling	

	Getting lots of sleep	Inviting someone to join in with a game we are playing	
	Eating lots of healthy food	Asking someone 'how are you?'	
	Talking to someone if we feel worried, anxious, angry or upset	If someone is feeling upset or worried, asking 'do you want to talk about it?'	

We had lots of fun making emotion wheels and bookmarks, writing poetry about our feelings, celebrating our difference and taking lots of photographs in our class 'photo booths'.

We have also introduced our new **Wellbeing Champions** team. Each bubble has a staff member who is part of the wellbeing team. They will be available at playtimes and lunchtimes to listen, support and help children who may be finding things a little difficult. They will also have dedicated time each week to meet with identified children and work with them to help them feel happy at school and ready for learning. You will be able to recognise the Wellbeing Champions by their lovely orange badges



## COVID-19 Case

As you know, we have had to close our Year 4 bubble this week due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. Thank you for all your words of support for the staff team and for your kind thoughts about the family of the individual who has tested positive.

As soon as the case was reported, we were in touch with the public health authorities and following a thorough risk assessment process, we were advised that anyone who had had contact with the individual who had a confirmed case would need to self-isolate for 14 days.

The staff and children from the year 4 bubble will be self-isolating until the end of next week and during that time we have closed the year 4 building to enable a thorough deep clean to take place.

The measures we have in place to minimise contact between individuals meant that we did not have to consider a wider school closure and were able to keep the self-isolation contained to just one bubble. Each bubble has an allocated playground zone and dedicated toilet facilities and the children stay in their year group spaces throughout the day. Currently only year 1 and year 6 are using the dining hall at different times and this space is cleaned between sittings.

The Year 4 team have been working very hard on the home learning for the Year 4 children and have been keeping in touch with them every day via Microsoft Teams.

Please remember if you have any COVID related concerns or queries, please email us at the dedicated email address: [covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk).

## Class Blogs

You can see our wonderful class blogs on the school website. Here is the link:

[www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/learning/blogs/](http://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/learning/blogs/)

Here you will be able to see a little of what your child has been learning at school. You will also be able to upload photos and videos and comment on the learning being shared.

A guide for how to upload and share has been emailed to you separately. If you have any queries about the blogs, please get in touch via email [admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk).

## Christmas Cards



Your child should have brought home a large envelope this evening containing their fabulous Christmas card design and instructions telling you how to place an order. Please return your child's design to school by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the latest. Members of the Friends of Torridon PTA will then send them off to be printed ready for Christmas.

## Packed Lunch Offer

Half Term is approaching and we are hoping to be able to offer holiday packed lunches to Torridon children eligible for Free School Meals. We will be working with the Mayor's office on this initiative and will be in touch with further details to eligible families next week.



## Reception Admissions

Usually we would be offering tours of the school for parents and carers who were considering Torridon as a choice for Reception admissions next year. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we are not going to be able to offer this in the same way. Instead, we will be inviting prospective parents and carers to attend a Microsoft Teams meeting where staff will be able to offer some information about the school and answer any questions.

The first of these meetings will take place at **10.00am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

## Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	School Photographs
Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Black History Celebration
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	School Photographs (Year 4)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020	Virtual meetings with class teachers
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	INSET Day

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the team if you have any queries. We are always happy to help if we can.

Kind regards

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