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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another exciting week at Torridon. The children have been talking about bullying and ways in which we can work together to make sure that school is a 'bullying -free zone'. They had virtual assemblies to talk about some of the issues and have reviewed the anti-bullying policy in their classes.

You will have noticed that, after several weeks of discussion with Lewisham Council, we have finally got the pavement widening barriers in place. This has made a real difference to everyone being able to walk at a safe distance along the pavements. However, it does mean the roads are narrower and it is more important than ever that you do not park across driveways as this narrows the roads even further, making it very unsafe for children crossing the road. Please consider walking, cycling or scootering to school as an alternative. If you must drive, please park safely and responsibly to make sure we are keeping our children safe.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher

Parent Workshops

Kate Read (Assistant Headteacher) is continuing her series of workshops. Next week there is a chance for parents and carers of children in Nursery and Reception to find out more about how children learn maths in the early stages of their life and ways to help at home with maths learning.

Maths, Maths Everywhere! 4.00pm on Monday 30th November 2020

Please log in to your child's MS Teams account to join the workshop.



Road Safety Week









The children had great fun designing their Road Safety posters last week. Here are just a few of their excellent designs





Parent and Carer Skills Survey



There is still time for you to complete the skills survey for the Friends of Torridon PTA.

We have a wonderful parent & carer community with a wide spectrum of skills and we are keen to capture this information and provide parents with opportunities to participate.

We are asking all parents & carers if they could complete this quick survey so we can update our database of parents & carers skills.

Click here for the survey

CHRISTMAS CARDS

At this time of year, children would usually be bringing in cards to give to their friends as a celebration of the festive period. Given the current COVID restrictions, we are asking that you do not send in Christmas cards this year. Instead of buying lots of cards to distribute, you may want to consider making a donation instead. Our Amazon Wishlist is open. You could choose a book to donate to your child's class or you could contribute to our 'Lewisham Love' Christmas Shoebox Appeal.



Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 17th December.

If your child usually has packed lunch but would like to have a school dinner, please contact the school office:

admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

We will also be inviting children to wear a festive jumper on the day to add to the Christmas spirit.





Book Donations



Could YOU be our hero in Torridon's next chapter?

Follow this link to the school amazon wish list and donate a book today:

https://tinyurl.com/t2688wy

Send this link to family and friends and we can fill the class libraries with new books for everyone to enjoy!

_If you would like to source books second hand or elsewhere – feel free to do so. All books to be sent to the school office address. Enquiries to be sent to: torridonbookappeal@gmail.com.

Lewisham Love

Thank you to those who have already contributed to our Christmas Shoebox campaign. We have received some beautifully decorated boxes filled with generous and thoughtful gifts. If you would like to donate, please send your contributions to the school office no later than **Friday 4th December**. Your kindness could really make a child's Christmas sparkle. Thank you for your support.



Amazon Smile







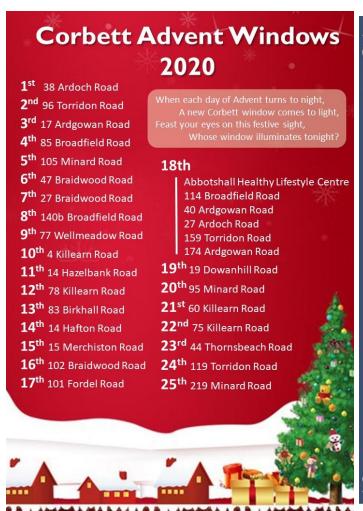
Once you have signed up, Amazon will donate 0.5% of every eligible purchase you make to the 'Friends of Torridon PTA'. This is a fantastic way for you (also your family, friends and colleagues) to raise money for new playground equipment with *every* purchase on Amazon

at no extra cost to you.

If you are thinking of enjoying some Black Friday Amazon deals please do not forget to join up to for Amazon smile first so that the school gets a percentage of your purchases -at no added cost to you.



Look out for these beautiful advent windows throughout December





Dates for your Diary

Monday 7 th — Friday 11 th December	Assessment week
Thursday 10 th – Friday 18 th December	Hanukkah
Wednesday 16 th December	Virtual End of Term Performances
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

