



**Torridon**  
Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I know this is not the way that we had expected to start the new term but, as ever, the Torridon Team have risen to the challenge which the lockdown has presented in order to make the start of term run as smoothly as we possibly could.

You are doing an amazing job with your children's home learning. I know it is not always easy and we are working hard to continue to refine, develop and improve the support we are able to offer you and your families whilst you are at home. Thank you for your patience with some of the issues we have had to resolve this week.

From Monday, teachers will be providing new, interactive sessions for English and Maths every day. This will provide opportunities for teacher input and for children to ask and answer questions about the tasks and to speak directly to their teachers if they need help or guidance with understanding the learning.

Teachers are excited to have face to face time with children to support their learning in the same way they would if they were in the classroom. Every effort has been made to try to minimise timetable clashes for siblings in different year groups. However, if you do encounter any issues with this, please send us an email and we will find a way to resolve the problem.

This a new way of working for us all and whilst we have tried to pre-empt any difficulties that might arise, there may be some unavoidable glitches during the launch. Thank you in advance for bearing with us whilst we get things up and running.

We are arranging to hold some virtual meetings with parents and carers next week which will give you the opportunity to give us some feedback about our remote learning offer and to offer any suggestions. We are keen to hear your views so please look out for the meeting invitations.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have queries or concerns or if you need support with anything at all. We will do our best to help if we possibly can.

Very best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



## Playground



The children have had great fun this week thinking about ways to improve our playground. They have designed and made their own playground models and written some very persuasive letters to the Mayor of London, the Young Mayor of Lewisham and the managing directors of several banks and charity organisations.

*Dear Mr Sadiq Khan,  
I am a pupil in year 5. I am writing to request funds for Torrington Primary School.*

*My request is to get a climbing frame with monkey bars. I am asking for this because it will help the children's wellbeing and fitness and it will also build your reputation in supporting the local community.*

*I think you should take notice of my letter and give a kind amount of ten thousand pounds towards the improvement of our playground. This will make our school an amazing place.*

*I am hoping to hear from you soon*

*Kindest regards*

*Huda.*



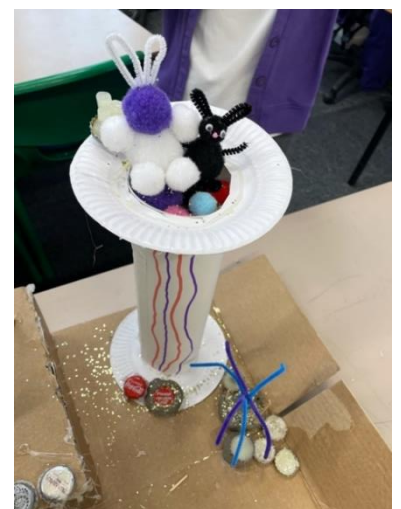
The children's ideas are always very imaginative and they have also thought carefully about the reasons for their requests.

Some children have requested a wider range of plants across the school to encourage a greater variety of bees, birds and butterflies. Many have talked about the need for soft surfacing as a safety

measure if we install climbing frames, swings or slides.

Children feel very strongly that better playground equipment will support positive mental health and help to keep children fit and healthy.

Whilst they may be cute and fun to play with, I am not sure we will be able to accommodate the requests for monkeys, snakes and horses on our playground!



## Free School Meals

We will be providing vouchers for families eligible for benefits related Free School Meals for the next two weeks. For children in Reception and Key Stage One who are eligible for the Universal Free School Meal Offer, Chartwells will be offering Food Hampers for families who would like them. We will write to you separately with arrangements of how to order and collect your food hamper.



## Application for Reception Places for September 2021

You have until **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January** to apply for your child's Reception place. If your child currently attends Torridon Nursery, you will not automatically transfer into our Reception class. You will still need to complete an online application form.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/admissions>

If you need any support with your application or have any questions regarding the application process, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



## School Places for Vulnerable Children and Children of Critical Workers

During this period of national lockdown, school will be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers only. This is in line with the government advice that all children remain at home where possible. in order to help to reduce the infection rate more quickly.

If you meet the criteria and require a school place for your child, please complete an application form and return to [admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk) by Wednesday if you wish to be considered for a place starting the following week.

Senior staff are available to discuss individual circumstances with you if it would be helpful.

## Communication



We have a dedicated email address for any communication related to COVID-19. You can contact us at the following email address: [covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk) We have also set up a dedicated phone number for you to call if you need to inform us of a confirmed case within your household– **07376 358065**.



# Little Creative Chef Grow, Cook, Eat

Come and join us for these **FREE ZOOM** sessions  
for easy ideas to help you and your family  
cook and eat together.

Tuesday 19th January

Tuesday 26th January

Tuesday 2nd February

Tuesday 9th February

11.00am -12:00noon



Easy meal ideas

Zoom Sessions



To book your place:

text or leave a message on: 07377 724243

or email: [ladywell.cc@lewishamcfc.org.uk](mailto:ladywell.cc@lewishamcfc.org.uk)



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