



Torridon
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Dear parents and carers,

We are almost at the end of the autumn term and what a term it has been! Despite all the COVID limitations and restrictions in place, we have still managed to pack lots of exciting learning activities in this term. We celebrated Black History and World Mental Health Day, raised lots of money for Children in Need, learned about important real life issues such as bullying and road safety alongside making fantastic progress in reading, writing and maths. We have certainly been very busy indeed!

It will soon be time for us to take some time to switch off from school for a while and to spend some time with our families and loved ones.

We are all looking forward to celebrating the end of an amazing autumn term next week.

Very best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



End of Term Performances



Not long to go now! Children have been practising their singing and are almost ready to share their end of term celebrations with you. Recordings will be uploaded by **WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER**. You will be able to view the recording by logging into your child's Microsoft Teams account.

Gifts for Staff

Some of you have asked whether COVID restrictions allow you to send in a small gift to say thank you to the adults who work with your children. If you would like to send something in, please label it clearly with the name of the staff member and drop it off at the school office or with a member of staff at the gate. Alternatively you could make a donation of a book via our Amazon Wishlist. <https://tinyurl.com/w9hwskc>

Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.



End of Term Arrangements

On Wednesday, we were advised by the Department for Education (DfE) that, in order to comply with COVID track and trace guidelines, the last teaching day of this term will be **Thursday 17th December**. Therefore, there will be **no school for children on Friday 18th December**.

Children can be collected at the usual time on Thursday:

3.00pm – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Resource Base

3.15pm – Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 and siblings

Schools will still have a responsibility to assist with contact tracing until 23rd December. If any member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, you must notify us immediately so we can consult with the Public Health Team and inform any families if they need to self-isolate.

You can contact us via the dedicated email address covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk. We have also set up a dedicated phone number for you to call over the holiday period if you need to inform us of a confirmed case – **07376 358065**.

Apologies that this communication is coming to you so late and I hope that it does not cause too much inconvenience.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kobie's Fantasy Creature Art Competition

Hand your entries in to your class teacher or the office.

A4 paper is the maximum size and you can use any type of art materials that you want.

Closing date Monday 14th December.

Don't forgetYour imagination is limitless!

Kobie and the Art Team will judge the entries and there is a prize for the winner.



There is still time to order 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.



Resource Base 'Flanimals'

Take a look at these amazing clay models created by the children in the Resource Base.



Calling All Runners – 10K or Half Marathon



Friends of Torricon PTA is delighted to have secured **15** places in next year's **Vitality Half Marathon**, on **Sunday 25th April 2021**. Entry is £10.

Given the Covid situation, we are also organising a **local half marathon** with Sandhurst School, to take place on **Sunday 28th March**.

This race not only provides a local alternative, it's a double loop course, so will be an excellent opportunity for those who want to do it in a relay and run a 10k rather than the full half, or indeed for the Vitality runners to use it as a warm-up!

All runners will be asked to raise a minimum of £50 for the school.

Last year, our amazing 20 Vitality Half runners raised nearly £6,000 - so went above and beyond!

All money raised will go towards the new playground equipment. Please contact Emily Steadman on ehsteadman@gmail.com or 07970 538 657 if interested. Get those laces tied!

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 10 th – Friday 18 th December	Hanukkah
Wednesday 16 th December	Virtual End of Term Performances
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Last Day of Term
Friday 18 th December	INSET Day
Monday 4 th January 2021	BACK TO SCHOOL First day of spring term



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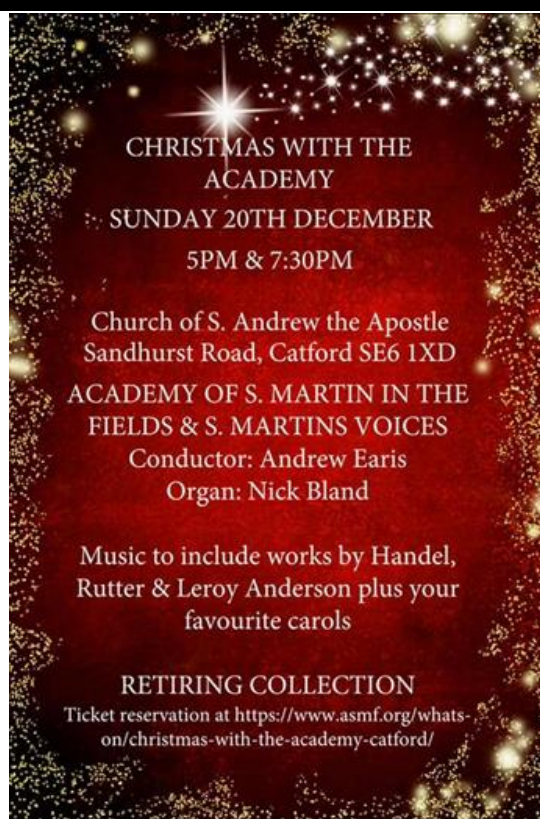
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Christmas Music at St Andrew's Church

A world-class orchestra, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, is coming to a church near you! Join us on **Sunday 20th December** at St Andrew's Church on Torridon Road, for an hour of Christmas music with choir and orchestra, including lots of well-known traditional carols. Performances are at 5pm and 7.30pm - tickets are free and donations to costs welcome as you leave. In order to adhere to Covid regulations, please sign up for the number of tickets you would like at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-with-the-academy-of-st-martin-in-the-fields-tickets-130680050549.

See you there!



Reception Admissions 2021

You have until **Friday 15th 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 application form.

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

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