



Torridon
Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of the first half of the spring term. Well done and thank you for all you have done to support your children's learning this half term. I know it has not been easy but together we have done an incredible job to ensure that children are still engaging with their learning and making good progress despite all the challenges the pandemic has presented.

Thank you to those who completed our remote learning survey. We were very grateful for your feedback and have taken on board your comments and suggestions, which were extremely helpful. We will be incorporating some of your ideas into the offer after half term.

End of the Day Sessions

You told us that the end of the day sessions are very valuable and that children really enjoy the PSHE focus and being able to share and celebrate their learning. However, many of you felt that the timing of the sessions cut the afternoon short and prevented children from having the opportunity to go for a walk or a bike ride. We will be continuing with these end of day sessions but will be reducing them to twice a week on **Monday and Thursday** afternoons. This will provide children with the opportunity to be flexible with their timetabling on the other days of the week and take advantage of the opportunity to do something more physical after a morning of screen based learning.

Screen Time

This was one of the biggest concerns expressed by you through the survey. Increased screen time has become a reality for all of us and the potential impact on mental health and wellbeing cannot be ignored. After half term, we will be introducing 'Screen Free Friday' where learning will be practical and 'hands on'. Children will have the chance to make, bake, perform and explore without sitting at the computer or tablet. Staff will provide a short introduction to the activities each Friday morning and you will be able to timetable the learning in any way which suits you.

There will be a menu of activities provided each week and children can choose to complete as many as they would like. Alternatively, you may choose to undertake activities of your own design. Judging by some of the fantastic home learning projects you have undertaken and the creative ways in which you are bringing learning to life, you may have some wonderful ideas of your own for learning activities which will suit your children best.

Virtual Playtime

We are all missing being able to spend time with our friends at the moment and for children this is particularly difficult as they are used to playing with their friends every day whilst they are at school. After half term, we will be offering children the chance to stay on the call after the Friday introduction to say hello and chat to their friends for a short while if they would like to.

I hope you take the chance to have a well deserved break from home learning next week!

Best wishes to you all

Manda George
Headteacher

Chinese New Year



Today marks the start of the Chinese New Year Celebrations for 2021 and people around the world will be celebrating and enjoying customs which hope to bring good luck, wealth, prosperity and happiness. 2021 is the year of the Ox – a creature who represents diligence, dependability, strength and determination.



We have all had to find our inner ox during the challenges of the last year.

Let's hope that the New Year brings with it the health, happiness and good fortune for us all.



Playground Survey

Hello Torridon folks!

You'll know that the PTA, Manda and the school leadership team are doing everything we can to raise funds for new playground equipment for our children.

We now have four options from equipment suppliers to choose from and we would love to hear from the children about which one is their favourite.

Please encourage your child to fill in this short (3 question) survey

<https://forms.gle/vENBpeWuvopDzih39>



Thank you!

From The Friends of Torridon Primary Parents & Teachers Association

Express Yourself Competition

You have until the end of Half Term to complete your entries for our Express Yourself competition.

We can't wait to see the wonderful projects you have created.



Remember 'Express Yourself' is about finding creative ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through media such as art, writing, music and dance along with doing things that make you feel great!

All entries will need to be submitted by **Monday 22nd February 2021**.
You can upload photos, videos or work to art@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk
Winners will be announced after half term.

Stay in Touch

Please remember to let us know if you or a member of your household receives a positive test result for COVID-19. We have a dedicated phone number for you to call if you need to inform us of a confirmed case within your household– **07376 358065**.

We also 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



Stars of the Week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Early Years Bubble	Orel	Year 3 Bubble	Izzy
Nursery	Arif	3C	Kibby
RF	Zara	3J	Mirielle
RL	Esther	3L	Sagheeth
RS	Zaydon	Year 4 Bubble	Lewis
Year 1 Bubble	Vega	4AS	Aman
1BZ	Whole Class	4C	Sarah
1N	Whole Class	4V	Kamare
1S	Whole Class	Year 5 Bubble	Taner
Year 2 Bubble	Tavarie	5A	Phaeeza
2A	Imogen	5C	Dora
2D	Aaliyah	5W	Zachary
2L	Miruna	Year 6 Bubble	Dinah
Resource Base Bubble	Kaiser	6B	Justin
Resource Base	Julian	6C	Azariah
		6N	Christopher
		6R	Kiara



Half Term Activities

HALF TERM

**FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
THIS HALF TERM GO TO:**

Facebook:

St Luke's Downham

@stlukes70

or

Friends of Forster Memorial Park

@ForsterMPark

Alternatively email:

asdoutreach.stluke@gmail.com

Winter Woodland trail

Spring Hunt

Pancake
Day

Valentine's Day crafts

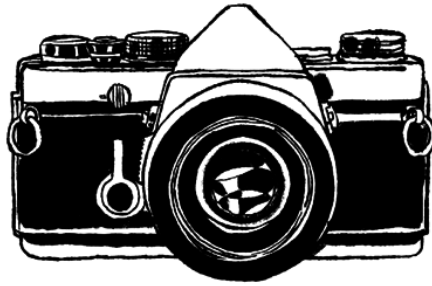
Colouring
Communication
Board

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Have
fun

KIDS

THE CORBETT PROJECT



Learn
new skills

Win
prizes



How to take part

This month we want to encourage young people to take part in the Corbett Photography Challenge by picking up cameras, phones and tablets and taking more photos!

We have set three themes to give Corbett kids inspiration to start snapping - read through the pack and enter photos to our Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/821997388586475 or Instagram with one of the hashtags below, for your chance to win a prize:

[#Corbettkidsnature](#)
[#Corbettkidslove](#)
[#Corbettkidsreflection](#)

(there is no limit to the number of images you can share – the more the merrier!)

Please note: by posting on the FB group and using [#CorbettPhotoChallenge](#) hashtag, you are agreeing for your image to be shared, and that you have all relevant permissions to share the work