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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you and your family are safe and well and enjoyed taking a break from home learning last week.

I am sure you are all aware that the Prime Minister has now set out the plans for all children to return to school from the 8th March. We are really looking forward to seeing everybody back at school. Virtual teaching and learning has been going very well indeed but nothing can replace the human contact we have all been missing so much. I know the children can't wait to get back to seeing their friends, teachers and support staff and we can't wait to have a playground full of happy, smiling faces again.

I will be writing to you next week with more details about the children's return and want to reassure you that we will be continuing with the safety measures we had in place previously such as the 'bubble' system, dedicated playground zones, staggered pick up times, lots of handwashing and additional cleaning throughout the school day. We will also be planning lots of opportunities for Personal, Social and Health Education lessons (PSHE) to support children on their journey back to classroom learning.

We know that children have spent lots of time in front of a computer screen whilst they have been at home so we will be taking advantage of the spring weather for lots of outdoor learning and we will be building on the 'screen free Fridays' introduced this week. We will be planning a weekly 'theme day' each Friday for the remainder of the spring term starting with **World Book Day Celebrations on Friday 12th March**. Look out for more details later on in the newsletter.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for the amazing job you are doing supporting your children with their learning at home and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Very best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



Virtual Playtime



Virtual playtime was a big hit with the children this morning - they loved being able to see their friends. Not long now before they will be able to have fun their friends in the playground!

Home Reading Challenge



Congratulations to Bea (year 4) and George (Year 1) who have worked together to read their height in books!

Mum set them the challenge during lockdown expecting it to take them all year and they both finished during half term.

What a great incentive to read every day! You might want to try it yourself and let us know how you get on.

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

Laptops for Learning Last Chance to Donate



Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.
We have currently raised £2,900 to support the purchase of devices for remote learning.
We would love to reach our target of £3,500.
There are 7 days left for donations to come in.

If you would like to donate, you can do so by clicking the link below.

<https://www.rocketfund.org/laptops-for-learning-bridging-the-digital-divide>

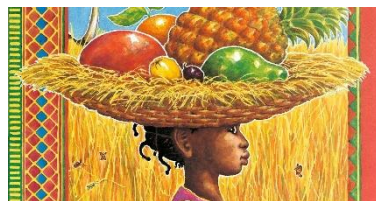
Please feel free to share the link with friends, family members, work colleagues and social media contacts.

Together we can make a real difference to our families in most need.



World Book Day Celebration Friday 12th March

World Book Day is officially the 4th March. However, we thought we would celebrate when we can all be together in person on **Friday 12th March**.



We will be inviting children (and staff) to dress up as their favourite book character and will be planning a day of fun filled book-based activities.








Which famous fictional character will
you choose?



Express Yourself Competition

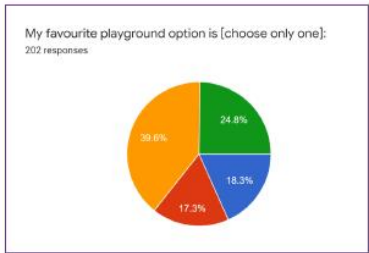
We had some fantastic entries for our half term competition with children expressing themselves in some of the most creative ways possible. We had candle making, baking, composing, singing, dancing, designing and creating. It was very difficult to choose but here are our winners!

									
Bea	Y4	Leo	Y2	Grace	Y3	Amelie	Yr1	Daisy and Zachary	Y3 Y5
Caleb	Y5	Phoenix	Y1	Sophie Beatrice	YR Y4	Arianna	Yr 5	Sophiyaa	

Well done to everyone who took part.
Certificates and prizes will be on their way to you!

Playground Fundraising Appeal

Torridon Trim Trail Appeal – Donate Today!



The Torridon Primary community has spoken and, with 39.6% of more than 200 votes, the winner is... Option 3 – Creative Play!

Using the £10,000 we raised from events like the Vitality Half Marathon, Christmas cards and Christmas Fair, the large wooden climber will be installed this summer. We will keep raising money because, unfortunately, we don't have quite enough for all the equipment pictured.

To add a Trim Trail for the Infants playground, we need an additional £6,000 by the end of March.

[Click here to donate today!](https://gofund.me/8cdf7b36)

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If all Torridon families donated:
£1 = £600 £5 = £3,000 £10 = £6,000

Please share the link with friends and family
- every little helps.

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Screen Free Friday

We hope you have enjoyed a break from the computer today and have had fun with some of the activities we sent. Lots of you took advantage of the spring sunshine to get out to the park.

These are some of the plants that Ava (Year 1) spotted on her walk.

				
Weeds	Weeds	Weeds	Daffodils	Berries
				
Grass	Holly	Snowdrops	Ivy	

Here is Kiara (Year 6) making a yummy Victoria Sponge – DELICIOUS!



Children in the Year 4 bubble made these lovely origami bookmarks.

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Nursery Bubble	Hazel	Year 3 Bubble	Trayvon
Nursery	Daisy Shahista	3C	Ali
Reception Bubble	Dolcie-Bleu	3J	Ava
RF	Luca	3L	Genevieve
RL	Arlo	Year 4 Bubble	Sanjana
RS	Sophie	4AS	Rayan
Year 1 Bubble	Ashton	4C	Maliah
1BZ	Bethany	4V	Kamare
1N	Krishigaa	Year 5 Bubble	Liyah
1S	Amelie	5A	Christina
Year 2 Bubble	Ethan B	5C	Paris
2A	Nicole	5W	Evallia
2D	Isabella	Year 6 Bubble	Ikenna
2L	Alyssia	6B	Kobie
Resource Base Bubble	Jahvontai	6C	Malachi
Resource Base	Sonny	6N	Osman
		6R	Rafael



Dates for your Diary

Monday 1 st March	St David's Day
Monday 8 th March	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL International Women's Day
Friday 12 th March	THEME DAY World Book Day Celebration – dress as your favourite book character.
Sunday 14 th March	Mothers' Day
Wednesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Friday 19 th March	THEME DAY Red Nose Day – dress as your favourite hero.
Friday 26 th March	THEME DAY Challenge Day – dress in your own clothes. Activities to stretch your mind and get you thinking outside the box!
Wednesday 31 st March	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 19 th April	Back to school First Day of Summer Term