



Torridon
Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

We are so excited to be welcoming children back to school on Monday. The staff team have been working very hard to get everything ready and we cannot wait to see everyone again in person. I wrote to you earlier this week with the full details of all the arrangements. Please get in touch if you have any questions or need clarification on any of the points in the guidance.

Thank you for all the support your have shown during these very difficult times. Your support for children's learning at home has been outstanding. Many of you have managed to juggle the demands of remote learning alongside your own work and childcare. Your efforts have been admirable and extremely impressive.

We are also very grateful for the very helpful and overwhelmingly positive feedback you have shared with members of the team. We always welcome your feedback and it has been very encouraging to be able to share your messages of support and praise for teachers and support staff in recognition of their hard work, dedication and commitment to our children.

I am very proud of the entire Torridon community for the ways in which we have pulled together, supported one another and looked after each other throughout the pandemic.

I hope you have a lovely, restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning.

Warmest wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



Beginning and End of the Day



The beginning and end of the school day are always very busy times and we all need to work together to make sure that we are keeping ourselves and others as safe as possible. Please help us by adhering to the following guidelines:

- ❖ Please stick to your allocated times to ensure the number of people at each gate is kept as low as possible.
- ❖ Please have your children ready to be dropped off so there is no lingering at the gate.
- ❖ If you need to wait to collect your children, please queue along the pavement observing social distancing guidelines.
- ❖ Please move away from the school gates as soon as you have dropped off or picked up your children.
- ❖ Please do not park across residents' driveways, in the bus stop or on the pavement and please switch off your engines.

PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES.



We will do our absolute best to ensure that the start and end of the school day run as smoothly as possible. Please bear with us as it may take a little while to get the new routines embedded.

Laptops for Learning



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

You raised over £3,000 for our digital divide campaign.



Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have been able to support 5 families with brand new laptops, enabling them to access remote learning.

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



Playground Fundraising Appeal



Torridon Trim Trail – Donate Today!

Help Torridon Primary raise £9,000 for a Trim Trail and MORE!

In one week, thanks to the amazing generosity from parents & the community, we smashed our £6,000 target. We have now raised it to put towards further pieces of equipment.



Remember – send the link to family & friends. Every little helps!

Please donate if you can. If all Torridon children donated...

£1 = £600

£5 = £3,000

£10 = £6,000

Donate today, easily and securely.

[Click here to donate](#)

The more we raise, the better the outdoor offering - giving the children even more ways to have fun outside with friends!

Using the funds raised from previous events (e.g. Vitality Half, Christmas cards and Christmas Fair), a large wooden climbing frame will be installed in the Key Stage Two playground this summer. And with the £6,000 raised to date from this crowdfunder, we'll be able to install the Trim Trail in the Key Stage One playground.

Every bit more will get us closer to the next piece of equipment.

Please donate TODAY if you can - together we can create an awesome outdoor play space for the children!

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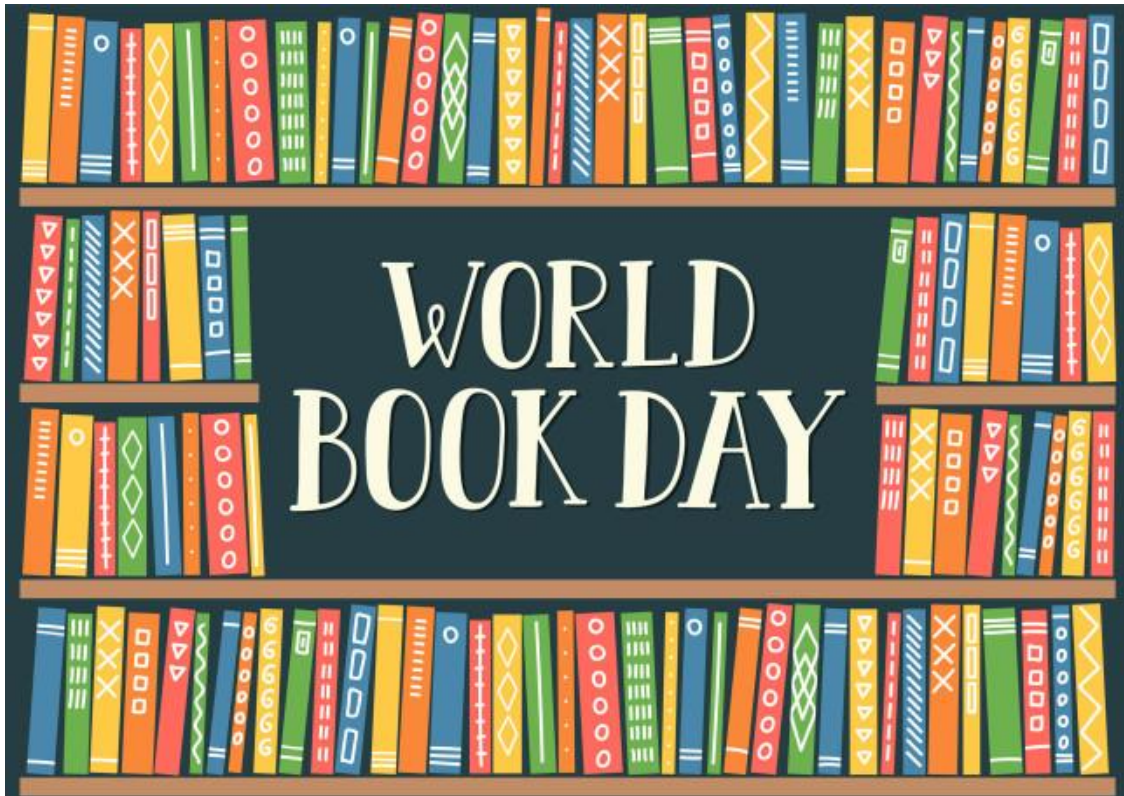
£10 = £6,000

£15 = £9,000

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

World Book Day Celebration

Friday 12th March



I hope by now you have chosen your outfit for our World Book Day celebrations on Friday. Whether it's Paddington Bear, Pocahontas, Stick Man or Gangsta Granny, we can't wait to see what you are going to wear!

We will be planning a fun filled day of reading activities for your pleasure and enjoyment and sending you home with a voucher for you to buy a new book for your collection.



Calling All Runners! 10K or Half Marathon 2021 Edition



Following a fantastic Vitality Big Half race last March, Friends of Torrison PTA has Torrison team places for this year's **Vitality Half**, rescheduled for **Sunday 22nd August**. To provide a local, term-time alternative, we are also organising (in line with government guidelines) a **local half-marathon and 10k** with Sandhurst School to be held on **Sunday 16th May**. Winding its way through Catford, Hither Green, Lewisham and Ladywell, it's a double-loop course so there is the option to run two laps for the full half (13.1 miles) or one lap for a 10k (6.2 miles). As last year, we're asking runners to raise at least £50 for the school - last year's 20 runners raised nearly £6,000 so together with the amazingly generous donations from this month's crowdfunding campaign (**over £6,000 raised to date - go Torrison!**) - we have a chance to really transform the playground for the children. Parents, carers, staff, friends all welcome to run. Please contact Emily Steadman on ehsteadman@gmail.com or 07970 538 657 if you're interested. **We need both runners and helpers - the local race is a brilliant opportunity to get involved in our first live, socially-distanced event of the year!**

Spare clothes



We are very short of spare clothes for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Please could you check in your wardrobes and drawers to see if you have any items of borrowed Torrison uniform to be returned.

We will also be happy to receive donations of skirts, trousers, socks, tights and underwear at our donation station.





Mayor's Award



Mayor's Award for valuable contribution within the borough's community response to COVID-19

Presented to

*Torridon Road Primary
School Foodbank*

December 2020

Damien Egan, Mayor of Lewisham



As you know, throughout the pandemic, we have maintained a community foodbank providing much needed food parcels and welfare bundles for some of our most vulnerable families.

We are very honoured to have received a Mayor's Award for valuable contribution within the borough's community response to COVID-19.

The staff team worked incredibly hard to make this happen. Thank you to all of you who helped us by contributing via our donation station.

We continue to provide support for our families, working closely with the Legendary Community Club and our donation station remains open for any contributions you may be able to provide. Together we can make a real difference to families in need.

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Nursery Bubble	Melinda	Year 3 Bubble	Ashanti
Nursery	Amira Amedeo	3C	Osei
Reception Bubble	Libby	3J	Skye
RF	Mi	3L	Nathaniel
RL	Sara	Year 4 Bubble	James
RS	Oniefa	4AS	Ava
Year 1 Bubble	Esme	4C	Orin
1BZ	Sophie	4V	Rutheesh
1N	Selina	Year 5 Bubble	Tyrelle
1S	Vaishnavi	5A	Whole Class
Year 2 Bubble	Callie-Rose	5C	Whole Class
2A	Jasmine	5W	Joshua
2D	David	Year 6 Bubble	Enyer
2L	Whole Class	6B	Aditya
Resource Base Bubble	Merrit	6C	Mamboyam
Resource Base	Nathan	6N	Jasitha
		6R	Jacob



Dates for your Diary

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



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Let's talk
about the vaccine
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Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine? Would you like to hear from someone who has taken it?

Lewisham council is hosting a free online information event for residents about the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

Open to Lewisham residents and anyone with questions, particularly those from Black African and Black Caribbean communities.

Thursday 11 March 2021
6–7pm

Speakers:

Dr Catherine Mbema –
Director of Public Health, Lewisham Council

Dr Chris Ferdinand – Local GP

Dr Funmi Bajomo – Local GP

Nina Ndubuisi – Community Champion

The event will run via Zoom. To access the webinar please go to: <https://zoom.us/j/92838037346>



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