



**Torridon**  
Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a good break over the Easter period. We have had a lovely start to the summer term. The weather has been very kind to us and it has been wonderful to see children enjoying the spring sunshine and undertaking gardening, outdoor PE, art and dance lessons as well as spending time with their friends at playtimes and lunchtimes.

We are looking forward to lots of exciting events this term, including World Maths Day, Diversity Day, Sports and Dance Week and a whole school end of year celebration event! I will keep you updated through the newsletter so keep an eye on the 'Dates For Your Diary' section.

You will see later in the newsletter that Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England is inviting children and young people to have the opportunity to have their say about the things that matter to them and to share their hopes for the future. There are age appropriate online surveys for children to complete and it would be wonderful for as many children as possible to take part.

As you may be aware, the London Assembly mayoral elections will be taking place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Torridon will be used as a polling station and will therefore be closed to children on that day. We will be using the time to offer virtual meetings with your children's class teachers. It will be chance to discuss how well children have settled back into school and to talk about individual targets for this term. We will be in touch to offer you an appointment next week.

Have a nice weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



## Traffic Control



I know you will want to join me in saying a HUGE thank you to Maksymilian's mum Monika who is volunteering her time to help our children cross the road safely at pick up and drop off times.

She is doing a fantastic job in keeping our children safe.

Thank you Monika!

## The Big Ask

### Hello and welcome



Hi, my name is Rachel de Souza and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England. My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and **we need your help** to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

This survey will only take you **5-10 minutes**.



Dame Rachel de Souza

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

## NSPCC – Speak Out Stay Safe

We will be taking part in the NSPCC ‘Speak Out, Stay Safe’ safeguarding programme this term. In previous years, we have had visitors from the NSPCC who have provided assemblies and interactive workshops for children supporting them to feel empowered to keep themselves safe by speaking out. This year, the programme will be delivered remotely and followed up in the classroom with resources provided by the NSPCC. Dates and further information will be available nearer the time.



## Keeping 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](mailto:covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	World Maths Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	POLLING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN Parent/ Carer – Teacher Meetings
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Diversity Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET DAY
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	HALF TERM
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to School

## READY....STEADY..... 10K/HALF MARATHON HELPERS NEEDED

Join over 40 Torricon staff members and parents to run or help out at the first ever Torricon/Sandhurst local half-marathon and 10k on Sunday 16th May. It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved and support our teachers and parents in this first live, socially-distanced event of the year - in conjunction with

Sandhurst School. A great morning out for the whole community! Contact

Emily on [ehsteadman@gmail.com](mailto:ehsteadman@gmail.com) or 07970 538 657 if you want to help or run.



We are very excited to be launching a fantastic online resource to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts for all children from Y1-Y6. Times Table Rock Stars is a **fun** and **challenging** programme designed to help children master their times tables!

Children will receive their own login and password to access the resources on the website or App for iPhone/iPad and Android App.

Children will be able to design their own star name and avatar and practise in single or multi-player modes. It won't be long before they become real Times Tables Rock Stars!



## Stars of the Week



**Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!**

Nursery	Mayarah Rina	4AS	Ti'ana
RF	Matthew	4C	Derren
RL	Allegra	4V	Arun
RS	Christopher	5A	Uriri
1BZ	Kitan	5C	Molly
1N	Julia	5W	Frankie Lee
1S	Sajitha	6B	Mervyn
2A	Abdalahman	6C	Nivethan
2D	Aksa	6N	Shyanne-Rae
2L	Elisabeth	6R	Robert
3C	Zhi	Resource Base	Nickai
3J	Abshitha		Jahvontai
3L	Ezra		Isaiah

## GREEN FINGERED PARENTS AND CARERS WANTED



The new trees and laurels at Torridon need your help! Spring is here at last - and with it, dry, sunny weather. The Green Team is supporting the school in keeping the saplings around the ball court well-watered and looked after. Please contact Emily Steadman on 07970 539 657 or [ehsteadman@gmail.com](mailto:ehsteadman@gmail.com) if you can help, however occasionally.

## Next Year's Term Dates (2021-2022)

### AUTUMN TERM 2021

<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021</b>
<b>First Day of Autumn Term</b>	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021</b>
<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021</i>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021</b>
<b>Last Day of Autumn Term</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>

<i>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022</i>
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### SPRING TERM 2022

<b>First Day of Spring Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022</i>
<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022</b>

<i>EASTER HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022</i>
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### SUMMER TERM 2022

<b>First Day of Summer Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>
<i>BANK HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</i>
<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022</i>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>Last Day of Summer Term</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022</b>

Children do not come to school on INSET Days

#### Bank Holidays

- Christmas Day: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Boxing Day: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- New Year's Day: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022
- Good Friday: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Easter Monday: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022
- Spring Bank Holiday: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022
- Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022
- Summer Bank Holiday: Monday 29 August 2022