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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week at Torridon. Thank you for helping to make sure your children looked wonderfully smart in their school uniform for their photographs. Thank you also to those of you who waited so patiently for sibling photographs at the end of the day. Proofs will be available shortly so you can choose which pictures you would like to purchase.

This week we have welcomed five teacher training students to Torridon. Blessing, Olivia, Lauryn, Erin and Nazmeen are joining us for the rest of this term and will be working alongside some of our fantastic teaching team across the school.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our parent and carer meetings next week with class teachers. It will be lovely to have the opportunity to share some of our learning with you.

Please remember that **Friday 22nd October** is INSET day. Staff will be having some training and school will be closed to children.

As children will not be at school, you may wish to visit Deptford High Street from 10am – 12pm to see the amazing, giant puppet 'Little Amal' who is walking 8,000 kilometres across Europe to focus attention on the urgent needs of young refugees. I will write to you with further details next week.

We are looking forward to our whole school assembly next week where we will be sharing and celebrating the learning we have completed as part of Black History Month.

As always, thank you for everything you are doing to support your children's learning.

Kind regards

Manda George
Headteacher



Punctuality - the importance of being on time...

Most of our children arrive on time every day which is wonderful! However, there are several children who are regularly arriving late. Children are missing a very important part of the day when they are late. This is when teachers will be doing the main input for the learning and, if missed, may lead to children not understanding what they need to do and falling behind.

Let us all make every minute count - I know you all want your children to have every opportunity to catch up the time lost this year and know the effort of getting here on time is beneficial to everyone.

This is the reality of being just a few minutes late daily.

5 mins every day = 3 lost days of education per year

10 mins every day = 6.5 lost days of education per year

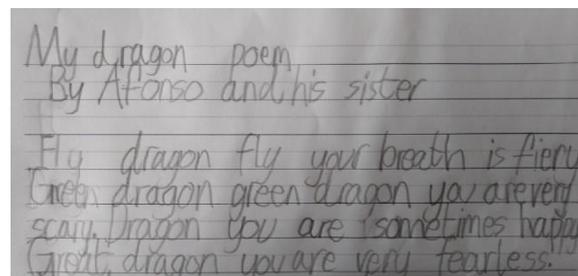
15 mins every day = 10 lost days of education per year

30 mins every day = 19 lost days of education per year,

That is almost a month.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GATES OPEN AT 8.45AM AND SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55AM

Fantastic Home Learning



Congratulations to Afonso (2G) who received a Headteacher's Award for his amazing home learning this week. Well done Afonso!



Don't forget that home learning projects are due in on Monday. We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

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

PARKING

I am sorry to have to write to you again to remind you about parking safely around the school. This week we have had a number of complaints from members of our community about unsafe and inconsiderate driving and parking including;

- an elderly resident who was **unable to access her hospital transport** because someone had parked across her driveway
- a parent who **drove along the pavement** whilst a small child was cycling to get to school
- a parent who **shouted abuse at a local resident** who challenged her for parking unsafely

This is totally unacceptable and is not the way that we wish our families to be thought of in the local community.

Once again, I am going to respectfully ask that If you MUST travel to school by car, you park safely and considerately away from the school gates and residents' driveways. Better still, please walk, scoot or cycle to school which is better for your health, the health of the children and the environment.

Stars of the week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Nursery	Keke Akshara	Resource Base	Cam'ron Romel
RF	Aren	3S	Herbie
RL	Aeirren	4CH	4CH
RP	Jahshae	4CW	Kyren
1BC	Zenab	5CR	Aliyah
1N	Owais	5CY	Sanjana
1G	Ike	5W	Luke
2G	Abigail	6A	Christina
2L	Ava	6C	Romy
2S	May	6P	Dora
3A	Baenla		
3L	Arun		

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 19 th and Wednesday 20 th October	Individual parent and carer meetings with class teachers
Friday 22 nd October	INSET DAY
Friday 22 nd October	Lewisham Borough of Culture 'Little Amal - The Walk' event
Monday 24 th October to Friday 29 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 1 st November	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 4 th November (TBC)	Divali
Friday 5 th November	Soundabout Music Workshops for Reception and Resource Base
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need
Friday 3 rd December	INSET DAY
Friday 17 th December	Last day of autumn term
Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday 4 th January	BACK TO SCHOOL

Appointments

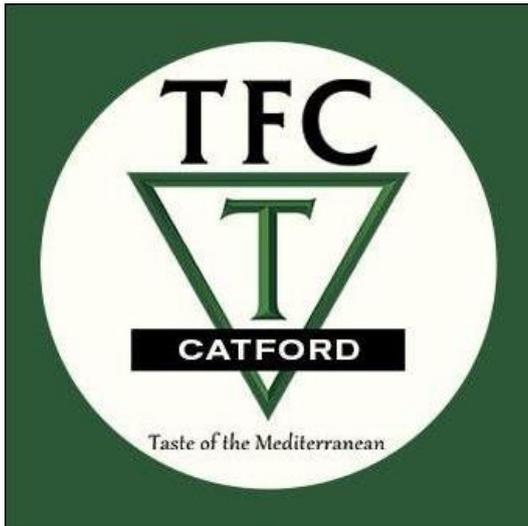
Please make sure that planned hospital appointments are sent into school in advance so we can get these appointments authorised and arrange for children to be ready for collection.

Children cannot leave school without a member of the senior Leadership team authorising and this can result in a delay in your child be able to leave the premises if you arrive without prior notification.

Please can I remind everyone only **hospital medical appointments** that cannot be rearranged for out of school hours are authorised and routine GP and dentist appointments should be managed in the holidays or after school.

Thank you.

Thank you



We want to say a huge thank you to Ali and his team at TFC Supermarket Catford who have provided us with 50 delicious freshly baked loaves every week for over a year. This very generous gift has been welcomed by our food bank which has supported some of our most vulnerable families during lockdown and beyond. Thank you Ali!

Parenting Support



**Feeling overwhelmed?
Trying to manage the
stresses of parenting?**



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parenting
ideas based
on science,
research &
experience



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INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES

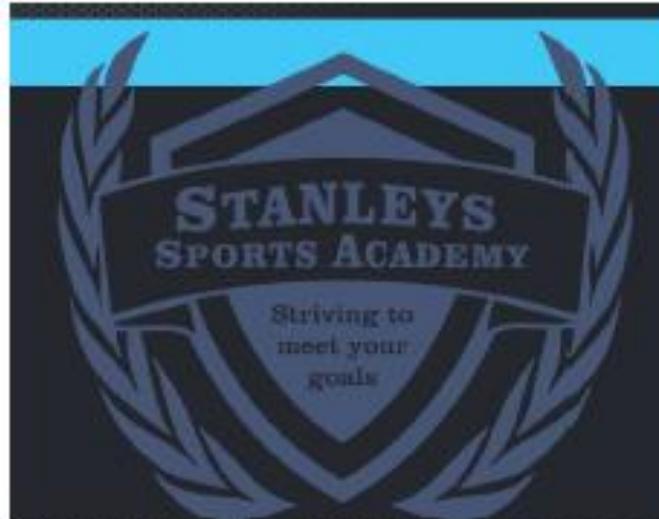
A welcoming, inclusive and supportive forum providing you with the opportunity to...

- get the right support and the right time
- be informed and empowered
- Speak to the professionals
- find out about services and entitlements

Come and join us at our virtual drop-in sessions on the 2nd Thursday of each month | 10am-11am

zoom
ID: 903 566 5535
PW: 094671

Half Term Sports Camp



OUR PLEDGE

We believe in understanding each child holistically in order to provide the best student centred sports lessons and activities. Through sports activities they will have fun, expand existing skills, build positive relationships and get a chance to be challenged in order to allow them to discover their individuality. We cater our session to students of all backgrounds, SEND and other needs. We pride ourselves in offering this developmental opportunity for all. Our sports coaches not only deliver session but an entirely unforgettable experience for all students.

OUR WORK

We work with primary schools in disadvantaged areas to promote sports and fitness. We are currently working in the boroughs of Lewisham and Croydon, whereby we lead P.E sessions, after school clubs and organise sports day and other tournaments. This supports student's progress and development through fun and play.

OUR COACHES

Our sports coaches have an in depth knowledge and qualifications in the sporting and scientific field. Our head coaches have paediatric first aid alongside certificates of safeguarding training. All staff are approved by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in order to deliver safe and fun sessions for all.

OUR CAMP

Our half term camp is open for every child to assist in learning, development and love for sports. During the half term holidays children can attend our sports camp which has a variety of activities including basketball, swimming, football and roller-skating. This allows all children that take part to also make new friends and develop new skills along the way.

To find out more visit: <https://www.stanleyssportsacademy.com/holiday-camp>

Online Safety Workshops



Dear parents,

With all the different means of accessing the internet, we know children and young people may spend more time online.

Lewisham Council has commissioned the Athena Refuge to deliver 2 x free workshops to empower parents to support their children to access technology safely and positively and what to do if you have any concerns.

We know removing technology from our children can seem like a logical solution but sometimes this can in fact increase risks of unsupervised use.

The purpose of this workshop is to increase awareness and provide some useful skills to support parents, by the end of this workshop you should be able to:

- Recognise how modern technology can be used to jeopardise young people's safety
- Distinguish between different types of technological abuse that could affect children and young people
- Assess the risk factors involved in cases where technology is being used to abuse children and young people
- List different ways in which you can empower your children to use technology safely and positively

There are 2 workshops available via Zoom in November:

Workshop 1 – Tuesday 2nd November 2021 6pm to 8pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlce-hrDMsGtAFr7plpVUjgaO5cUaYVti8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Workshop 2 – Wednesday 3rd November 2021 6pm to 8pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrc-ivrz8iH9aUfvTfX7647wtJ5tdBZrJg>

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