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Dear parents and carers,

We are finally at the end of the autumn term and what a term it has been! We have had a very busy term with lots of great learning and some wonderful whole school events. Our theme weeks for Community, Bike to School and Anti-Bullying were very successful and we produced some outstanding learning during Black History Month. It has been amazing to have some football, athletics and netball tournaments up and running again this term and who can forget the brilliant workshop we had with world famous illustrator Korky Paul?

Thank you for all your donations to our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Your kindness has made such a difference to over 70 children who will have a beautiful gift to open on Christmas Morning thanks to you.

I hope by now you have had a chance to see some of the festive music and singing performances on MS Teams. I know it is not the same as the 'real thing' but I think the children were very proud to share them with you.

I am so proud of the staff team who have worked so hard this term to make the learning fun and exciting. They

are definitely ready for a well deserved rest!

Thank you for everything you do to support me and the staff team.

I hope that you all have a safe, healthy and happy break over the festive period and I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Warm wishes

Manda George Headteacher



Inclusion Team Update

Next term, Sai Satyadeva and Karen Stewart (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators) will be teaching in the specialist Resource Base for children with autism.

Lena Pennacchia (Head of Inclusion) will continue to oversee the provision for children with Special Educational Needs across the school and will be available to meet with you after the holiday if you have any questions or concerns.

You can contact the team via email: senco@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Reindeer Dash for St Christopher's Hospice

We had such fun doing our Reindeer Dash on Tuesday. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity we managed to raise over £800 to support the fantastic work of St Christopher's and had a wonderful time whilst doing so!







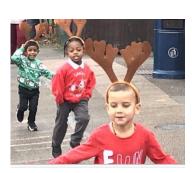


















PTA Update



Thank you for all the support you have given us this term. We have so far raised £838 from the Christmas cards alone, a staggering 288 separate orders!

We look forward to our disco now taking place on <u>February 10th, 2022.</u> Please also look out for our other exciting fundraising opportunities happening next term — the Torridon sponsored bounce and pizza night.

Please start supporting us using:

Amazon Smile

- · Go to smile.amazon.co.uk
- · Sign in with your Amazon email and password
- · Select Friends of Torridon Primary PTA as your charity and start shopping!

Easy Fundraising

Sign up to <u>Easy Fundraising</u> and choose Torridon Primary School PTA as your charity, and then shop as normal. Once you've made a purchase, the retailer will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you". On average, over a year just one person can raise £100 for their charity at no cost to them.

Remember 10% of all our donations now go to the Torridon Food Bank.

Our aim is to raise money for:

- the Music, Art and Dance team to support the fantastic work they are doing in school including sound and lighting equipment
- continuing to develop the school library with additional books (parents, carers, grandparents, friends and family can continue to donate to stock up the school's book corners on the Torridon Primary Amazon Wishlist (or copy full link into your browser https://tinyurl.com/t8vvutx) and an electronic library system
- purchasing essential iPads for all children to use to enhance their learning experience.

We hope you have a safe, healthy and merry Christmas!

Friends of Torridon PTA

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	BACK TO SCHOOL	
Thursday 10 th February 2022	PTA Disco	
Friday 11 th February	INSET DAY	
Monday 14 th — Friday 18 th February	HALF TERM	
Monday 21st February	BACK TO SCHOOL	
Week beginning 21st March	PTA SPONSORED BOUNCE (TBC)	
Friday 1st March	LAST DAY OF TERM	

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

Holiday Activities





Stars of the week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

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Nursery	Ebrima	Resource Base	Israel
	Baran		Naoki
RF	Aniyah	3S	Isabella
RL	Hazel	4CH	Kibby
RP	Sayon	4CW	Maks
1BC	Godfrey	4V	Mustafa
1N	Denver	5CR	Chester
1G	Everybody in 1G	5CY	Leo
2G	Oliver	5W	Aden
2L	Zayd	6A	Everyone in 6A
2S	Ella	6C	Abou
3A	Nicole	6P	Everyone in 6P
3L	Amelia		

Sewing Machine for Creative Arts Team



This year has been once again filled with outstanding art work and as our children grow artistically and become more confident, we would like to offer them more opportunities to be exposed to different artistic mediums. The children have loved experimenting with a variety of textiles techniques and we would like to give them the chance to explore this further, through clubs and lunchtime activities. The creative arts team would like to get a sewing machine to use for these

activities, but before we purchase one, we thought we would check if anyone has an old machine that they are no longer using, lurking in a cupboard or garage and would be happy to donate to us.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and looking forward to continuing to share the spectacular art work of our children at Torridon in 2022!

Year 6 Christmas Baking

On Thursday, we baked delicious, mouth-watering fairy cakes and a sponge cake. Firstly, we split into two groups. One group made a whole cake, the other made cupcakes. We started by measuring our ingredients. Then, we added the sugar and butter. We then mixed them together. Next, we added the flour and eggs, slowly. We then put the mixture into the cupcake cases. Finally, they were then baked in the oven. It was really fun to bake the cakes.

Cerys













Free Family Arts Afternoon



Flu Vaccination Catch Up clinic



If your child missed the flu vaccination in school this is for you!

The Lewisham School Health Immunisation Team will be delivering 3 catch up clinics at 3 locations. If your child is in Reception to Year 11 and did not get the FLU vaccination in a Lewisham school; Contact the Immunisation Team on the details below to book an appointment or simply walk-in.

On Saturday 11th & Saturday 18th of December 2021

Downham Health Centre, BRI 5EP Waldron Health Centre, SE14 6LD (Suite 2) Kaleidoscope, Rushey Green SE6 4JD Call 0203 0491897 or 07341888526

Time: 9am- 4.30pm



School Health Service Immunisation Team, Downham, 7-9 Moorside Road, BROMLEY, BR5EP email: Iq.shsimmunisation@nhs.net