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Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we are in December already. This half term has flown by and we are rapidly approaching the festive season. We have lots of upcoming events so please make sure you keep an eye on the dates for your diary section of the newsletter.

The children were fantastic during assessment week! They really applied themselves and demonstrated great concentration and perseverance. The staff team are busy marking and moderating the assessments so we can review how well the children have done before the end of term.

As I mentioned last week, our donation station will remain open right up until the end of term. We would be grateful for any contributions of dried or tinned food, toiletries or long-life items, no matter how small. You could really make a difference to a vulnerable family this holiday.

There is still time to purchase your tickets for next week's Christmas Disco. Look out for details later in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



## 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)

## Reindeer Dash for St Christopher's Hospice



This Christmas we are supporting St Christopher's Hospice, by organising a sponsored Reindeer Dash. St Christopher's Hospice is a charity providing end of life care for people in Croydon, Bromley, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark. Every year it costs £23 million to deliver the care, two thirds of which is fundraised. This December all across South East London, schools and nurseries will be raising funds for the hospice by having a Reindeer Dash. Staff and children will be completing the dash around the playground on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December wearing the fabulous fetching Reindeer Dash antlers.

Please show your support by making a donation to this worthy cause via our Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/torridon-primary-school-st-christophers-reindeer-fun-run>

## Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

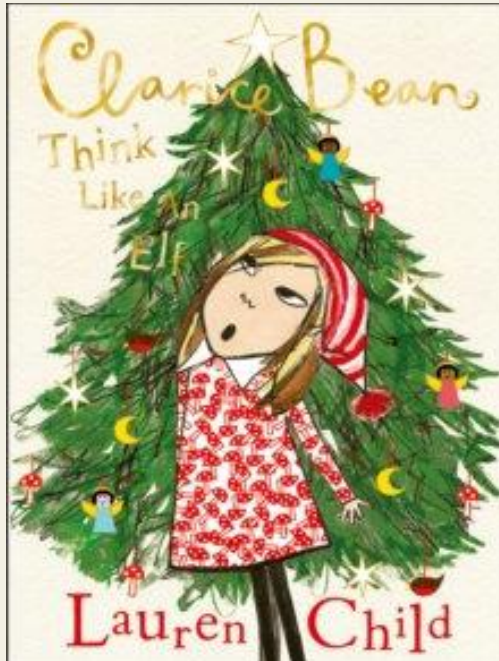


Children can come to school in their favourite Christmas Jumper or their own clothes on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

## News from Tales on Moon Lane

### Lauren Child Book Signing

1:30 - 2:30pm Sunday, December 5th



Tales on Moon Lane bookshop are so excited to have the multi-award-winning author and illustrator, Lauren Child coming to their shop for a special Christmas book signing!

Lauren will be signing copies of her fantastic new book, *Clarice Bean: Think Like an Elf*, so go along and grab your copy! Along with purchasing her book from the shop, you're also welcome to bring up to three of your own books for Lauren to sign.

If you're unable to make it to the shop on December 5th, please do get in touch at [info@talesonmoonlane.co.uk](mailto:info@talesonmoonlane.co.uk) and they will arrange for your copy of *Clarice Bean: Think Like an Elf* to be sent to you. Postage will be £2.00

## Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	NHS Flu Vaccination Programme
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Reindeer Dash
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Netball Tournament
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of autumn term PLEASE NOTE 2pm finish
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	BACK TO SCHOOL

# Torridon Primary PTA Christmas Disco



**LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!**

**PLEASE PURCHASE A TICKET USING PARENTPAY by 3pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

THE DISCO WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Tickets are £2.50 per child

Time	Year Groups	Location
4.00-5.00pm	Nursery and Reception	Key Stage One Hall
	Years 1 and 2	Year 5 Hall
5:15 – 6:15pm (tuck shop available)	Years 3 and 4	Key Stage One Hall
	Years 5 and 6	Year 5 Hall

(tickets will be issued on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December)

If you are able to help us on the day please email [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com)

## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

### EXTENSION TO Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you to those of you who have generously donated to our shoe box appeal. Your gifts will make such a difference to a child's Christmas. We would like to support as many of our vulnerable families as possible and we are therefore extending the deadline for donations. If you would like to donate, you can bring your decorated shoe box filled with small gifts to the school office by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.



If you are donating, please leave your shoe box unsealed.

We may add some extra treats inside!

Thank you for your support.

## Flu vaccinations

*Please see the message below from the Lewisham School Health Team. If you wish your children to have the vaccination, you will need to register via the eConsent portal which you can do below:*

It is time for your child to receive their annual flu vaccination. We are now inviting parents/guardians to register your consent for the flu vaccination. We have developed a secure on-line link that you can use to register consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. The process is quick and easy to use.

Please click on this link to access the eConsent: <http://qlink.uk/li8/100708>

Here's a video on how the eConsent portal works <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7321177>

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them from getting the flu, and prevent it spreading among more vulnerable family and friends. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of people becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS.

The vaccination is free and in most cases is a quick and simple spray up the nose offered to children from Reception up to Year 11. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected. The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to [ensure](#) your child is safe from COVID-19 while getting the vaccine.

Please contact the Lewisham School Health Immunisation Team at the Downham Health and Leisure Centre on 0203 049 1897 or [lg.shsimmunisation@nhs.net](mailto:lg.shsimmunisation@nhs.net) if you require any further assistance.

## Stars of the week



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

Nursery	Everybody in Nursery	Resource Base	Romel Cam'ron
RF	Everybody in RF	3S	David
RL	Everybody in RL	4CH	Kyp
RP	Everybody in RP	4CW	Gabby
1BC	Jude	4V	Daisy
1N	Rahim	5CR	Sarah
1G	Luca	5CY	Jin Fei
2G	Rafferty	5W	George
2L	Amariah	6A	Anneliese
2S	Aathesh	6C	Junior
3A	Zoya	6P	Madison
3L	Everybody in 3L		

# Christmas Lunch

We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. If your child normally has a packed lunch, please let the office know if your child would like Christmas lunch on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and normally brings a packed lunch please pay £2.30 via Parentpay under "School Dinner".

**FESTIVE MENU!**

**Chartwells**  
So much more than fantastic food

**MAINS**  
Roast Turkey  
or  
Roast Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

£2.30

Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots,  
Broccoli, Stuffing, Mini Sausage &  
Gravy

**DESSERTS**  
Sticky Toffee Pudding served  
with Custard  
Christmas Chocolate Brownie  
& Fresh Fruit

**Don't forget! School meals are free for all pupils  
in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**

**Speak to your School office for further information**

# Sports Round Up

## Year 5 & 6 Athletics Tournament

On Wednesday, 18 children from Year 5 & 6 represented Torridon in the Lewisham School Games Sportshall Athletics Tournament at Prendergast Ladywell School. Identical to the Year 3 & 4 event last week, there were 12 events to compete in: six track events and six field events. Each child was selected to take part in 4 events each which included relay races, obstacle races, long jump, triple jump, chest push and many more.

Our children got off to a flying start finishing first in both the boys' and girls' obstacle races before the children split and competed in their individual field events for the first time. Confidence levels rose as our school continued to dominate the races with each child putting in every ounce of effort throughout. During the event, Graeme (the event organiser) came over to our children to congratulate **Wilf** after he had achieved the longest long jump score in the entire competition with a massive 2.14m leap!

After our boys ended the event with an emphatic victory in the 4x1 relay, our children headed back to school eagerly awaiting the scores to be verified and sent over. We are pleased to announce that our children came in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their heats and scored 364 points in total, which placed them 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of all the Lewisham schools which competed. Not only is this an amazing achievement for all the children who attended, but they were also only 18 points away from finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Well done to all 18 children and again, a special congratulations to Wilf for being the strongest long jumper in Lewisham!



## Saturday League Football

Due to the poor weather last Saturday, the organisers of the School Football League had no choice but to postpone the football fixtures. The boys' matches will be added on to the fixture list after the Christmas break which means they will not be missing out on any footballing action!

Our girls will be playing against Donderry and Edmund Waller this weekend (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December). We will be training at Blackheath from 9:15am but for anyone who wishes to come and cheer them on, the matches kick off at 10:30am and 11:30am respectively. Good luck girls!

