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HAPPY NEW YEAR

6th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the start of the spring term. We have had a lovely first week back with children getting very excited about their new topics for this term. By now you should have received your curriculum leaflet outlining the learning for this half term. Remember if you have any questions about any of the learning, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

In response to lots of requests from you, we have planned a series of parent and carer workshops this term, starting with a focus on maths. We hope you will be able to join us to find out a little more about how we teach maths at Torridon and ways in which you can help at home. Check the **Dates for your Diary** section for dates and times.

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent and carer survey at the end of last term. The survey is now closed and we are collating the results ready to share with you next week. You had lots of wonderful things to say about Torridon and some really helpful suggestions about ways in which communication could be improved. We have taken your views on board and are currently putting together an annual calendar so you have plenty of notice for future events.

Next week we will be launching the *'Speak Out, Stay Safe'* programme, using materials produced by the NSPCC to help children to learn about and understand how to keep themselves and others safe. I have written to you separately with more detail about the programme itself but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9 th January	Drama Workshop for Reception
Tuesday 10 th January	9.00am Year 5 and 6 parent and carer maths session
Friday 13 th January	9.00am – PTA Coffee Morning
Monday 16 th January	Year 5 and 6 Athletics Tournament
Tuesday 17 th January	9.00am Year 3 and 4 parent and carer maths session
Wednesday 18 th January	Year 3 and 4 Athletics Tournament
Friday 20 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24 th January	9.00am Year 1 and 2 parent and carer maths session
Thursday 26 th January	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Friday 27 th January	Year 3 trip to British Museum
Tuesday 31 st January	9.00am Reception parent and carer maths session
Tuesday 7 th February	9.00am Parent and carer workshop – supporting children learning English as an Additional Language
Friday 10 th February	Resource Base children visiting Athelney Resource Base
	Non Uniform Day
	PTA Pizza Night
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 21 st February	9.00am Nursery parent and carer maths session (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Wednesday 22 nd February	SEND partnership – coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 3 rd March	PTA Coffee Morning
Thursday 9 th March	Year 6 National Dental Programme
Friday 10 th March	PTA uniform sale
Week beginning Monday 13 th March	Whole school assessment week
Sunday 26 th March	Torridon and Sandhurst 10K fun run
Week beginning 27 th March	Autism Acceptance Week
Tuesday 28 th and Thursday 30 th March	Parent and carer open evenings
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th – Friday 14 th April	Year 6 Easter School
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 8 th May 2023	ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III
Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 24 th – Friday 26 th May	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 23 rd June	INSET DAY
Friday 21 st July	Last day of summer term

Operation Woodland

As you know Torridon currently has very limited green space for our children. Kelley McIntyre launched our forest school provision last term and it has been a great success so far.

We are very excited to tell you that we are planning to regenerate the existing concrete staff carpark into a new woodland area as an extension to our current small garden and pond area.

Exciting times are ahead for Torridon and we cannot wait for the children to enhance their learning within this amazing new space.

We would love to hear your thoughts about the idea. We are also keen for volunteers to help with the development of the space later this term. If you or your child have any questions or comments or if you would like to get involved, please get in touch
operationwoodland@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk



PTA Coffee Morning

Friday, 13 January, after drop off



Join us for an informal meet and greet at school after drop off. Get to know other parents and carers, find out about PTA events, and share your ideas about how we can improve the school for our children and community.

PTA Coffee Mornings are held during the second week of each half term. Hot drinks and light refreshments are available free of charge. Check in at the school office straight after drop off. We hope you can make it!

Questions or suggestions for the PTA Committee? Contact us at friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com.



Real Life Superheroes

Ryan was very excited about our new topic in Reception. He designed and made a firefighter, some fire and a fantastic fire engine. He was very proud of his designs. Well done Ryan!

Nursery Art



Nursery really enjoyed starting their cardboard box project. They are repurposing the boxes into rockets to blast off to the moon inspired by the story "Whatever Next" written and illustrated by Jill Murphy.



Drop-in session Dad's Group



Dad's Group!

When: Monday, 30th January 2023
Time: 6pm to 7.30pm
Where: Turnham Academy, Turnham Road, SE4 2HH (Drumbeat Entrance)

A supportive social webinar for fathers and grandads of children and young people who have Autism.

We will meet 6 times a year and the time will be for you to talk, socialise and focus on yourselves for a while. If you would like to talk about ideas and strategies, or problem solve any challenges with other dads of children with autism, please join us.



For more information please call
0207 635 9022





Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery am	Adien	For trying his best to communicate with all the adults and exploring new activities. Well done, Adien!
Nursery pm	Preziosa	For her amazing art work on Nursery's new space topic and focusing well at carpet time. Well done, Preziosa!
Red Class	Rae	For being very helpful during tidy up time. Well done, Rae!
Blue Class	Shanaya	For incredible listening to all adults this first week back and progress in her phonics learning. Great job Shanaya!
Yellow Class	Darcey	For working so hard and producing some fantastic writing. Well done!
1G	Amir	For settling in beautifully to 1G. He always has a cheerful smile! Welcome to Torridon.
1M	Aeirren	For returning to school with a positive attitude to his learning and for working hard on his phonics and handwriting. Keep it up!
1N	Mario	For his fantastic attitude to learning and positivity. Mario has been so focused and setting a great example to his classmates. Keep up the great work!
2G	Rakaiah-Renae	For her hard work throughout the week and beautiful presentation! Keep it up! 😊
2S	Arlo	For his brilliant effort in maths this week! Your mental arithmetic is very impressive Arlo! Keep up the super work 😊
2SW	Malaysia	For her determination and resilience which led to beautiful writing in her book. Well done Malaysia, keep it up!
3A	Isara	For working independently and demonstrating a positive attitude to learning.
3L	Thashvin	For returning to school with great readiness for learning!
3S	Ameliia	Welcome to Torridon. Well done for making a fantastic start to year 3.
4C	Ethan	For demonstrating greater confidence in reading. He has participated in lessons and is reading with fantastic expression.
4V	Orlando	For showing outstanding improvement in his learning behaviour. I am so very proud of you. Well done.
4W	Mahalia	For returning to school with a positive attitude to her learning. She has shown greater independence in lessons. Keep it up.
5L	Osei	For her amazing engagement in lessons and for reliably bringing her reading record with excellent comments. Well done!
5R	Jake	For his hard work in class this week, especially in reading and writing.
5S	Gabrielle	For participating in class discussions and providing great insight. Well done!
6A	Joshua	For making an excellent start this term; completing his learning independently, displaying our core value of aspiration. Really proud!
6C	Beatrice	For being an amazing member of the class with a fantastic attitude and a great role model. Well done, Beatrice!
6L	Chester	For always having a positive attitude towards your learning and challenging yourself in lessons. Well done!
Blue Pathway	Dalrekay	For fantastic writing in class today.
Green Pathway	Raphael	Well done for fantastic writing with an adult today.

Spring Term Topics



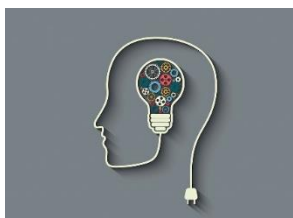
Nursery
Off We Go!



Reception
Real Life Superheroes



Year 1
Fly Me To The Moon



Year 2
Incredible Inventions



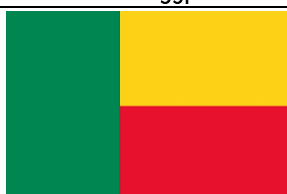
Year 3
Awesome Egyptians



Year 4
Rocking Through The Ages



Year 5
Diversity Built Britain



Year 6
The Kingdom of Benin



Resource Base
Travel and Transport

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs start again next week.

Please speak to Claire or a member of the admin team if you have any queries.

	Reception	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
Monday	Dance	Indoor Games Amazing Artists Arts and Crafts	Times Table Club Chess Screen Printing Multi-Sports Rock Band
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts	Book Club Forest School	Choir Indoor Games Arts Award Maths Club Reading & Wellbeing Drama
Thursday	Cooking	Ukulele Lego Club	Making Composing Board Games
Friday		Mindfulness	Steel Pans

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Did you know your child could be eligible for pupil premium funding? As well as providing free school meals, pupil premium provides extra funding of up to £1,350 which can be used to support your child's education through extra tuition, teaching staff or after school activities.

In order to check if you are eligible please click on the following link:

www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

If you need any further support please contact us here at the school office.

Kind Regards




Torridon Primary School Admin Team

Weekly Attendance by Class

Attendance this week has been very disappointing with many classes failing to reach our expectation of 97% attendance. Please make sure your children attend school on time every day. Every second of school missed is a learning opportunity missed.



Congratulations to 2SW, 4V and 6A who were awarded the attendance cup this week.

	Class	Attendance
	1G	90%
	1M	88%
	1N	92%
	2S	90%
	2SW	96%
	2G	95%
	3S	9%
	3L	90%
	3A	84%
	4W	89%
	4V	95%
	4C	94%
	5L	89%
	5R	86%
	5S	89%
	6A	94%
	6L	85%
	6C	84%



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The Oral Health Promotion team will be hosting a Q and A session via Zoom for parents and carers on:

Wednesday 11th January at 2.00pm

<https://lewisham-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/89839277849?pwd=WU0vM3NGcllDZmpUbGcvSGljV25pdz09>

Thursday 12th January at 7.30pm

<https://lewisham-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/88291556480?pwd=QUM3ZFpyNitFR0VhVXA4VVRjRTFIUT09>

Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm

<https://lewisham-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/82637929602?pwd=bU9ZcWlhZ2hEY3VHWjJBL2cxU2Vldz09>

Thursday 15th June at 2.00pm

<https://lewisham-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/86455649450?pwd=eWx6NnNYcHJ3UzBsWFpyYjg3cHdHZz09>

LEWISHAM AUTISM SUPPORT

Support for families of children with a diagnosis of autism living in
Lewisham

What we offer:

- 1-hour clinic appointment with experienced Family Support Coordinators who provide support for parents/carers in:
 - Understanding more about autism.
 - Information about accessing local services and benefits.
- For families resident in Lewisham, access to ongoing support (Comeback Service).
- A drop-in service at Kaleidoscope on the first Monday of each month (term-time only) 10.00 – 12.00.

How to access our service:

- Paediatricians and other Kaleidoscope diagnosing teams can automatically refer families after diagnosis. This includes families diagnosed at Kaleidoscope but living in other boroughs. These families will receive an initial 1-hour clinic only.
- We accept referrals from other professionals working with diagnosed children living in the borough.
- Families of diagnosed children can also self-refer.

Contact details:

- Tel: 020 8699 3066
- Email: lewisham.familysupport@nas.org.uk

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HAVE YOUR SAY!

We would like to ensure that young people and families have their voices heard with regards to what they feel is going well / not so well within the SEND Partnership Strategy 2020-2023.



If you have any questions or would like to attend a virtual session please email local.offer@lewisham.gov.uk



ONLINE INTRODUCTION TO NVR FOR PARENTS & CARERS
(Non-Violent Resistance Parenting Approach)
Offered by NVR Practitioners Consortium
For parents and carers of children with challenging behaviours

We know that many parents of children with disabilities struggle to manage their children's behaviours of concern, including aggression, violence, controlling and self-destructive behaviour.

The Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) Parenting Programme has helped thousands of families to change their lives. Parents report increased confidence in their parenting, a greater sense of agency and improved relationships within the family.

NVR has proved effective with neuro-atypical children/young people, including those who are non-verbal, and with all kinds of family make-up, including foster and adoptive families.

For parents/carers who want to find out more, we are holding a 2-hour online ***Introduction To NVR*** session. The aim is to help people decide if this approach could work for their family and to offer some tools for them to implement straightaway.

Date: Saturday 14th January 2023

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Cost: £12 (£6 for those on a low income or receiving means-tested benefits)

Tickets are available from [Eventbrite](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Rachel Braverman
Director

NVR Practitioners Consortium CIC

Saturday 14th January, 2pm - 4pm

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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