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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to update you all with regard to the partnership with Netley Primary School. The Governing Bodies of the two schools have agreed to extend the Executive Headship arrangements to continue until December 2014. The partnership has proved to be beneficial for both schools and has developed leadership at all levels in Torriano. This year, staff from Netley have visited our school to observe teaching and learning and children have engaged in joint projects. We have had joint staff training and support from the senior leadership on school improvement. As part of the agreement between the two schools, a Joint Committee of Governors meets termly to monitor and evaluate the success of the partnership, ensuring that there is stability and mutual benefits for both schools.

The school has continued to thrive and flourish academically and creatively, giving our children amazing opportunities to learn across the curriculum. We are very proud of the Year 6 SATs results this year. The children have achieved at Level 4+ 100% in Maths, 98% in Reading and 95% in writing. At Level 5 children achieved 53% in Maths, 38% in Reading and 52% in Writing. This is an incredible achievement. Well done to both children and staff!

The school has always engaged in a number of exciting projects and Torriano's curriculum has been recognised nationally as a leading model. We have become an Expert Centre for Global Citizenship. The curriculum has been developed over many years by our senior leader Sue Bush. Ms Bush as the Curriculum Development leader has led the Rights Respecting School agenda and shared good practice with the National College and many other schools. Ms Bush retires this year but will return to Torriano as a consultant. We do not want her to go and she doesn't want to leave. So this is a perfect arrangement! Nevertheless I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and commitment to the school these past 20 years!

We also say goodbye to Ms Shingler, who has taken up a leadership role in an Islington School and Ms Blanckensee who leaves us to return to Australia after 4 years at Torriano! We thank them for their hard work and contributions to the school and wish them every success in their careers.

And so we come to the end of the school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Bruckdorfer and the staff for another successful year which was only possible through their hard work. The school has gone from strength to strength! We have an incredible staff team at Torriano and I am grateful that they are all so committed to our children. The contribution and engagement from you, our parents and carers, this year has been impressive. A huge thank you for taking the time to work with the staff in supporting our children in their learning.

Have a happy and restful holiday.
Yours sincerely

Bavaani Nanthabalan
Executive Headteacher

