

# Torriano Junior School

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: **Welcome Back!**

A warm welcome to all our families, old and new! The Year 3 children seem to have settled in well on their first day. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to our new term.

This year our school priorities will focus on developing Literacy, IT and the use of technology. We have planned a number of exciting learning opportunities for the children, which we hope you will support and engage with. We aim to continue our close partnership with parents and are pleased to share our Senior Leadership Team:

- Mrs Bavaani Nanthabalan: Executive Headteacher
- Ms Helen Bruckdorfer: Head of School
- Miss Michelle Rae: Acting Assistant Headteacher (Inclusion)
- Mr Tom Avery: Acting Assistant Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)
- Mrs Claire Trehwella (Maths), Mr Justin Bioletti (Digital Learning)

This should help you to communicate more effectively with the school.

## **Summer Works**

We are very excited about our new "3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Turf" pitch which was installed over the summer break. We would like to thank Arsenal Football Club for their generous funding of this project. Other works completed include the stripping of the hall floor and the installation of a large screen and projector. This means we are now able to hold some assemblies and media presentations in the ground floor hall.

## **After School Clubs**

We know most of you will be eager to find out about the after school provision. All after school clubs will commence from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 with the exception of Arsenal Doubles, details of which will be given out shortly. Club placements for all year groups will be issued on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. A full clubs timetable is displayed on the Parent/Carer notice board outside the school office.



## Curriculum Meetings

As a Rights Respecting School (RRS), all this week, the children will be formulating their class charters. Your child's teacher will be inviting you to a 'Meet The Teacher' meeting to discuss the principles of RRS, the curriculum and expectations, on the following days at 3.45pm;

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – Year 3
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – Year 4
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – Year 5
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – Year 6

## Pupil Attendance

We continue to work closely with the Education Welfare Service at Camden to improve pupil attendance. **The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006** previously allowed headteachers to grant leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term time in "special circumstances", of up to ten school days leave per year. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, the new regulations remove references to family holiday, and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days during term time. The amendments make it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

May we remind you that children are not allowed to wear jewellery and only appropriate earrings with studs are permitted. We expect children to be dressed comfortably and be ready for learning. Please note that extreme hairstyles will not be allowed i.e. tramlines, mohicans, colouring. Children with long hair will be expected to have their hair tied back and please avoid huge fancy hair bands. Painted nails are also not permitted.

Aquaterra, our swimming providers are looking for additional ways to enhance its environmental policies. One of the ideas that have been put forward is the introduction of swimming caps during all swimming lessons. The caps will reduce the amount of hair in the pool which can reduce the efficiency of the pool filters. With this in mind, we would like your support in relation to the introduction of swimming caps for the start of lessons. Swimming starts on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013**, will take place every Thursday. Years 4 and 6 will be going this term and will continue until the Christmas break.

## School Website

Our website continues to be an interactive learning tool, increasing pupil engagement and is improving the efficient communication of updated school information. We encourage you to visit our website regularly for viewing all letters, the school calendar for up and coming events and updates on children's learning.

As always the school will strive to offer purposeful, inspiring learning experiences for our children. We look forward to your continued support in raising the achievement of all our children.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to us or Jacqui Smith our School Home Support Worker.

Yours sincerely

**Bavaani Nanthabalan**  
Executive Headteacher

**Helen Bruckdorfer**  
Head of School

