



Torriano Junior School Parent Update

Torriano Junior School: 020 7424 0202



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Rights Respecting School Council 2013-2014 Election Results

237 VOTES! Well done to everyone who stood for election and presented their fantastic manifestos.



This year 31 girls and 30 boys stood for election. Even if you were not elected there are still so many ways that you can get involved with the Council. They will need your support and input to help them make a difference. The first meeting of the new committee, will be taking place in October.



- 3AW:** Isaiah & Luce
- 3VB:** Sol & Charlotte
- 4FS:** Matthew & Hannah
- 4RO:** Bella, Finn & Arlo
- 5CL:** Lulu & Jonty
- 5EM:** Milo & Yuki
- 6CT:** Adnan & Nora
- 6ES:** Omar & Miraj
- Co-opted Reps:**
- Year 6:** Tess, Megan & William

Careers Week 2013 Monday 14th-Friday 18th October

Our focus this year is communication and how we share ideas and talk to the world. This year we would like parents to deliver workshops to large groups of children. We are looking for a variety of careers such as medicine, engineering, literature, TV, film, music, game designs, sports & health.

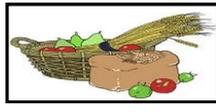


If you would like to participate or know anyone who would be happy to talk to the children, please contact us via email: careerkids13@gmail.com.

Home School Agreement Forms

An updated version of the School Home Agreement forms will be sent home with all children this week. Please can you sign and return the form asap to the school office.

Harvest Assembly Monday 30th September 2013



Please can you help us celebrate the occasion by donating items such as fruit, vegetables, preserves, tinned food and cakes which, will be delivered to a charity. Contributions should be brought into school on the day.

Reminder: No scooters, skates or bikes are allowed in the school as we do not have the storage to accommodate them.

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| Peek at this week: | |
| School Assembly time 9.10-9.30am | |
| Monday | |
| ◇ | Y5 at the Royal Observatory |
| ◇ | Rights Respecting School Council Assembly |
| Wednesday | |
| ◇ | Year 3 at the Foundling Museum |
| Friday | |
| ◇ | Storytelling Assembly with June Paters |
| ◇ | Whole School Big Write |
| ◇ | Y5 Chess |
| ◇ | TCA Parent meeting 2.00pm, Gatehouse building. All welcome |

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Torriano Community Association

TCA Welcome Tea Party

3.30 - 4.30pm, Friday 4th October 2013



We look forward to meeting all the new parents and children at this event.

- ⇒ (If you would like to volunteer to help set up and/or serve teas, coffees, pop-corn, fruit and cake, please do let us know.
- ⇒ **Reminder:** we are meeting this Friday at 2.00pm, Gatehouse Building.

Abel and Cole fruit and veg scheme

Come and see what's in the bags



Anyone interested in joining the TCA's Abel and Cole organic fruit and veg scheme will be able to have a look at some sample bags at the TCA Welcome Tea, which takes place on **Friday 4 October 2013** after school. And if you sign up at the TCA Welcome Tea and commit to buying a bag every week until the end of term, Abel and Cole will give you a free copy of their excellent cookbook!

The scheme raises money for the school – 25% of all proceeds go straight to the TCA – and is a good way of eating healthily and supporting the school at the same time. You order in advance and then pick up your bag from outside the office after school on a Wednesday.

There's more information about the scheme online at www.abelandcole.co.uk/farmers-choice.

Camden Music Service

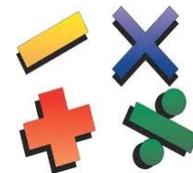
Instrumental music lessons are available at the school and usually take place during the day. Children can learn in groups, or individually. Group tuition can be very beneficial, particularly in the early stages, and many children enjoy sharing their lesson. As they progress, they may need a longer individual lesson.



Any queries please call Camden Music Service on 020 7974 7239 or www.camdenmusic.org



Torriano Junior School Parent Maths Workshop



Year 3 & 4, Monday 7th October 2013

Year 5 & 6, Tuesday 8th October 2013

Please join us in the Gatehouse for an Interactive maths session.

9.15-10.15 (Parent Workshop)

10.15-10.45 (Parent and Child)

Ask any questions you have about maths at Torriano

Learn some new skills to help at home

This is a great opportunity to improve your understanding of how your child learns maths. Mrs Trehwella, Mathematics Lead will facilitate this session and will be available to answer any questions.

Please confirm your place with the school office by Friday 27th September.

Attendance and Punctuality Update



Every day counts - help your child to attend school regularly and on time.

The Law

- All children of school age are entitled to an education.
- It is your legal responsibility to ensure that your children attend school.
- It is important that children come to school everyday and are on time.
- The Government has set an average target of 95% attendance for Primary School Children.

Of course there may be times when your child has to miss school because she or he is ill.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to contact school as early as possible on the first day of absence with the reason for your child's absence.

The school office number is 020 7424 0202 the phone has an answering machine facility to enable you to leave a message.

Support Available

Catriona Hale

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Monday-Friday

Jacqui Smith School
Home Support Worker

Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Key facts:

- One missed day of school can mean two days of falling behind for your child. Schools count each day as two sessions—morning and afternoon.
- Your child has to attend 10 sessions per week (morning and afternoon) to receive 100% attendance for the week.
- Missing school makes it more difficult for a child to learn to stay on track with class work.
- Every day in school is another chance for a child to learn something new.
- Regular school attendance is important to getting the most out of school. Success in school leads to success in life.
- Children arriving late in the morning miss out on the teachers daily instructions. It also disrupts the class and is embarrassing for the child. Please make sure your child arrives on time.

Term Time Holiday

This is to inform you that **no** leave for holidays will be granted during the school year. Leave taken during the school term does have a detrimental effect on children's learning and they can fall behind their peers.

You are requested to take leave during school breaks and the school will not grant permission for leave in term time.

If your child takes leave the absences will be marked as unauthorised and the school will refer you to the Education Welfare Service and you may be issued with a Penalty Notice. A Penalty Notice is issued to each parent for each child.

Penalty Notices are issued at a cost of £60.00 per parent, per child. If unpaid after 21 days, this increases to £120.00 for a further 7 days. If unpaid after that time, you may be taken to court

Continued absence and lateness will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Checklist:

- ☐ Have you made every effort to make sure your child is in school today?
Remember you are legally responsible in ensuring that your child attends school every day and on time
- ☐ Did you inform the school if your child was unable to attend school today?
- ☐ Have you asked for permission before taking your child on leave during term time?
- ☐ Have you taken every effort to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours?
- ☐ Make sure your child returns to school before or after any medical appointments
- ☐ Are you ensuring your child arrives to school on time, every day? Every minute counts