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7<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and we wish you all a very Happy New Year! We trust everyone enjoyed the festive season of Christmas and New Year celebrations!

We hope the children have rested well and are ready for an exciting term. Our theme this term is **'Making Your Mark'**, and as a school community, we will be considering how we make our mark with our thoughts, words and deeds. This will involve numerous exciting whole school events including; World Book Day and the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Shakespeare's birth.

After school clubs commence next week. Please can you advise the school office if your child is unable to attend an after school club session. This is so we can make sure we know the whereabouts of all children, pupils going home or arranged collections. The after school timetable is displayed on the Parent/Carer Notice Board.

Please ensure that your child is dressed comfortably for school. Long hair must be tied back, big stud earrings are not allowed to be worn and extreme styles e.g. Mohican or tramlines are not permitted. We also remind Parents/Carers that Torriano Junior School is now a *Change2Water* school. Please ensure your child does not bring in any fizzy or sugary drinks to school.

We continue to work closely with the Education Welfare Service at Camden to improve pupil attendance. Government regulations make it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Below are the days listed this term, for year groups attending swimming as of next week:

Day	Classes	Pool
Thursday	Year 3	Cally
Thursday	Year 5	Holloway

We are thrilled to announce that Torriano Junior School has been selected to participate in the **European Education Apple Leadership Summit** taking place this month. Year 5 will be sharing their work to show how we use technology in education within our curriculum. We have also been congratulated by **Rt Hon David Laws, MP, Minister of State Schools**, for our excellent performance in the 2013 national key stage 2 tests as published on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013. We feel very proud to be amongst the **250 top** performing schools in the country for the progress of our disadvantaged children between key stage 1 and key stage 2.

We hope the term is a happy and successful one for our children. Curriculum letters providing further information about learning this term, including trips, will be sent out on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Yours faithfully

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