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Head of School: Helen Bruckdorfer BA

6th 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. We will continue to mark the centenary of the First World War in our 'Their Past our Future' project. The theme this term is '**Engineering our future**', and as a school community, we will learn about innovation and discoveries in science and technology during and following the First World War that have changed the world and saved lives. The children will curate their own 'Engineering our Future' exhibition in March, where learning will be expressed through science, technology, engineering and art. In addition we will be celebrating numerous exciting whole school events including; UNICEF day For Change 2015, World Book Day and the 800th anniversary celebration of signing of the Magna Carta.

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 spring 2015 extra-curricular timetable** is displayed on the Parent/Carer Notice Board and on the website.

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 a *Change2Water* school. Please ensure your child does not bring in any fizzy or sugary drinks to school.

The school celebrated achieving 96.2 % attendance last term and we are aspiring to reach 97% this term. 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
Wednesday	Year 5	Holloway
Thursday	4R0	Cally Pool
Friday	3JH	Holloway

The building works for the new outdoor classroom will start later this term as the final phase of our Active Spaces project. When completed, this will enhance provision for food technology and provide a wonderful space for community cookery. We have also been congratulated by **Rt Hon David Laws, MP, Minister of State Schools**, for our excellent performance in the 2014 national key stage 2 tests as published on the 11th December 2014. We feel very proud to be amongst the **top** performing schools in the country for the progress and attainment of our disadvantaged children between key stage 1 and key stage 2. The school has received a Pupil Premium Award from the DFE. Thank you for your continued commitment and support.

We hope the term is a happy and successful one for our children. **Curriculum leaflets** providing further information about learning this term, including trips, will be sent out on **Thursday 8th January 2014** and will be available on the website.

Yours sincerely,

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