



Executive Headteacher: Bavaani Nanthabalan MA

Head of School: Helen Bruckdorfer BA

Thursday 3rd September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to all our families, old and new! It has been a pleasure to meet our Year 3 children, who seem to have settled in very well on their first day. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year.

We continue to set high expectations in learning for all our pupils. Through our school self-evaluation we have identified school priorities for 2015-16. Our key objective will focus on mathematics; improving children's fluency in number and developing reasoning and problem solving skills.

This year we will continue to place global citizenship at the heart of our curriculum, providing purposeful and relevant opportunities for the children to apply their Maths, English and Science skills. Through our whole school theme: '**Shaping Our Future – Let no one be left behind**' we will learn about the new Sustainable Development Goals 2015 and how these will be relevant to our children's lives and future. We have many exciting events planned this term including our annual **Careers' Week**. We will also celebrate the UN's 70th Birthday and the children will take part in the World's Largest Lesson where they will learn about the challenges of poverty, climate change and social justice with children across the world.

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)
- Mrs Claire Trehella : Acting Assistant Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)
- Mr Justin Bioletti: (Digital Learning)
- Mrs Rose O'Brien: (Rights Respecting School, PSHE and the Healthy School Programme)

Summer Works

The final phase of the Active Spaces project is complete after a year's programme of building works! The new Community Kitchen is a wonderful addition to the 'Earth Kingdom', providing a special place to grow, cook and play for our children and families. We look forward to developing food technology as part of our Science and Healthy Schools' curriculum and to hosting many community events.

The Summer Energy Club hosted by Jubilee Hall Trust was a great success, 160 children joined the programme and an additional 130 children visited the playground throughout the summer break. The Energy Club will continue as an after school club this half term, and the play structure will remain open for children to enjoy after school for **one day a week** (under parental supervision). More information will follow.



School Meals

The school kitchen has also been fully upgraded with new cooking facilities. We are inviting all parents and carers to attend a taster session hosted by Caterlink on **Friday 11th September**. **Halal food** will also be available in view of the introduction of a halal service on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Torriano Junior School. **This service will start next week**. Further information will be available at the taster session.

We would like parents and carers to use our **Parentpay service**. This service allows you to pay for your child's school meals, trips and afterschool clubs online whenever you want. If you haven't signed up for this free service please go to the reception area and ask a member of the office team to be issued with new account details.

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 14th September 2014** with the exception of cooking and dance club, details of which will be given out shortly. Club placements for all year groups will be issued on **Wednesday 9th September**. A full clubs timetable will be displayed on the Parent/Carer notice board outside the school office and is available on the school website.

Curriculum Meetings

As a Rights Respecting School (RRS) the children will be formulating their class charters this week. 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 14th September 2014 – Year 3
- Tuesday 15th September 2014 – Year 4
- Wednesday 16th September 2014 – Year 6
- Thursday 17th September 2014 – Year 5

Pupil Attendance and dress code

We continue to work closely with the Education Welfare Service at Camden to improve pupil attendance. We are advised by Camden not to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The school exceeded our target to achieve above 96% in 2014-15. This has only been possible with your cooperation and support.

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, colouring. Children with long hair will be expected to have their hair tied back and please avoid elaborate hair accessories. Painted nails are also not permitted.

Please be aware that a final decision on whether the Junior and Infant schools will merge will not be made by the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families until the **10th of September**.

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 Maria Lewis our Family Support Worker.

Yours sincerely



Bavaani Nanthabalan
Executive Headteacher

Helen Bruckdorfer
Head of School

