



Parent Update Newsletter



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Christmas has arrived at Torriano as we embrace the festive spirit together. Lights are twinkling in the trees; halls are adorned with the children's beautiful decorations and the school is in full song with rehearsals for the numerous Christmas concerts well under way. There are so many events coming up, we can hardly contain our excitement! The dates for all events can be found in this newsletter.

Our **KS2 Christmas concert** will be taking place on **Friday 12th December at 10:00am**. We invite all parents and carers to attend. This joyous community event is always performed to a full house, with little room to spare but great fun nonetheless! The school choirs are also out and about next week, entertaining all with their carols. The week comes to a close with the **Christmas Cracker Fair on Friday 12th December at 3.30pm**. Join us for some seasonal fun.

Years 1 and 2 have been particularly busy this week. Inspired by the Pocket Opera Company concert, they have also been working hard putting the final touches to their **Christmas Story Performance** with Juwan. We hope many parents and carers will be coming to see it on **Monday 14th December at 2.30pm**. Reception and Nursery were also treated to a lovely performance of 'The Snowflake' by Le Petit Artiste. We were all enchanted!

We would like to thank the staff for organising and hosting seven parent workshops this half-term. It was great to see so many parents attending. We hope you all found the workshops helpful and will be responding to your feedback. The children really enjoyed learning with you. The schedule for next term's workshops will be available in January.

Thank you to the parents who attended the SLT coffee morning on Wednesday. You gave valuable feedback on the proposed changes to access arrangements to the school and premises development. A gradual relocation of the infant administration team to the junior building is planned for next term. **Details of these proposals will be shared with you in a letter next week.**

Finally, we congratulate Kirsten Darling (or should we say Dr Darling), class teacher of Sparrows, for completing her PHD in Early Years Education and being elected as staff governor. Well done Kirsten!

Bavaani Nanthabalan
Executive Headteacher

Helen Bruckdorfer
Head of School

Upcoming Christmas Events at Torriano Primary School



Date	Event
Thursday 10 th December	KS1 (Year 1 & 2) to watch Red Riding Hood, Pleasance Theatre, 10.00am
Friday 11 th December	KS2 (Year 3-6) Christmas Performance, Junior Hall, 10.00am
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Fair, 3:30pm
Monday 14 th December	KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Christmas Performance, Infant Hall, 2.30pm
Tuesday 15 th December	KS2 (Year 3-6) Panto Trip, Hackney Empire, 12:00pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch, 12:30pm
Thursday 17 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance, Infant Hall, 9.30am
Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas Parties, 1:30pm
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term, 2:30pm close

All after school clubs finish on Thursday 10th December. There will be no clubs for the rest of this term. They return the second week back after Christmas.

Ted & Earl's Attendance Results

Our Target: **96%**
KS1 Attendance: **94%**



Well done to **Owls** for getting **96.4%** and to **Nightingales** for having the fewest lates.

KS2 Attendance: **97.1%**



Well done to **3RO** for getting **99%** and to **4AW & 5MW** for having the fewest lates.



Don't forget!

Christmas trees will be sold at the Torriano Christmas Cracker Fair on Friday 11th December. Orders can be placed on the day & trees will be delivered at a time that suits you. They trees will arrive at 3.00pm on the day of the fair.



Nursery enjoyed their first opera experience this week. They joined in with the actions and singing and loved watching the story unfold. They were an excellent audience and are now looking forward to their own Christmas performance on **Thursday 17th December!**



Reception enjoyed a performance from Le Petite Artiste Theatre Company. They went on a snowy adventure and met a giant polar bear, a seal and an Eskimo. The children showed us what good audience members they can be.

This week, the Writing Wizard visited year 1 and year 2 to tell them all about how they can add magic to their work. Our list of magic helps us use capital letters and full stops as well as adjectives to improve



Mallards and Owls have been embodying maths this week as they practice telling the time. They created class clocks with their bodies and had volunteers who became the minute and hour hands.



Year 3 have been busy preparing for their WW1 learning fair next week. We hope lots of parents and carers can come along to share the learning the children have been doing this term. We are certain you will be impressed.



This week, year 4 have been using their bodies and movement to learn about maths. They have been using jumping and throwing activities to understand and explain multiplying and dividing.



Year 5 have been exploring division and investigating the different ways that they can represent division calculations using diagrams and equipment. They used their understanding of division to tackle trickier equations using different written methods. Add'em would be very impressed with the children's ability to explain their mathematical thinking.



Year 6 have been looking at women's roles in WW1. Women replaced men in their jobs and yet were paid less than men. They were not allowed positions of authority and when the men returned they were forced to stop work! Year 6 think this was unfair for without their efforts, the outcome of the war could have been very different! **David, 6ES**

