

Torriano Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to all our families, old and new. It has been a pleasure to watch the children settle in on their first day back and we look forward to meeting our new Nursery and Reception children over the next two weeks. 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 2016-17. Our key objectives will focus on developing the **children's vocabulary to support communication in all forms** and the **further development of mastery in mathematics**. This year the school is leading a research group on using the 'Shanghai' approach in the teaching of mathematics, which has been promoted by the Department for Education. We will also focus on **mindfulness and mental health**, ensuring we value emotional wellbeing as highly as physical health and make sure that our children develop the resilience to manage challenges in their day-to-day lives.

As a leading Rights Respecting School we will continue to place global citizenship at the heart of our curriculum. Through our whole school theme: '**Making Connections, Making Changes**' we continue to learn about the **17 Global Goals** which aim to end extreme poverty, fight inequalities and fix climate change. Our aim is for our children to develop an 'I Can' mindset, encouraging them to be changemakers. We want the children to learn to believe in themselves, their potential and their abilities to solve problems. To support this, we have many exciting events planned this term including our annual **Careers' Week, the development of our new Science Lab, the launch of Radio Torriano, and the World's Largest Lesson 2016.**

We aim to continue our close partnership with parents and are pleased to share our **Senior Leadership Team**. You will have the opportunity to meet the team **during SLT coffee mornings this term.**

- Ms Helen Bruckdorfer: Headteacher
- Miss Michelle Rae: Acting Assistant Headteacher (Inclusion)
- Mrs Claire Trehwella : Acting Assistant Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)
- Mrs Fagan: Acting Assistant Headteacher (English Leader)
- Jim Grant : Acting Assistant Headteacher (EYFS Leader)
- Holly Churchill (Key Stage 1)
- Mr Justin Bioletti: (Digital Learning and MFL)
- Mrs Rose O'Brien: (Rights Respecting School, PSHE and the Healthy School Programme)
- Conor Loughney (Maths Leader)

It has been a pleasure to welcome the new **Torriano Team 2016-17**. Please make our new staff welcome; they are keen to get to know you and the community. A staff list with photographs will be posted on the website shortly.

Summer Works

The **school reception area** has been refurbished to provide better facilities and an improved service for parents



and carers. There has been significant investment in security systems across the site such as the new electronic sign in for visitors. **A new Year 1 outdoor learning area** has been developed to support the transition from Reception and new trees have been planted in the KS1 playground. **IT teaching and learning facilities** such as whiteboards and computers have also been upgraded across EYFS and KS1. The KS2 boys toilets and reception toilets have also been refurbished.

The Summer Energy Club hosted by Jubilee Hall Trust was a great success with 165 children visiting the playground and facilities throughout the summer break. Thank you to the Torriano staff for their superb supervision. The play structure will remain open for children to enjoy after school under parental supervision, while the good weather lasts!

School Meals

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. 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. The office can now accept card payments. Further information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals will follow.

After School Clubs

I know most of you will be eager to find out about the after school provision. You will receive application letters on **Friday 8th September**. Club placements for all year groups will be issued on **Thursday 15th September** and clubs will commence from **Monday 19th September 2016**. A full timetable will be displayed on the Parent/Carer notice boards outside the school office, KS1 playground and will also be available on the school website.

Curriculum Meetings

Your child's teacher will be inviting you to a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting to discuss the curriculum and year group expectations, on the following days at 3.45pm:

Monday 19th September	Year 3 & Year 4
Tuesday 20th September	Year 1 & Year 2
Friday 23rd September	Year 5 & Year 6

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 reached our target to achieve 96% in 2015-16** and as a result Torriano has been invited to share outstanding practise at the **Camden Attendance Conference**. This has only been possible with your cooperation and support.

May I 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.

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,

Helen Bruckdorfer
Headteacher

