

# Torriano Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holidays and the sunshine. The children have returned refreshed and ready for learning as we embark on this busy summer term.

This term we will continue our focus on active citizenship, engaging in whole school campaigns, sporting and community events. The school will be celebrating the **spoken word** by reading, rehearsing and reciting **poetry**; this will culminate in a range of exciting small performances at the end of the year. We would like to engage the Torriano community in this lively project by inviting staff and parents to have a go at performing a favourite poem!

We will conclude this academic year's project '**Making Connections, Making Changes**'. The children will continue to learn about the importance of active citizenship and global issues. There will be a whole school project on **migration and identity** in which the children will learn about where people have come from and why. The '**Vision and Values**' steering group will conclude the consultation on our big questions and values framework. This will be ready for launch in **September 2017**. We will continue to celebrate **UNICEF Day For Change** in which the school will be fundraising to support children in West Africa who are suffering from severe malnutrition. We will be celebrating the rich diversity of our community and enjoying our food and cultures together at the **Summer Fair on the 8<sup>th</sup> July**.

We will have a continued focus on **improving attendance** in the summer term following a dip in the spring term when overall only **95.2 %** attendance was achieved. Our aim is to achieve **96%** attendance for the academic year 2016-17. **In line with Camden's procedures, we are unable to authorise leave during term time, unless it is for exceptional circumstances, which will require evidence.**

This year's **Send My Friend to School** campaign focuses on providing funding to ensure all children can attend school. We will be urging world leaders to pledge money to the Global Partnership For Education, the world's joint fund for education and will be visited by our local MP, **Keir Starmer**, in June. We will call on the UK government to play their part and increase their investment in education to make sure the 263 million children still not in education have an opportunity to learn.

There will be a focus on sports and outdoor learning this term as we look forward to the **2017 World Athletics Championships held here in London**. The children will be participating in the **Daily Mile** and receive expert coaching from Middlesex Cricket club and David Easton our tennis coach. We will of course enjoy our annual **Wimbledon tennis tournament and Sports Day**. We want to see **every child participating safely in PE** sessions so please ensure your children have the appropriate PE kit in school and are wearing sensible footwear and clothing. You will receive a letter shortly informing you about the school PE kit requirements.



Please see below for classes attending **swimming** this term. All **swimming classes commence next week**. You can see updated information by clicking the 'Calendar' tab on the school website.

Day	Classes	Pool
Monday	Y2	Caledonian Road
Thursday	Y4	Holloway
Friday	Y3	Archway

May I remind you that the cost of school meals has increased from **£2.34 to £2.35**. This change takes effect from today, **18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**, and is in response to the introduction of the London Living Wage and subsequent contract costs negotiated by Camden LA.

**All after school clubs will resume next week** and the timetable will be available for you to view on the website.

You will receive a brief newsletter on **Friday 21<sup>th</sup> April** with a summary of key dates and upcoming parent workshops. Please check the website calendar for further information.

Lastly, your child's teacher will send you information about this **term's learning shortly**. This information will in the form of a **curriculum leaflet** but will also be found in the year group pages of the website and in the school info section by the end of next week. I hope the term is a happy and successful one for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bruckdorfer  
Headteacher

