

# Torriano Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome Back!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holidays – we return to warmer temperatures and some sunshine at last! The children have returned well rested and ready for an exciting summer term 2018. The children will learn about the importance of active citizenship, engaging in campaigns, sporting and community events. We will conclude this academic year's theme **'Time to Talk; Time to Change** in a whole school project **marking 100 years since women were given the right to vote**. There will be various trips and events to engage the children in this important topic. We will be also be celebrating the rich diversity of our community and enjoying our food and cultures together at the **Summer Fair on the 30th June**.

## Science Lab Progress

The Science Lab is nearly complete at last! Internal fixtures and fittings are underway and the new planting on the terrace can be spotted from the playground. The hallways and flooring in both stairwells of the junior building have been painted, giving the school a fresh feel for summer. I will keep you posted regarding progress but not long now!

## Every Child has the Right to Play

This year, to raise money for UNICEF Day For Change, we will take part in the **Schools Soccer Aid Playground challenge**. This will be a community event and lots of fun so look out for further information. This term, we will also be validating our **Rights Respecting School Award** by aiming for the new gold standard.

## Sporting Events

There will be a focus on sports and outdoor learning this term as we look forward to the 2018 World Cup and participate in the **Camden Race to Health**, which helps us to encourage and improve the physical activity of all children. We kick off with the **Camden Swimming Gala this Friday** and also introduce netball coaching for the



first time. The children will be participating in the **Daily Mile** and receive expert coaching from 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.**

## Parent Portal Payments and Communication

I hope that you have all logged in to the new **Parent Portal** and can access your child's attendance information easily. This is very important as following this newsletter; you will only receive **letters via the portal** and are able to **make payments for clubs, trips and meals using this facility.** If you have not **received your login** or are having any issues please contact the office for support. **Our records show that only 30% of parents have accessed the portal.** Please ensure you have tried to login by Friday so that we can fully utilise this service.

## Term Dates, INSET day and attendance

The updated term dates for **2018-19** are published on the school website and can be found attached to this letter. **Please do refer to the term dates when arranging holidays** as leave during term time cannot be authorised in accordance with the school's Attendance Policy. Please note that there will be an **INSET day for the school's annual self-evaluation** event on **Monday 25th June 2018.** The children will return to school on **Tuesday 26th June 2018.** There will be an **INSET day on the 25<sup>th</sup> July,** with school ending for the children at **2.30 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

## Extra-curricular Clubs

**After school clubs commenced today.** Please can you advise the school office if your child is unable to attend an after school club session. This ensures that we know the whereabouts of all children, pupils going home or arranged collections. The **summer extra –curricular timetable** is accessible on the school website.

## Curriculum Letters

**Curriculum letters,** providing further information about learning this term, including trips and swimming arrangements, **will be sent out on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.** **Swimming for year 3 and 4 begins tomorrow; swimming for year 2 will take place in the next half term.**

I hope the term is an exciting and successful one for our children.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Bruckdorfer  
Headteacher



# Provisional Term Dates: 2018 - 19



## Autumn Term 2018

### Autumn 1

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term

### Autumn 2

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Children return to school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term (2.30pm)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Break

## Spring Term 2019

### Spring 1

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Half Term

### Spring 2

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term (2.30pm)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April (Good Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April)	Easter Holiday

## Summer Term 2019

### Summer 1

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May (Spring Bank Holiday 27 <sup>th</sup> May)	Half Term

### Summer 2

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term (2.30pm)

Two additional INSET Days TBC

