

RECEPTION WELCOME BACK LETTER January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the spring term. We hope that you had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed time with family and friends and we look forward to a successful 2023!

We have a term packed with learning, see below for details and links to support you and your child. The key events below will be covered across the school, and in an age appropriate way for our children in Early Years.

Key Events - Spring Term

Martin Luther King Day - Monday 16th January

Chinese New Year - Sunday 22nd January

CRICK Scientist in Residence - BPS 30th January, TPS 31st

Children's Mental Health Week - 6th - 12th February

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

International Women's Day - Wednesday 8th

Neurodiversity Celebration Week - 13th - 19th

World Speech Day - Wednesday 15th March

Easter - Sunday 9th April



Reading our way into 2023!

We are turning each page towards a fantastic World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023. Little Wandle continues to support all of our early readers in their journey to unlocking the power of reading through phonics. We will be updating our reading corners and reading nooks throughout the school and starting a whole new set of inspiring texts to support the curriculum. In the lead up to World Book Day, we are inviting families to take part in developing Torriano School's Reading Histories - an opportunity for you and your child to remember the books you have shared over the years. We will be creating our reading learning journeys together, in school and as families.





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Reception Spring Term Learning

The newly designed attached curriculum leaflet gives you an overview of the learning that will be taking place this half term in your child's year group. You will now receive a new curriculum leaflet every half term, keeping you updated with the learning. Our Reception topic for this half term is Twisted Tales - an unusual take on traditional fairy stories. This theme will follow through in much of our learning both inside and outside in Early Years.

All classes will use their Torriano Timelines to support children's learning, and will have a strong focus on teaching explicit vocabulary everyday that is carefully planned. See below for useful links.

<p><u>Curriculum leaflet</u> https://torriano.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Reception-Spring-1-Curriculum-Leaflet.pdf</p>	<p><u>Home learning and sharing in school learning</u> - Tapestry Please ask your class teacher if you need your login again.</p>
<p><u>Reading</u> Children should read every day at home. Reading for pleasure books can be changed as frequently as needed. Monkey Books (reading records) should be completed at home and are checked regularly in school.</p>  	<p><u>Phonics</u> Phonics books are sent home weekly for children to read repeatedly to you. Reception phonics overviews for the term are shared via Tapestry.</p>
<p><u>Behaviour Summary Leaflet</u> For parents https://torriano.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Torriano-Behaviour-Leaflet-Website.pdf</p>	<p><u>PE</u> Days - Wednesdays with Carmen Children should wear trainers to school every day to enable them to take part in the Daily Mile and be active at playtimes.</p>
<p><u>Trips and Enrichment</u> Jolly Postman Virtual Workshop - 19th Jan Kentish Town Post Office - week of 23rd Jan Kentish Town Library</p>	<p><u>Parent Workshops</u> Please see the weekly newsletters for upcoming parent workshops.</p>

Outdoor Learning

Please ensure your child is sent to school in clothes appropriate for learning outside - we use the outdoor environment in all weathers! Children are encouraged to keep a spare change of clothes at school.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Being in school is vital for children’s education and for their wellbeing. All children are expected to attend school every day unless they are unwell. Last term, our attendance was 92% significantly below our 97% attendance target. School attendance is mandatory. Please be aware that:

- It is a parent/carer’s duty to ensure that their child attends school
- It is the schools’ responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence
- Schools and local authorities may issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities’ codes of conduct if a child is absent from school.



Punctuality and the School Day

Please see the table below and note the key times.

EVENT	TIME
Breakfast Club starts	8.00
School gates open	8:50
School bell for lining up	8.55
School starts	9:00
School ends	15:30
Extended hours ends	18:00

Please note, if your child arrives after 9am they will be marked as late and need to report to the front office.

Please support your child to be ready for school with their books and bags, ready to encourage a prompt morning routine. Children arriving late to school miss vital learning and school routines which can create anxiety as children arrive unsettled. If you find arriving at school on time challenging, please speak with staff and find solutions together. We look forward to helping establish positive learning routines and improving attendance this year.

Administration of Medicine:

- We always encourage parents to administer outside of school hours where possible.
- All medicines that are to be administered in school must be accompanied by a completed medicines form (available from the office) from the parent and/or the GP on how to administer the (dosage).
- The label must state the following: the name of the child, the date of birth, and route of administration, intervals and amount to be given.
- It must be signed in, by the parent/carer, at the office. Teaching/support staff will not accept medications directly from children or parent/carer.
- Please remember to bring any medication back in on the first day of term.



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Individual health care plans:

- For all children who require individual specialised treatment a clear care plan must be available. This includes asthma, allergies, diabetes, epilepsy and eczema.
- The school nurse or child's GP are responsible for the content of this and a copy must be brought into school. These should be reviewed annually.

Many thanks,

Helen, Holly, Ashleigh and Erika

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