



Torrance Primary Newsletter

December 2019



Dear Parent / Carer,

It's been a busy term so far with lots of exciting opportunities for our pupils and families to share learning experiences. We have a busy few weeks ahead and we are looking forward to some festive fun!

Vision, Values and Aims

We recently asked our school community to think about a design that represents our school vision, values and aims. Our Pupil Council worked together to select aspects from many of the children's designs and create designs they felt represented our school. The Pupil Council then selected 2 final designs that the school community could vote on and the winning design was:



- The school badge is incorporated in green and blue representing the Torrance Colours
- Our vision of "Working together to be all we can be" is displayed at the bottom of the badge
- Our values of perseverance, kindness, respect and achievement are part of the shooting star – uphold these values and they will lead us to our vision
- The stars represent our SHINE aims.

We will use this logo within school to promote our vision, values and aims. Thank you to everyone in our school community for their contributions.

Applebays After School care

Applebays are now up and running to support our children before and after school. Children have been participating in a variety of activities and they have been settling well. If you are interested in more information, please contact Amy at applebaystorrance@yahoo.com

Count on Us Pizza, Popcorn and Puzzles

We were delighted to see so many of you at our recent family event to support numeracy at home. We value every opportunity to share our strategies with you to ensure consistent approaches in supporting children. I know the children enjoyed sharing their experiences with you, however I think the pizza was the biggest hit of the night!

Read, Write, Count Launch

On Thursday 21st November, our Primary 6 and 7 pupils helped launch the Read, Write, Count bags with our P1-3 learners. We had paired reading and number sessions throughout the afternoon which everyone enjoyed. We hope our P1-3 parents enjoy the stories and using the resources at home.



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Kindness Candy Cane challenge

Now that we are in December, we have been discussing the importance of kindness and helping others at this time of year. We have set our children the challenge of earning 'Kindness Candy Canes' for their class during the month of December. Dominic in P5 said *"Love is more important than any gift you give"* and Hektor in P6 said *"kindness is its own reward."* Please encourage your children to talk about the kind things they have been doing and how others have shown kindness towards them.



Torrance Disney Spectacular 2019

Our Christmas show will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm and the evening of Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm. Tickets are on sale from the school office priced £2.50/adults, £1/children. The children and staff have been working hard on their songs and dances and I'm sure you'll enjoy the show! There will also be an opportunity to purchase your child's Christmas craft at the shows.

Party Arrangements

During the last week of term, we will be hosting class parties for children. Food, music and games will be provided for this occasion. Children are welcome to bring in a change of clothes for their party.



PTA – Christmas raffle, Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who has placed their order for Christmas cards. We hope to have these with you shortly.

We would appreciate any items you could donate for the hamper prizes – raffle tickets for the hampers will be on sale at the Christmas shows.

The PTA are supporting the purchase of new Interactive Whiteboards so all your support is very much appreciated and will help enhance the learning experiences for our children.

Class Dojo

We have had a fantastic uptake for our new online platform for sharing children's learning. If you have still to sign up to your child's Dojo account, please let us know as soon as possible and we will send login details home. Our staff and pupils have enjoyed sharing highlights of their learning journey so far and feedback from parents has suggested that this has supported more detailed conversations about learning at home. We look forward to sharing more of our learning in the weeks to come.



Please note: staff will not be using the messaging feature on Class Dojo. If you wish to speak to any member of staff, please contact them via the school office.



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Twitter

In addition to Class Dojo, we will be using Twitter to update the wider school community on events within the school. Please follow us at @TorrancePrimary



Nursery News

The children have been learning about Autumn and measure this term. They have loved the Forest Kindergarten visits and have been enjoying exploring loose parts play both indoors and outdoors. Our children have been enjoying learning about PAThS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Skills) and have been participating in Cosmic Yoga sessions. They have enjoyed playing with their P6 buddies every morning and with our Primary 1 children on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Parking

As we are now in the winter months, the volume of traffic around the school has increased. As a reminder, cars are **not** permitted in the school grounds at peak times when children are entering or leaving the school. Please do not move the cones on the road as there should be **NO** traffic coming down to the staff car park during the school day. Children frequently cross the road to access the nursery/school and we need to ensure it is safe for children to do so. The safety of our pupils is paramount and I thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please ensure those dropping off or collecting your children are also aware of this.



Allergies

Could I remind you that we have a number of pupils with severe allergies within the school. We have pupils who are severely allergic to **nuts** and **eggs**. I would ask for your support, in being mindful of such allergies, when preparing and considering your child's snacks and packed lunches.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd December – EDC Christmas Concert, Royal Concert Hall

Tuesday 3rd December – P7 to Business enterprise event at Boclair Academy

Tuesday 3rd December – Group of children to visit the Friendship Club at Torrance Parish Church

Wednesday 4th December – P1-7 visit to Cumbernauld Theatre (am)

Tuesday 10th December – Nursery visit to Cumbernauld Theatre (am)

Wednesday 11th December – P7 visit to Boclair Academy for Christmas Concert

Wednesday 11th December – Torrance Disney Spectacular show (afternoon)

Thursday 12th December – Torrance Disney Spectacular show (evening)

Friday 13th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Monday 16th December – P6 & P7 party afternoon (Please note change from Thursday 18th)

Tuesday 17th December – P4 & P5 party afternoon



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Wednesday 18th December – Nursery party morning

Wednesday 18th December – Flu immunisations

Thursday 19th December – School service and Nursery Nativity 9.30am. Parents/carers welcome to attend

Thursday 19th December – P1, P2 & P3 party afternoon

Friday 20th December – School closes at 2:30pm

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Monday 6th January – School starts back

As always, please do not hesitate to speak with us about any aspect of your child's experience at school by making an appointment through the school office.

Kind regards,

Laura Law
Head Teacher



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