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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break. As we enter 2019 we have all probably considered making New Year resolutions. If one of these is to read our fortnightly Newsletter – fantastic!

As we start the New Year I am delighted to be able to present the school's revised Vision Statement which has been reviewed with staff and governors. In a particularly frantic social and economic climate and with the pressures we at Tetherdown face in challenging financial circumstances it is refreshing to refocus on our core purpose.

Tetherdown School is a GREAT school. With the support of parents and governors, staff work extremely hard to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive and to achieve. We want them to “Be the Best they can Be”; well-rounded and ready for their next stages of learning. Ofsted does not and cannot measure such a category. Measures of performance are made through tests and checks across the school. I previously announced that Tetherdown was third in Haringey for overall performance (click [here](#) for details and comparisons to our local schools), which we are very proud to celebrate!

Our vision is to build a culture of excited, inspired learning for our children in ALL areas of their learning; where children are enthusiastic, engaged and make a full contribution to the life of the school. Of course, we focus on the academics but we know, value and understand the importance of providing a broad and balanced approach to children's learning to get the best from them. We do this with your support and through the commitment of our dedicated team.

We base our Vision Statement to drive our core values of friendship, meaningful learning and inclusion so that all children, at whatever their stage of development and wherever they are on their learning journey, can expect to be supported and challenged to reach their full potential.

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I look forward to working with you and building on our successes together.

## Term dates

We have received a number of enquiries with respect to the last day of the summer term in July 2019. As a Local Authority School I am required to set dates in accordance with Haringey's published term dates. I appreciate that this year, **the last day of term for Tetherdown children falls on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 2pm.** Haringey term dates actually end on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. However, schools set their own INSET (closure) days for staff training and development. It is entirely appropriate for us to plan the last development day on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to provide staff the opportunity to handover vital documents and information to the next class teacher and ensure we are working towards being prepared for the next academic year.

You can appreciate, that is difficult to accommodate everyone. However, having taken on board the views of parents and carers on this issue, whilst I cannot change the term dates for this academic year, I will endeavour to provide a more rounded set of dates for the following year 2019-20.

## Building Maintenance Fund

Many of you will have noticed the scaffolding in the upper playground earlier this week. Back in November we experienced a torrential ingress of water which damaged six rooms in the old block. I would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for their continuing donations to our Building Maintenance Fund which has enabled us to pay for these repairs. The school also claimed against internal damage and all areas are now redecorated and back to normal. We are also having to replace one computer due to water damage.

Your valuable contributions are extremely important to us. We are currently working out with the PSA a way to benefit from Gift Aid contributions which will enhance your donations even further. We hope to have news for you as we enter in to the summer term.

Currently our funds stands at £20,552.40 which includes a generous donation of £1,000. In addition to the above works we have carried out the following activities since our last report:

- Repair boiler and pipes in the new boiler room
- Remedial works to Dorma doors
- Rolling programme for maintenance and repair of lighting systems
- External gutter clean
- Supply and fit 3 fog lights
- Roof repairs following ingress.

## A big THANK YOU!

I would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the PSA committee for providing another classroom with a new interactive teaching screen. This has made a huge difference to the learning experience of children in Reception Ladybirds.

[Welcome to smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk)

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Many of you may be users of Amazon and will be aware that "smile" is a way to make voluntary contributions to a charity of your choice. We would like as many parents, carers, friends and family to choose to donate to **Tetherdown PSA**. It is really simple to do. Click [here](#) for instructions from Amazon. You only need to set this up once on your device and then change your selected shopping app from Amazon to Amazon Smile. Once completed and set up, the shopping experience is exactly the same and **Tetherdown PSA** will receive your donations behind the scenes.

Tony Woodward  
Headteacher

## Parents' Evening and SEN Open Door

Online booking will open from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 07:00**

You **MUST** book your appointment via ParentMail

**Spring Term 2019 Parents Evening - Reception to Year 6.**

Dates: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Time: 16:00 to 19:00.

**Spring Term 2019 SEN Open Door Evening – Reception to Year 6.**

**Parents are invited to meet with the SENCo - only IF you have a concern to raise.**

Dates: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Time: 16:00 to 19:00

NOTE:

SEN Open Door Evening is on the same day(s) as the Parents' Evening. If you have a concern to raise with the SENCo **please ensure your Parents' Evening booking does not clash with your SEN Open Door Evening booking.**

## TOPIC LETTERS

**Spring 1 Topic Letters** (Reception to Year 6) can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

## Assembly Dates Spring 2019

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Year 4 Leopards    | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February |
| Year 2 Eagles      | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Year 3 Parrots     | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March   |
| Year 1 Dragonflies | Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March   |
| Year 2 Owls        | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April    |

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Year 4 Jaguars      Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 3 Peacocks    Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 1 Bumblebees   Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

## SCHOOL NEWS

In our last newsletter we mentioned that the class with the best attendance record would be rewarded with "Tetherdown Teddy" which was won by Y3 Peacocks at the end of last term.

Our "Tetherdown Teddy" for best attendance for this term so far was revealed today. This week's winners were Year 4 Jaguars Class with 99.17% – well done!

### How is your Class Attendance?

| Class            | % Attendance |
|------------------|--------------|
| 0 Butterflies    | 98.12        |
| 0 Ladybirds      | 97.49        |
| 1 Bumblebees     | 96.65        |
| 1 Dragonflies    | 94.83        |
| 2 Eagles         | 94.79        |
| 2 Owls           | 97.29        |
| 3 Parrots        | 92.14        |
| 3 Peacocks       | 95.16        |
| <b>4 Jaguars</b> | <b>99.17</b> |
| 4 Leopards       | 96.67        |
| 5 Chameleons     | 98.92        |
| 5 Komodos        | 97.50        |
| 6 Griffins       | 95.63        |
| 6 Phoenix        | 95.21        |



## Year 2

Year 2 had a drama workshop on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January which was based around their new topic 'Heroes'. The children absolutely loved it and had a fantastic time turning into superheroes and saving the environment. Well done Year 2! Ms Ghenti.

## World Book Day 2019

This year, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and we would like to invite you to help your children to make the most of this special occasion.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help them in their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of the TWELVE special £1 World Book Day books, or be used to get £1 off any book or audio book costing £2.99 or more. Your child will receive their token on the Day itself. You can

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find out more about the books on the World Book Day website as shown <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

To really make the most of this exciting day, we would like all children to get dressed up as their favourite character from any book that has inspired them. Each key stage will have their own fashion catwalk for all of the children to show off their wonderful costumes. There will be a prize for the most creative and authentic costume. We look forward to an inspiring and exciting day!

Mrs Banks (English Coordinator)

## MATCH FUNDING

Match Funding -If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise through fundraising for a registered charity such as the PSA could be matched by your employer.

To find out more, and raise thousands of pounds for our school click [here](#).

## PSA News

### Fancy Dress Silent Disco Comes to Tetherdown!

#### What is Silent Disco?

Everyone wears wireless headphones with three different music options on them that you can switch easily between (flicking a switch on the headphones themselves). Each music channel has a corresponding colour and as you change channel, the light on your headphones changes too. So, you can look around and see which channel people are enjoying and switch accordingly. If you want to talk or have a break, take your headphones off and there's no music blaring. It's great fun. Lots of hilarious uncoordinated dancing and bad singing and a wonderful loss of inhibitions!

#### Date:

Friday 8th February

#### Time:

Years 1, 2 and 3 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm and Years 4, 5 and 6 from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

#### Price:

Entrance is £7.50 if purchased in advance, or £10 if bought on the night. Food (below) will be sold for tokens (no cash). These can be purchased in advance or on the night for £1 each. A 'bundle' of entrance ticket plus three food tokens is £10 (only available if purchased in advance).

#### Food:

Chicken hot dogs (there will be veggie hot dogs for those that don't eat meat) (2 tokens), Popcorn (1 token) and Candy floss (1 token).

Tap water will be freely available for rehydrating after all that crazy dancing!

There will also be a paying bar for those parents that wish to stay - payable by card or exact change!

#### Ticket sales:

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Tickets go on sale in the Junior Playground at 3:30pm this coming Monday 21st January and will be sold thereafter on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You can pay with a card, or cash - exact change only!

You can also leave an envelope with the exact amount at the school office. Your child's name will then be added to a list on the door.

**Please clearly state the following info on the envelope.**

**SILENT DISCO/Name of the child/children attending/ Year/Class/ Your email/ Number of tokens wanted.**

## Music:

There will be three channels of music. Two of those channels, we hope(!), will be created by the kids...we are asking the two Year 6 classes to create a playlist each (e.g. using someone's Spotify account), while the PSA will create the third (with the help of our kids!) and we'll see which Year 6 class will win the great honour of being Tetherdown's Champion Resident DJ?! There will be a prize for the winner.

## Dress:

We'd love to see as many kids in fancy dress as possible! Don't let that put off the older kids or the disinclined - there's no pressure, but it would be fun!

## Helpers:

Volunteers to help sell tickets would be much appreciated! Emma is sending round a Doodle Poll collating a rota.

Alternatively, please email Mia on [jenkins\\_mia@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jenkins_mia@yahoo.co.uk) if you are willing and able to help on the night. Many thanks in advance!

***Let the battle of the DJs commence!***

## **OFFICE NEWS**

**Healthy Living! See below guidance and information from Haringey School Nurse.**

### **What can parents do to ensure their child maintains a healthy weight?**

- Cooking healthy meals and making healthy lunchboxes through using Change4Life [recipes](#).
- Getting involved with the Change4Life [10 minute shake ups](#).
- Downloading the Change4Life [Be Food Smart app](#) to check the levels of sugar, saturated fat, and salt in foods.
- Walking, scooting or cycling to school using the [walking zone maps](#).
- Exploring Haringey's [parks and open spaces](#) and participating in Xplorer. orienteering sessions. Visit the [Smarter Travel events website](#) to find out when the next sessions are taking place (no need to book).
- Attending [cycle training](#) (offered free to anyone aged 9 years old and over who lives or studies in the borough).

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If a parent is concerned about their child's weight, they should speak with the School Health Service or GP for further advice. The Haringey School Health Service can be contacted through emailing [whh-tr.HaringeySchoolNursing@nhs.net](mailto:whh-tr.HaringeySchoolNursing@nhs.net).

## Reminders

### CAKE SALE

A Cake Sale will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Donations of cakes and biscuits will be made by Years 4, 5 and 6 and will be available for purchase at the end of the day in the playground weather permitting. Proceeds will go to ActionAid. Class reps please get together to help with setting up and selling of the cakes.



Future cake sale dates:  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 – Middle Phase (Y2-3)  
Friday 07<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Lower Phase (Rec-Y1)

### School Meals Cost for Spring Term 2019

Spring 1

8th January - 22nd February 2019

29 meals at £2.60 = £75.40

Spring 2

25th February – Friday 5th April 2019

30 meals at £2.60 = £78.00

Full Term = £153.40



**A polite reminder.**

**NO BIKES** on the premises. Our cycle storage is not large enough to accommodate children's bicycles. This area is designated for staff only. Please take your bikes home.

**Please help the Office Team!**  
**If your child is sick, please call the office before 9:30.**

**Please note - any medication or medicines that can be ingested or injected must be given to the school office.**

**Please note timings of our school day:**

- **8:50** Start of day. Parent stay behind yellow line on playground
- **9:00** School gate closes – late children to the office pleas
- **9:15** Registers close
- **15:25** Reception and Y1 pick-up
- **15:30** Parents wait behind yellow line to pick up children (Y1-Y6)