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Welcome to the start of new academic year here at Tetherdown. I hope you all had a lovely break. It was great to catch up with some of you at our recent Meet and Greet on the Archery Field last week. I know many of you came along to meet your child's teacher and join in with the picnic fun. Children had a lovely time and were particularly impressed with the falconry display.

All of our official Meet and Greets are now complete. All information will be available on the school website under each **classroom**.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new Tetherdown children and families. I hope your children have settled well and they enjoy their learning journey here at Tetherdown.

This week as part of our Be The Best You Can Be programme the children have developed their understanding of Vision and Goals. I would like to thank all of our parents and volunteers who made a special visit to the school to share their personal journeys and goals. Very much appreciated. Children will be producing articles for our next newsletter – so watch this space!

Please take a few moments to read some important messages below. I look forward to working with you over the course of the year.

Reminders

Some "old chestnuts" which need re-stating.

- Please check the 'Dates for your diary' section for important upcoming events.
- **School dinners** If your child is having a school dinner, please can you make payment via Parentpay. School meals should be paid for at least the half term in advance – the cost

for the current half term is £87.50, and the next half term is £85. **There are a small number of parents who have yet to pay for the last half term – please can you do so as a matter of urgency.**

- Please can we remind parents and carers that if your child is **being collected by someone else**, you MUST write a note and give to your class teacher in the morning. You can also leave a note at the school office or send an email to admin@tetherdownschool.org. Emails must **not** be sent later than 3.00pm.
- Please remember that there is no supervision in the playground before school – this is a parental responsibility. Staff may be completely unaware of any problem as they will be busy preparing for class. There should be no-one in the playground before 8.40 a.m. (unless your child is in a year 5 and year 6 class for swimming).
- Unfortunately we do not have the staff to supervise children either before or after school which is why the climbing frame should not be used at these times. Children have access during the day.
- Punctuality is extremely important as it is very difficult when children miss their early work or the introduction to their first lesson. The school gate will close at **9am sharp**. Registers close at 9.15am - children arriving after this time may be marked as absent for the morning session and not get their mark.
- Please complete a new independent traveller form if your child in Y5 or Y6 has your permission to travel home by themselves. Next year we hope to streamline this system so that permission given in Y5 will continue in to Y6.
- If children want to travel to school on a scooter, bike or skateboard please take it home with you, as we have no space to store them.
- **Please label or mark clothes and check for them as soon as they go missing.** We will be disposing of uncollected items every two weeks to charity shops. **Lost property is always a particular problem in Tetherdown.** We will put out lost property

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- every Tuesday and Thursday in the upper playground.
- ❑ Uncollected **lunch boxes** will be left out under the arch every day and will be thrown away every Monday morning if they are not collected.
 - ❑ Please check that P.E. kit still fits! PE Kits are available from Stevenson's www.stevenson.co.uk
 - ❑ Children also need plimsolls or trainers for PE lessons, as it is unhygienic to wear sweaty trainers from a lively PE session all day.
 - ❑ A4 'scrap' paper is always very welcome (out dated letterheads etc.) and make wet playtimes far more enjoyable.
 - ❑ On the subject of food – please remind all children not to share food. There are a number of children at the school with a variety of food allergies and this blanket rule is the most effective way of ensuring their safety and well-being. NO NUTS at all.
 - ❑ Children may bring in a small sweet as a treat for birthdays; however, **no hard boiled sweets or lollipops**. A small chocolate or cake is acceptable. We are also encouraging children to take anything like this home and to seek permission from an adult before eating.
 - ❑ End of day, the school gate will be locked at **3:45pm sharp**. Please remember after school clubs are already running, so we need to **clear the playground** for activities to start at 3.45 p.m.
 - ❑ The right to authorise absence rests with the school and we have guidelines regarding appropriate reasons for absence. An "Absence Request" form can be obtained from the office. Headteachers may only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances.

The world's biggest coffee morning comes to Tetherdown on Friday 25 September. We will be hosting our very own **Macmillan Coffee Morning!** Come and join us for a 'cuppa' and cake in the school hall from 8am-10am to raise as much money as possible for this worthwhile cause. Any cake donation would be greatly appreciated. Please leave cake-donations

outside the hall after school on Thursday 24 September or bring to the event on Friday morning. Thank you.

SEN open door – same as parents evening!
Parent Consultations are being held on Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 4th October. A change to how we accommodate parents with questions around SEN means that you will now be able to meet Mrs McMeakin on the same evening. She will be available on 30th September between 5-7:40pm and 4th October between 4-6:40pm. **Sign-up sheets** will be put out on Monday morning 21 September.

Starting primary school in 2016?

If you live in Haringey and your child was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 you will need to apply for a reception place at Tetherdown for September 2016. If you live outside Haringey you must still apply using the form of your local authority.

Haringey strongly recommends that you apply online.

Reception Intake 2016

Let us know if your child is due to start school in 2016. Add your child's name to the list **kept in the office** if your child is starting Reception in 2016 (DOB 01.09.11– 31.08.12)

Starting Secondary School in 2016?

Secondary school open events for entry in September 2016. Open events will be held in Haringey secondary schools during September and October 2015. We encourage parents to visit any schools they are interested in to help them gather as much information as possible before making a secondary school application. We would also encourage you to see the school of your choice website. Click on the link below for information on Haringey schools open events. http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/secondary_schools_open_event_document_2016.pdf

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Please be aware that the above information is not given to us in advance, but is available on Haringey website-(we are conscious that some of those dates have passed).

Secondary Schools Open Days
 Bishop Douglass School - Finchley
 Thursday 1 October from 5:30PM-8:00PM

St Albans School – Hertfordshire. See website for times. Entry for boys at 11 and 13.
 19 September, 10 October, 15 October & 14 November

The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School - Elstree
 Saturday 3 October from 13:00 to 16:00

Secondary school admission 2016

If you live in Haringey and your child was born between **1 September 2004** and **31 August 2005** you will need to **apply for a secondary school place for September 2016**.

You must apply through Haringey Admissions for a school place, even if the school is located in another borough. If you live outside Haringey you can still apply for schools in Haringey but you must list them on the form of your local authority.

Haringey strongly recommends that you [apply online for a school place \(external website\)](#).

Changing your application

You can make changes to your application until the **closing date of 31 October 2015**. If you apply online, you can make changes as many times as you like, up to **31 October 2015**.

If you applied using a paper form, you must contact the Admissions Service in writing before **31 October 2015**.

Haringey cannot accept changes over the telephone and preferences cannot be changed after 31 October 2015.

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Sports clubs have begun with clubs lists and trials taking place over the course of the last few days. Please ensure your child takes up the opportunity to participate should it arise and return forms and information as quickly as possible.

Open House in London is this weekend and that includes the house at the North Bank Methodist Church on Pages Lane, (where yr3 are visiting on Monday)- go along the grounds are lovely!

 Dates for your diary	
September 2015	
Monday 21 st	Y3 School trip
Thurs 24 th	Governing Body Meeting
Monday 28 th	Scholastic Book Fair (Mon-Fri)
Wednesday 30 th	Parents evening (5-8pm)
October 2015	
Friday 2 nd	Y5 Chameleons assembly (9am)
Monday 5 th	Y3 School trip
Thursday 8 th	Parents evening (4-7pm)
Friday 9 th	Y6 Phoenix Class assembly
Tuesday 13 th	Y6 Phoenix trip
Wednesday 14 th	Children's individual photos
Thurs 15 th	Y6 Griffins trip
Friday 16 th	Y2 Owls Class assembly
Tuesday 20 th	Y5 Komodos school trip
Wednesday 21 th	Open Afternoon (2:45-3:30pm)
Friday 23 rd	Year 3 Joint assembly
Friday 23 rd	Y5 Chameleons school trip
Friday 23 rd	Last day of term (3:30pm)
November 2015	
Monday 2 nd	School closed – INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd	Return to school
Friday 6 th	Y4 Joint assembly
Friday 13 th	Y6 Griffins assembly
Thurs 19 th	Governing Body Meeting
Friday 20 th	Y2 Eagles assembly
Friday 27 th	Y1 Joint assembly
December 2015	
Friday 4 th	Y5 Komodos assembly
Monday 14 th	Christmas Carol singing 6pm
Friday 18 th	Last day of term (2.00pm)

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PSA NEWS

Welcome back to another year at Tetherdown!

2ND Hand PE kit

Our second hand PE kit sale last week was a success and going forward, please hand in (to the office) any clean PE kit that your child/ren may grow out of and that you can donate to the next sale next term.

PSA AGM

All parents/carers are invited to the PSA AGM, to be held in mid October (date tbc). Here you can find out more about what the PSA is, what events we organises and how you can get involed. You can volunteer and be voted on to the PSA committee or sign up as one of our 'lovely helpers' – who give us adhoc help at different events throughout the year.

You may be aware that a number of parents are stepping down from the PSA at the AGM after up to 3 years of volunteering for the school. Please watch this space over the next few weeks on what roles are becoming vacant and how you can go about putting your name forward.

The more volunteers we have, the better for fundraising and organising social events!

Thanks
Your PSA

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After School Activity
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Breakfast Club

Monday – Friday 07:50-08:50.

£4.00 per child per session or £7.00 for two siblings.

Booking forms available from the office or email

businessmanager@tetherdownschool.org for more
information.

Tetherdown After School Club

Manager: Louis Frederick

Ctc: weekdays after 2pm

Ph: 07580 576 147 or

Email:

afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org

for more information.

Food supplied by Haringey Catering Services

Cake Baking, Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts