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The preparations for Christmas have well and truly begun. The Reception Nativity went extremely well last week. Thank you to all the staff and adults who helped children with costumes, songs and the learning of words. This year the performance was all about the star that couldn't shine – well they were all super stars at the end! We were lit up by the amazing enthusiasm and energy from all the Reception children. Well done!

The children had a great time at the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday and were thoroughly impressed with the service! Thanks to the PSA for providing crackers, which really added to the festive spirit.



Thank you to everyone who came to school today in their Christmas Jumper in support of Charities. We all had great fun!

Many of you will be aware that Ms Jethwa will soon be leaving Tetherdown temporarily to begin her maternity leave. Ms Jethwa and Mr Evans will be providing parents and carers of children in

Peacocks Class the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at an early Parent Consultation meeting. The week will end with a special Bollywood style class assembly to mark Ms Jethwa's maternity leave. You can see these in our "Dates for your diary" section. We welcome back Mrs Cole who is very familiar with the school, having worked on a number of occasions covering maternity leave. I am sure you will make her feel very welcome when she commences on Wednesday 20th January 2016.

As you may be aware, Ms Essex has been away from school recovering from an appendectomy. She is making a steady recovery and looks forward to returning in January 2016. She would like to thank everyone for their kind words and good wishes.

Children across the school have been treated to some wonderful performances at the theatre. Our annual pantomime visits were very successful – Oh yes they were! Thanks again to parents and carers who came along and gave their support. Please remember to make your voluntary contributions, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

All children have taken part in Christmas parties and so we say a big "thank you" to Santa who dropped in to visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All the children have been very, very good.



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Year 2 children went Carol Singing at Spring Lane Residential Care Home on Friday 11th December. They sang a lovely selection of Christmas Carols and well known songs, which were very much appreciated by the residents. Thank you to parents for your support on the day.

A very big thank you to all the parent helpers, in particular to Ani and Victoria, for organizing our Christmas Fan-Fair. It was a real testament of the support and commitment to our children and the school in raising valuable and much needed additional funds. The Choir really enjoyed the opportunity to sing to an audience and I'm sure you will agree – they certainly rose to the occasion! The children learnt about Hannukah during our singing assembly and really enjoyed performing the dreidel song.

Thanks also to Sophie (outgoing Chair) who shared a lot of her experience with the Tetherdown mums organizing the Fan-Fair – however, we cannot continue to rely on Sophie Plimley as we approach the New Year. Our hunt therefore continues to find a replacement Chair or joint Chairs. Sophie has reiterated that she is stepping down and will be less engaged with the committee and the organization of upcoming events. We really need someone who can lead a small group of parent volunteers on the PSA Committee to ensure effective communication is picked up by a great support network and to help Mr Evans and I make appropriate decisions around planning. The role of Chair is extremely important but it doesn't have to be all encompassing. If you have a desire to contribute, possess effective organizational skills, are committed to efficient communication and have a good sense of humour then please let me know. I would welcome the opportunity to explain the role and offer my support to you as the new Chair.

We held a coffee morning for Parent Reps earlier in the week, but I think many of you were busy; understandable at this time of year. I have therefore taken the liberty of organizing a new date for 14th January at 9.00am in the music room. It will give us an opportunity to reflect on

how things are going. If you would like to learn more about the role of the Parent Rep or if you would like to get involved with the PSA, please come along – your support will be very much appreciated.

Thank you again for your continuing support. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful break. We return on Monday 4th January 2016.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

More Tetherdown news...

Year 4 children went to the New Happy Swan Chinese Restaurant last week. The food was so amazing. While we were waiting, we were allowed prawn crackers. When the food was ready, there was rice, chicken balls and yummy spring rolls. We had orange squash and after we finished, we had ice cold water. Before we left,



we asked Mrs. Lee, the lady in the restaurant, questions. We learnt about the laughing Buddha and when you rub its tummy, it brings you good luck. If you stare at it for a long time, it makes you laugh!

By Ferdaws (Leopards) and Catrin (Jaguars)

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On Monday Year 3 designed and made photograph frames. When we decorated them we added Paisley and Rangoli patterns because we were learning about India. All the children had to be very careful when using saws and wood blocks. We would like to thank all the parents who gave up their time and came in to help. All the children felt very proud of their achievements at the end of the day.



Year 4 Leopards made lanterns, Christmas cards and Chinese New Year cards during our DT Day. We used jam jars, paper and other materials. All of these items included circuits with batteries,



bulbs and wires. We learned about electric circuits and how they work and why we should try not to get electrocuted. At the end, we showed all of our creations and turned out the lights. Here is a picture.

By Safia and Abi (Y4 Leopards)

On Tuesday 15th December Y5 took part in a West African drumming workshop where they dressed up, sung, danced and played many tuneful songs. They played happily and the two people that ran it were both up beat and lively; making sure that it was super fun. One of the people playing three drums played a complex beat to guide us through the song, meanwhile we would hit our drums making a sound like an elephant stomping. We could really imagine being in Ghana and playing the drums in a ceremony. Luckily, every last one of us got a



drum and there was no one left out. It was great fun, we all loved it and would have definitely wanted to do it again. The dancing was just as fun as the drumming - we followed the leader (like a mirror.) He showed us what to do and we copied, making a beautiful performance. At the end we all had a dance-off to see who could manage to do the best dancing, starting with Luke. At first we all tried to outperform his dancing and it was judged at the end for the final answer. All in all I think it was really fun and should definitely be done again, and every kid in the year loved it. From top to bottom!

By Saul year 5 Komodos

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COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS



We thought you would be interested to know that Luke and Alex from Year 1 Dragonflies have been attending Karate lessons on a Monday night with the Ashin-Do Kai Martial Arts Academy. On Saturday they both passed their Red belt tests. We are very proud of them. Thanks to Sensei Navin and Senaei Devini.

Clubs at Tetherdown will commence week beginning Monday 11th January.

Reminders...

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to be extra vigilant over the holiday period as we have been made aware from various local community groups of the rise in crime in the Muswell Hill area which threatens children's and young people's safety. We want all our children to be safe and enjoy the break. If you see anything suspicious you should call the Police on 999 immediately. Recent mention was made in the local press: <http://m.times-series.co.uk/news/14137424>. **UPDATED Parents urged to remain vigilant following reports of attempted child abduction/**

Please check your ParentPay account for any outstanding debt, including dinner money. Unfortunately, we do not receive funding for **extra-curricular activities, visits or workshops**. As a school we are the lowest funded school in Haringey and we cannot sustain shortfalls – we rely heavily on the generosity of our parents. Your support is much appreciated.

Reception Intake 2016

If your child is due to start school in 2016 please inform the office (DOB 1.9.11– 31.8.12) Applications should be made to Haringey Council - Closing date for applications is 15.1.16

Mobile phones

Please be reminded that children should not be bringing mobile phones to school. If you feel there are extenuating circumstances that should be discussed, please make an appointment to see a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Thank you, in advance, for your co-operation.

We are reviewing the **Home School Agreement** this year. However, we are aware that some parents and carers have yet to return their signed agreement. We will be issuing copies for signature early next year.

There is a public consultation regarding the building of Crossrail 2 going from New Southgate via either Alexandra Palace or Wood Green. The consultation ends on 8 January 2016. The relevant factsheet is S2

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/crossrail2/october2015>

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I have kept you informed of parking issues in our local area and asked on several occasions that you respect our neighbours by not parking obtrusively outside their houses (dropped kerbs, corners of junctions and even yellow zig-zag markings).

I am aware that fines are being issued to drivers parking in front of dropped kerbs and on corners.

Recently I was informed that the following vehicle has caused frustration to our local residents:

Black BMW ending ...KMJ

I will be advising our neighbours that they should contact the local police for support should they experience further problems.

It has been reported to us that there are currently some bogus door to door canvassers operating in Hertfordshire that claim to be operating on behalf of The Royal British Legion. These people have ID and claim that they are helping the British Legion to help Army Personnel get jobs. One of them has ID stating he is from Stockton on Tees. Head Office have confirmed that we do not have any Door to Door programmes running during the winter months. Therefore, they are operating illegally. Should anyone experience any issues please report it to the local police and under no circumstances give them any personal details or donations. Barnet Borough Watch

Y6 Griffins and Y5 Komodos begin swimming next term. Immediate start Monday 4th January 2016.

 Dates for your diary	
January 2016	
Monday 4 th	Return to school – NO CLUBS
Monday 11 th	All clubs commence
Friday 8 th	Y6 Ice-skating at Alexandra Palace
Tuesday 12 th	Prospective Parents' Tour (New to Reception 2016)
Thursday 14 th	Parent Reps Coffee Morning 9-9.45am (music room)
Thursday 14 th	Parent Consultation: Y3 Peacocks ONLY 1-4pm and 5-8pm
Friday 15 th	Class Assembly - Y3 Peacocks Ms Jethwa's last day at school before going on maternity leave.
Wednesday 20 th	PSA Meeting 7.45 – 9.15pm
Wednesday 27 th	Peacocks to St James Church – Tea Club (pm)
Thursday 28 th	2:45pm Open afternoon
Thursday 28 th	Full Governing Body Meeting 7.15pm
Friday 29 th	Y4 Leopards Class Assembly 9.00am
February 2016	
Wednesday 3 rd	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Friday 5 th	Y1 Dragonflies Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 11 th	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Friday 12 th	Y2 Joint Class Assembly 9.00am
Friday 12 th	Middle Phase Cake Sale (Y2,3)
15 th – 19 th	School closed for holiday (normal time)
Thursday 25 th	Parent Workshop – Our Curriculum
March 2016	
Thursday 3 rd	World Book Day – dressing up!
Friday 4 th	Y3 Parrots Class Assembly 9.00am
Saturday 5 th	Parents: garden clear-up at school 10-1pm
Thursday 10 th	Y6 Talent Show Fundraiser for End of Year Production 6.30pm
Friday 11 th	Y1 Bumblebees Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 24 th	Y4 Jaguars Class Assembly
Thursday 24 th	Last day of term (2.00pm)
Friday 17 th June – Lower Phase Cake Sale (Rec, Y1)	

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PSA NEWS

'Chirstmas Fan-Fair'

Monday's Christmas Fair went really well and thank you all those that came and visited Santa in his grotto! All the stalls, food and games went down well with both children and grown ups alike and there was a lovely family feel to the event. The Choir sang carols beautifully at 6pm and 7pm and this really made the atmosphere festive.

Thank you to all the reps and parent volunteers who put so much work into the event, especially Anita Mangan and Una Morton (who doesn't even have a Tetherdown child any longer!) who again created a magical Grotto for Santa.

Finally, special thanks to Ani AntAtanasova and Victoria Celaschi from Year 1 who spearheaded the event. We will let you know the final amount raised in the New Year.

Calendars

There are some 2016 Tetherdown Calendars still available to buy. £8 each, from the office. All proceeds go to PSA funded projects

Quiz night – Sat 5th March 2016

Save the date and get your team together for the annual Tetherdown Quiz on March 5th 2016!

Film night – we usually host 2 childrens film nights during the year, and we are asking for some volunteers to run them. It is a fun and easy event to orgainse and the children LOVE IT! Please contact Clodagh Fahy on clodaghfahy@hotmail.com if you and some friends would like to organise the Spring & Summer term film nights. The PSA will give you guidance on what to do!

TheGivingMachine - we've raised £2,112 using TGM!

- the pain-free way to Christmas

Shopping/Fundraising

Remember! When you are buying Christmas presents online, make sure that you generate a free cash donation for Tetherdown with every purchase via www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk.

There are over 1500 of the most popular stores taking part in the program making it so easy for you to make difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item.



The Giving Machine™

STOP PRESS

..... they have recently launched a "product search and compare" facility – try it, it's great!!

We hope you have a great Christmas and see you in 2016,
Your PSA

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All Clubs at Tetherdown will commence week beginning Monday 11th January.

At Tetherdown we are delighted to be able to run a Breakfast and After School Club for pupils attending St. James School and Tetherdown. The Breakfast club is open between the hours of 7.40 am – 8.40 am, the After School Club between the hours of 3.30 – 6.00 pm. For more details please visit our website.

Due to the popularity of both clubs parents are required to register in writing in advance, stating which days they will be attending. They are also required to complete an ad-hoc booking slip available to download from our website, or parents can email a request to breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org or afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org at least 24 hours in advance.

Although there are occasions when we can accommodate last minute bookings, we require parents to adhere to our booking procedures so that we can ensure that pupils are adequately supervised. If you would like a place at Breakfast or After School Club please register your child and let us know what days you would like them to attend. Booking forms can be downloaded from our website.

If you require any further information about breakfast club please email Dianne (breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org Breakfast club co-ordinator) or drop into the club with your child any morning where you can meet Dianne, Aldena, Penny and Sylvon.

For information about After School Club please check the school website, email Louis (afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org ASC Manager) or arrange a visit to see the club in operation and to meet Louis, Ann, Sylvon and Andrew.

Alternatively if you wish to discuss any aspect of breakfast and/or after school club please email Ms. Barber –

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 breakfastclub@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

A few places still available for Kids Yoga.

Reception to Year 6 Tuesday lunchtime.

Call Emma for further information.

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