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Happy New Year to all our Tetherdown families. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

I am really excited by the prospect of setting up a Tetherdown Orchestra. Junior children have been invited to attend orchestra practice on Tuesday mornings led by Haringey Music Service. We hope that the children will enjoy this opportunity and we look forward to hearing them play in the very near future.

Many of you will be aware that Ms Jethwa will today begin maternity leave and I would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best from the staff and children. Today the children led an amazing class assembly demonstrating their wonderful progress in a variety of areas of learning over the last weeks of the autumn term. I was especially pleased that the children demonstrated their ocarina skills, dance skills and creative writing abilities so confidently. Well done children in Peacocks class.

I am increasingly aware of parents' and carers' concerns around the financing of school visits and other related activities. I am sure you will agree that we do our utmost to offer an inspiring and engaging curriculum enhanced by a comprehensive programme of visits, visitors, activities and supplementary resources. However, the finances of the school are limited and dwindling, and we will need to make tougher decisions on whether activities are viable based on receiving the minimum contribution of 95% of the cost of putting on the activity. We cannot charge parents and carers for these activities, we can only request a **voluntary contribution** and we really do appreciate the monies that you send

in. All staff understand the sensitivities around this issue and should you find that you are not in a position to make this contribution, please let the school know as soon as possible so that we can consider what support we may be able to offer, and reduce the need for constant reminders for contributions. We would like to assure you of our commitment to working in partnership with you and your child under these circumstances, and look forward to your continuing support.

Tony Woodward  
Headteacher



The very exciting national competition '500 words' has returned for another year. '500 words' is a Radio 2 competition for which the children write a short creative and fictional story up to 500 words. The winners will be invited to a secret location where they will meet the Queen and various celebrities. Prizes include Chris Evans' height in books and 500 books for the school. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to develop their skills in writing for enjoyment and become young published writers.

The competition opens on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and closes for entries at 7pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. All entries need to be typed up on a word document and entry is via an online entry form available at [www.bbc.co.uk/500words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words). We encourage your children to enter and you can find all the details about the competition on [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1)

Miss Sweeney  
English Co-ordinator

**SEN open door – same as parents evening!** Parent Consultations are being held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February for the majority of the school. Should you have any concerns or questions around SEN you can meet Mrs McMeakin on the same evening. **Sign-up sheets** will be put out on the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

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## COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

You may be aware that there will soon be construction works taking place on 85 Woodside Avenue. Two houses are to be built on the existing land directly behind the allotments and adjacent to the Thames Water Reservoir / Archery Field. Please be assured that governors submitted their objections on behalf of the Tetherdown community which were refused a hearing. We were advised that there are no grounds to appeal because previous building applications had already been made at the time of the original building works.

Works will begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016. This will affect Tetherdown families, pedestrians and cyclists using the alleyway alongside the school. Governors and I have submitted recommended times for safe and appropriate access to the alleyway by construction traffic. They have been made aware of start and finish times of the school day, including end times for clubs (dismissal from Reception Playground). I will endeavor to keep you informed of progress.

**Archer Academy consultation on admissions**  
Should you wish to take part in the consultation please visit the website:

<http://thearcheracademy.org.uk/proposed-changes> If you have any questions, please

contact the school via

[info@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:info@thearcheracademy.org.uk).

Charles Lewis, father to Yasmin Neres has kindly offered to co-ordinate discussions with parents who may be affected. Mr Lewis can be contacted on [clewis2666@aol.com](mailto:clewis2666@aol.com)

The London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority is consulting on operational changes to make budget savings in 2016/17. Tell them what you think. For a consultation document call: 0800 689 3489 or go to: [www.london-fire.gov.uk](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk)  
Consultation open until 1 February 2016



## Dates for your diary

### January 2016

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Meeting 7.45 – 9.15pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Peacocks to St James Church – Tea Club (pm)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm Open afternoon
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting 7.15pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Leopards Class Assembly 9.00am

### February 2016

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Consultations including SEN Open Door 4-7pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Dragonflies Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations including SEN Open Door 4-7pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Joint Class Assembly 9.00am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Middle Phase Cake Sale (Y2,3)
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for holiday
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Workshop – Our Curriculum

### March 2016

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4 Jaguars Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day – dressing up!
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Parrots Class Assembly 9.00am
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parents: garden clear-up at school 10-1pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Jaguars Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Talent Show Fundraiser for End of Year Production 6.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Bumblebees Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Jaguars Class Assembly
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term (2.00pm)

### April 2016

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	School closed to children - INSET
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school – NO CLUBS
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All clubs commence
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Lower Phase Cake Sale (Rec, Y1)

**Deadline for Reception Admissions 2016 15 January at 11.59pm [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)**

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## PSA NEWS

Happy New Year from the PSA!

### PSA Meeting – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm in Butterflies Classroom – accessible via the Reception playground. If you would like to get involved or have any ideas to share, do join us then.

### Quiz night – Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Save the date and get your team of 8 together for the annual Tetherdown Quiz on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2016! Information on how to book tickets will follow next week. Don't worry if you don't have a full team of 8 - the organisers will match up smaller groups to make a team table. Everyone is welcome!

### Calendars

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

**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 organise and the children LOVE IT! Please contact Clodagh Fahy on [clodaghfahy@hotmail.com](mailto: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!

### Lolly Fridays – Summer Term

The PSA is looking for either a group of friends or some reps groups to run Lolly Fridays in the summer term. This makes lots of money and again, the children LOVE IT. Very simple to

organise and run with. Please contact Alister McDonough (PSA Secretary) on [alistermcdonough@yahoo.com](mailto:alistermcdonough@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer for this.

**TheGivingMachine** - the pain-free way to Fundraising by shopping on line.

Make sure that you generate a free cash donation for Tetherdown with every purchase via [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://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 a difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item.

**STOP PRESS** ..... they have recently launched a “product search and compare” facility – try it, it's great!!

Thanks and have a great term,  
Your PSA

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## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore

Monday – Friday 07:40-08:50.

Email:

[breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org](mailto: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](mailto:afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org)

for more information.

Food supplied by Haringey Catering Services

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](mailto:breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org) or [afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org) at least 24 hours in advance.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of Breakfast and/or After School Club please email Ms. Barber – [businessmanager@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:businessmanager@tetherdownschool.org).

### Football at Tetherdown!

Please contact Louis on the following email address

[footballclub@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:footballclub@tetherdownschool.org)

for information on Thursday and Friday Football Clubs for Y1-Y4 children.



A few places still available for Kids Yoga.  
Reception to Year 6 Tuesday lunchtime.  
Call Emma for further information.

Emma Charvet

Yoga Teacher

Tel: 07984 447 180

[emma@emmayoga.com](mailto:emma@emmayoga.com)



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