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It was a real pleasure to welcome parents in to school on Thursday for our Open Afternoon. It provided a buzz of excitement which I know the children thoroughly enjoyed. I hope you found the afternoon informative. Should you have any concerns or questions please be sure to discuss these with your child's class teacher at one of the upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February – see dates below for details.

At the last PSA meeting I was delighted to welcome new parents who joined us out of curiosity and support for the purposes of raising much needed funds. I hope that you have had an opportunity to review my email detailing roles and responsibilities within the PSA. We are "running on fumes", as they say. Having reviewed planned expenditure and commitments for the current academic year the PSA is desperate to raise a further £15,000 to support the work of the school. This will help us to provide computer equipment (annual cycle of replacement), books, learning resources and the pantomime visit. Governors and I plan to spend a large proportion of these "extra" funds on developing the Reception and Year 1 outdoor learning areas; a new shelter, refurbished play house and a mud kitchen amongst other things. Please check out the PSA page for updates and information on upcoming events.

From time to time we ask you for feedback on your child's experience of Tetherdown in order to identify school improvement priorities. I would like to ask all of our parents and carers to participate in our current survey available on line using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WK2TGNP>

We understand that morning times can be very busy and appreciate that some children will inevitably leave things behind. However, our school office is experiencing increasing demands from children who ask for items such as musical instruments, PE kit, specialist sports equipment and homework to be delivered to school by you their parents. Unfortunately, and I hope you will support us, this is going to have to stop. We will no longer ring home for forgotten items to be brought in as we understand that you too may also be working or busy during the school day.

Should your child forget their lunchbox, this will be responded to in a sensitive way. Firstly, we will contact you to advise you of the situation but also to confirm that we are in a position to offer a school meal, chargeable to your ParentPay account, should you wish to take this option. Taking up a school meal would be our preferred approach. We hope this might also relieve the pressure on you to drop everything in the knowledge that your child will receive a cooked meal and still be able to sit with their friends during lunchtime.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of the Year 3 children who are currently learning to play the Ocarina. They led the school on Monday during singing practice sharing their musicianship and beautiful playing. Well done Year 3 on your first public performance! And on another "note" our first orchestra practice takes place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Children who are joining please be at school in the music room by 8.20am to tune up and be ready to go!

Next week we welcome Ms Venner to the administrative team. She joins us for a short period of time to support the work of the school office. Please bear with us whilst she settles in.

Tony Woodward  
Headteacher

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## Taken from Rosie and Clara's reports of the Peacock trip to the St. James' Tea Club

Yesterday in the afternoon, the 27<sup>th</sup> January, Peacocks walked to St James' Church. There were very nice people we performed to.

Once we arrived I had very annoying nerves in my body/butterflies, but once I started singing I was absolutely fine (it was like they grew legs and walked away). When we were about to start Mr Evans asked me if I could say something, and I think those nerves walked back in.

After we finished our songs, this is the best bit, we finally got our delicious biscuits and fruity juice. Soon after that, we asked the elderly people questions about their lives and how long they've been at the tea club for. One of them had been there for 15 years and I think one of them was a hundred.

In conclusion I thought today was great and I loved it. My favourite part was performing because it gave the elderly people pleasure.

From Rosie and Clara.

Year 4 Leopards led the school this morning in assembly and gave us a modern rendition of the historical facts about the Roman Empire. We heard wonderful descriptive language, watched some amazing "green-screen" video technology and enjoyed the children's superb singing. It was a joy to watch – well done Leopard Class and Ms Hattenstone!

### SEN open door reminder

3<sup>rd</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February (4-7pm).

Sign-up sheets available in the school office.

### School Meals

We are often asked by parents about the system we use to advise of weekly menus. To keep you informed we will continue to publish a copy of the lunch menu in the Community Noticeboard, just under the arches. From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February we will be on week two, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be on week 3. When we return after the half term, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we will start again from week 1.

### Parental Consent form for Trips and Local visits, E-Safety; Photographs, Use of Digital Images; Photography and Video, Social Networking and Media Sites

Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned their parental consent forms. If you have not done so, please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks!

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 09:05am Mr Dent will be holding a guitar assembly. Parents of children learning guitar with Mr Dent are invited to attend.

Many thanks to Kip, our school photographer, for organising the photographic work for the PSA Calendar free of charge. We have received many positive comments.

### COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Please see our [updated timetable for Spring](#) for extra-curricular activities.

### Sports Competitions

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 20 children went to take part in the Haringey Sports Hall Athletics Competition. This is always a fantastic competition with many different events involving both track and field. The children were fantastic and gave their all to come a very close 4<sup>th</sup> with only 3 points separating them from the second place team.

A big well done to: Joe, Louis, Richard, Jamie, Freddy, Charlie, Oliver, Adrian, Theo, Johnny, Isabel, Amani, Molly, Amy, Neve, Isabel, Matilda, Lal, Selin and Clara.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 10 children represented the school in the 'P Cubed Challenge' tag rugby competition organised by London Skolars. This special event was held at the Honourable Artillery Company, a unique venue right in the heart of the city. The children had a challenging group facing Coldfall and Rhodes Avenue. In an exciting opening match against Coldfall the team

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were fantastic, showing great attacking and defensive skill, eventually running out 3-1 winners. In an extremely close second match against Rhodes Avenue the children had to battle the difficult conditions and were narrowly beaten 4-2. The children then played a 3<sup>rd</sup> place playoff game against an all-boys team; much to the initial dismay of our girls. However, as soon as the whistle blew the girls showed their skill with some spectacular contributions resulting in a 2-1 win for Tetherdown. After the game the children enjoyed watching an exhibition match as the London Skolars took on the Wigan Warriors - an exciting finale to our aspiring rugby players. A big well done to: Richard, Joel, Jamie, Adrian Freddy, Harry, Amani, Izzy, Isabel and Amy.

## Tetherdown Easter Club

This Easter Mr Frederick and Mr Farmer will once again be running a sport and activities camp here at Tetherdown. The camp will offer children the opportunity to have a fun through an active and safe learning approach. Children will learn and develop new and existing skills with an emphasis on staying active and enjoying their holiday. The camp is geared towards a wide range of sports, physical activities and games for children between the ages of 5-11 and will include football, basketball, tag rugby, cricket, tennis, netball, hockey, dance and much more! For more information please email Tom or Louis on: [activitysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:activitysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org)

Please be advised that we have been informed that there have been sightings of two men in 'High Viz' jackets with a Haringey identity badge (with the old logo) knocking on people's front doors in the Hornsey Ward. They were claiming that they would take the waste from the front gardens but were also collecting for charity in return. Please be vigilant. Should you have any concerns please call the police on 101.

### Y2 & Y3 Cake Sale - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm

Class reps please get together to help with setting up and the selling of cakes.

Driver of a grey Picasso ending ...56 CXO please be more courteous of our neighbours!! Thank you.

[Term dates for 2016-17](#) are available on our school website.

 <b>Dates for your diary</b>	
<b>February 2016</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Consultations including SEN Open Door 4-7pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Dragonflies Class Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Guitar Assembly – Mr Phil Dent
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
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Survey CLOSES
<b>March 2016</b>	
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)
<b>April 2016</b>	
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)  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June – PSA Summer Fair 12.00 onwards  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Open Evening (details to follow)  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Summer Production 7pm

Please be advised that due to circumstances beyond our control the Curriculum Workshop for parents planned for 25<sup>th</sup> February has unfortunately been **POSTPONED**. A revised date will be published as soon as we have further information. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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## PSA NEWS

Hi all

Despite fears to the contrary the PSA is very much alive and kicking and looking forward to a fun and successful 2016.

We would all like to thank everyone for their support for the Christmas fair, despite such short notice Ani and her team did a great job in putting the evening together and whilst we all know it's not the most relaxing of evenings we hope you all had a good time. At the final count over £5000 was raised for the school which is excellent news so thank you one and all.

None of these events could take place without the time and commitment that the various class reps and committee members have given up to support the school and we are certainly looking for more parents / carers to join the PSA committee to help with future events so if you can give some time towards the future events please come and join us as we plough on into 2016 !

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

Plans are well underway for the quiz night on March 5th, our reception reps are taking the lead with this event which is usually great fun and a sell out so please organise your teams and get your tables paid for early to avoid disappointment. See attached flyer.

### Calendars

There are a few 2016 Tetherdown Calendars still available to buy. **£4 each**, from the office. All proceeds go to PSA funded projects.

**Film night** – We have confirmed that March 17th will be film night for years 2 and above

### Summer Fair

Date for your diary the summer fair is confirmed for sat June 25th

### 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!!

All the best

The PSA

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## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore

Monday – Friday 07:40-08:50.

Ph: 07580 576 147

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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