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Dates for your diary

July		September	
Tuesday 19 th	Leavers' Breakfast 8.00-8.40am (Hall)	Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 19 th	Summer Exhibition and Summer Concert 5.00-8.00pm. School closing 2.00pm	Monday 5 th	Welcome back children in Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 20 th	Reception picnic assembly 9.00am	Tuesday 6 th	Y6 Parents "Meet n Greet" 8.50-9.25am
Thursday 21 st	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 parents invited) at 9.00 – 10.00am	Tuesday 6 th	Y2 Parents "Meet n Greet" 2.45-3.25pm
Thursday 21 st	Last day of term School closing 2.00pm	Wednesday 7 th	Y5 Parents "Meet n Greet" 8.50-9.25am
		Wednesday 7 th	Y1 Parents "Meet n Greet" 2.45-3.25pm
		Thursday 8 th	Y4 Parents "Meet n Greet" 8.50-9.25am
		Friday 9 th	Y3 Parents "Meet n Greet" 8.50-9.25am
		Friday 9 th	12.30 – 3.00pm Picnic Lunch on the Archery Field.
		Monday 12 th	Reception intake 1 (mornings) Reception intake 2 (afternoons)
		Monday 19 th	All Reception children in class for mornings & lunch time – pick up: 1.25pm
		Thursday 29 th	Curriculum Workshop – all parents of children in Y1-6 invited

Dear Parents and Carers

We look forward to meeting you at our Summer Exhibition on Tuesday next week. Please be reminded that school will **close early at 2.00pm**. This was agreed in advance and communicated to you in the last newsletter. We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend at any time between 5.00 and 7.00pm visiting your child's classroom and year group to understand and celebrate their work and their achievements from across the year. By opening up the whole school we would like to encourage you to visit other classrooms. Older children across the school will be sharing their work and providing an explanation as to what they have enjoyed learning about; providing parents and younger children the opportunity to look to the future as they journey up the school.

Our catering company will be providing nibbles and samples of food along with our PSA, who will be running the bar as usual. Our children and teachers have invited members of our local community who have supported their learning to join us on this special evening, along with governors and outside agencies. The evening culminates in our Summer Concert presented by children from Years 2 to 6. You will be amazed by the talented individuals, school orchestra and choirs' musical delights as they present, some of them, for the first time to such a large audience.

We hope you will enjoy the evening.

This week we were treated to a special Summer Production from Year 6 of the "High School Musical". They were amazing! I was surprised by their talent, dedication, commitment and focus on pulling together a wonderful, collaborative performance with amazing acting, singing and dancing. You could

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tell that they really, really, enjoyed themselves. I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you to all the parents and carers who have offered their support over the last few weeks – I know the children and staff are immensely grateful. Thank you also to Ms Hedley and Ms Banks who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children were able to pull it off! Well done everyone.

New staff

In the last newsletter I advised of a few goodbyes we have to make at the end of term. Unfortunately we also say goodbye to Paulina Kedziora, who leaves as our TA in Y1 and SMSA for infant children. As we prepare for the new academic year I would like to welcome the following members of staff to our team, some of whom you may recognise!

Meera Pow joins us as a newly qualified teacher having carried out a large part of her placement here at Tetherdown – we know she is excellent and raring to go! Tom Farmer begins his new role as an Associate Teacher, training at Tetherdown through the University of Middlesex and the Coldfall Teaching School Alliance. Mr Farmer joins the Year 1 team. Oliver Rose is also training with us as an Associate Teacher on the same route and joins the Year 5 team. These two members of staff in these new posts will be guided by our own expert staff and each will build their own capacity to take on an ever increasing teaching role over the course of the year.

Joining our teaching support team are Mary Barry, Teaching Assistant in Year 1 and Helen Bulcraig, Special Needs Assistant in Year 3. As Mr Farmer moves in to a teaching role, Mr Gregory Holloway takes up the position of PE Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Complementing our administrative team is Mr Vipool Patel as receptionist. We are in the process of recruiting a new site manager, and I hope we can find somebody as knowledgeable and experienced as Mr Cox – I think we will be very lucky if we do!

"Meet n Greet" the parents

Parents and Carers are invited to attend a meeting with the class teacher, as per the dates on page 1. These meetings will take place in your child's classroom and are strictly timed. There is usually some time for questions but should you require more specific answers to your queries it would be worth either joining us at the Picnic Lunch on Friday 9th September on the Archery Field or making a separate appointment to meet the class teacher. For the picnic we ask that all the children bring a PACKED LUNCH and a light rain coat.

Lolly Fridays

Our Lolly Fridays have been enjoyed by everyone this summer term – even though the word "summer" is loosely used to describe our pitiful weather of late. Many thanks to our wonderful mums who have given up their time to add a bit of fun to our Friday afternoons! Thank you so much.

End of Year Test Results and Reports

Just to remind you that your child will be sent home today with the End of Year Report. With regards our end of year results, I would like to congratulate all our staff on their contribution – across the school. The learning journey starts in Reception and is built upon by each year group of teachers. The data identified is subject to verification but initial findings are shown here. Many thanks to the staff team:

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Early Years Foundation Stage 2016
% at Good Level of Development (GLD) 83% (Haringey 2015 = 67%)
Year 1 Phonics Check 2016
85% of Y1 children met the expected level for the phonics check (Haringey 83% in 2015).

Year 2			No comparative data for 2015
Subject	Teacher Assessment: at/greater than expected	Test: 100+ is expected level	
Reading	83%	88%	
Writing	79%		
Mathematics	79%	75%	
Science	83%		

It is impossible to make comparisons to last year's test results for Years 2 and Year 6. It is also worth remembering that the bar has been significantly raised in terms of expected outcomes. However, at Year 6 initial national averages can be found by following [this link](#).

Year 6			No comparative data for 2015
Subject	Teacher Assessment: at/greater than expected	Test: 100+ is expected level	
Reading	90%	90%	
Writing	83%	90% (SPAG)	
Mathematics	91%	81%	
Science	88%	--	

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff: teachers, teaching support, administrative, premises and catering teams for their commitment and dedication to Tetherdown and to ensuring that every child gets the best we can offer. It has been a great year and the staff have worked relentlessly to the best of their abilities; striving for success and providing fantastic opportunities throughout the year. THANK YOU everyone ☺

I would also like to thank you all for your support this year. I am extremely proud of the community in which we work. I have received many messages of thanks in relation to class teachers and the opportunities we have been able to offer over the course of the year. I would like to thank all those parents who continually provide us with their time, their support and their encouragement. I know many of you can't be in school easily, sometimes giving up your leave time from work to help out on a trip, a project in the class or to share your expertise with the children. Many of you work quietly in the background supporting the school through your child's home learning, preparation and practise of various poems, lines for a performance or lyrics for a song. All of the time you are able to give is extremely valuable to our children and very much appreciated. This together makes our school community a vibrant place to live, work and learn in. May I thank you all and wish you a wonderful summer break.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

On 30 June Isobel C (Y6), Zacky M (Y5) and Matilda E (Y5) travelled to Crystal Palace as part of the Haringey Swim Team taking part in the London Youth Games. They took part in individual and relay races against the other 32 London boroughs and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They didn't win any medals but all swam really well for the team. Well done!



The New London Children's Choir - a choir with an unparalleled reputation for excellence. The coming year is our 25th Birthday and we are planning a very special celebration concert to take place at Milton Court, London's newest recital venue, to include a new commission by Sir Karl Jenkins. For children who love to sing, the choir opens up all sorts of possibilities. In 2013 NLCC took part in the Britten Centenary celebrations in Aldeburgh, singing specially commissioned pieces from some of our most prominent female composers. They also provided a backing track for the Disney's Cinderella and most recently took part in a performance of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* at the Royal Festival Hall.

Our Founder and Musical Director, Ronald Corp OBE, has many years of experience inspiring children of all ages with the joy of singing. The choir rehearses in Highgate Primary School on Sunday afternoons and is divided into Training Choir (7-10); Senior Choir - the main upper voice performing choir (10 -18); and Youth Choir - an Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass chamber choir for boys girls aged 13 upwards. With the ending of the school year and as our older members move on, we are looking to recruit new younger members to join us in this special year. Further information can be found on our website: www.newlondonchildrenschoir.org.uk

Sainsbury's vouchers

Many thanks to all those parents, families and neighbours for contributing their Sainsbury's vouchers to Tetherdown. As a result we collected 8139 points! Ms Essex and Mr Farmer will have fun spending the vouchers on valuable sporting resources for our children. Thank you.

Mandarin Club

We have had a very successful first term. The children have learnt numbers, greetings and family members. They have also enjoyed writing Chinese characters, learning the order and direction of the strokes - a great discipline which also helps with English handwriting. Next term, we will review language covered so far and also introduce colours, animals and more. We will also find out what Chinese families do and eat at Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. Our native Chinese teacher, Li Laoshi, reports that the children are making excellent progress and have discovered how much fun it is learning Mandarin. She uses songs, games and role play each week to embed the learning.

It is not too late to sign up for the club for the Autumn Term to give your child the opportunity to explore this fascinating language and culture. The teaching will be carefully tailored to accommodate new members whilst ensuring that continuers build upon what they have already learnt. The club is open to Year 3 upwards and runs on Tuesday lunchtimes, starting 13th September. Further details available from Ms Benjamin in the office.

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Reminders

Tetherdown School Special 'Leavers' Breakfast Tuesday 19th July 2016

8.00 – 8.45 am in the school hall (Entrance via the reception playground)

£4.00 per pupil with an adult free. £7.00 for a family ticket.

Tickets available from the school office.

Lost Property

Please make sure you have a good rummage round the lost property tables before the end of term. Any left items will be sent to charity at the end of the academic year.

PE Kit too small? Is it in good condition?

If so, please donate any items of unwanted PE kit to the office which will be passed to the PSA and sold as second hand kit, raising essential funds for Tetherdown School.

Year 6 children may also wish to consider donating their PE kit to the PSA.

Thank you

School Meals for Autumn Term 2016

Please be aware that school meal prices will remain the same price at £2.50 per meal.

If you feel that you are eligible for Free School Meals then please contact Ms Haria, Finance Assistant.

Cost for the half term is £87.50

Cost for the FULL term is £175.00

STAY SAFE OVER SUMMER

Please ensure your child is aware of ways to remain safe on the streets whilst using their mobile phone as we have been alerted to a number of incidents of theft in the Muswell Hill area.

The Voice Kids 2017 Apply now!

The first EVER series of The Voice Kids is coming to ITV in 2017 and we're looking for the next generation of talented young singers

If you know any 7 to 14 year olds ready to take over The Voice stage we want to hear from you!

For information about how to enter go to itv.com/thevoiceuk or stv.tv/thevoiceuk
Applications must be submitted by a parent or legal guardian

Applications close on **FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2016**
We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

Terms and conditions apply

Little BIG SHOTS

COULD YOUR CHILD BE THE NEXT LITTLE BIG SHOT?

From pint-sized piano players to tiny tap dancers or spelling superstars, ITV wants to see it all!

Little Big Shots will showcase awe-inspiring talent as well as the downright cute or funny. This TV show is solely focused on celebrating and showcasing young talent.

It is not a competition or gameshow.

Little Big Shots will be on TV early next year and the only rule is that your child is between the ages of 3 & 13.

Parents if your child has an amazing, funny or just entertaining talent, please visit <http://www.walltowall.co.uk/castings.aspx> for more information and to apply.

Please return applications as soon as possible, applications close at midnight on Friday 5th August 2016 (The Producer reserves the right to extend the closing date at its sole discretion). ITV participation T&C's can be found here:
<http://www.itv.com/terms/programmes/itvprogrammerecruitmentterms>



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PSA NEWS

Letter from the Committee

Dear all

With the school year coming to an end the PSA would like to extend a massive thank you to all the teachers, parents and carers who have supported our events throughout the year. Whatever way you contributed, whether it was by donating toys and gifts to a stall or organising an entire event, the PSA only exists on the back of everyone's enthusiasm, hard work and commitment and as such we are grateful to everyone who has helped us over the last 10 months.

From cinema nights to summer fairs and quiz nights to lolly sales this year the PSA have been successful as a result of individual parents or groups of parents working with the committee to produce fantastic events. Whilst historically the PSA has taken on and run the whole show, due to the current size of the committee (4 parents at the last meeting) the old system would not have been successful. The new system shows that with the support of enthusiastic parents a lot can be achieved.

So it is with an unorthodox but successful year behind us that we can now look forward to next year and maintain our commitment to raising money for improvements to the outdoor learning areas (watch this space). Thankfully several parents have come forward to join the committee but there is still plenty of room for more help and support and if any parent or carer wishes to get involved then please put **Wednesday September 14th** in your diary and join us at 7.45pm for the next meeting.

Thank you all once again for your support this year and we look forward to seeing you at events throughout the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

Alistair McDonough,

Secretary, Tetherdown PSA

Dates for your diary:

• Film night	Thursday 20 th October	Years 1-6	5.15 – 7.00pm
• School Disco	Thursday 3 rd November	Years 1-6	(times t.b.c.)
• Christmas Fair	12 th December 2016	All welcome	5.00 – 8.00pm
PSA Committee Meeting	Wednesday 14 th September	All welcome	7.45 – 9.00pm in Butterflies Class via the Reception Playground

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore
Monday – Friday 07:40-08:50
Phone: 07580 576 147 or
Email: breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org
for more information.

Tetherdown After School Club

Manager: Louis Frederick (contact weekdays after 2.00pm)
Monday – Friday 15:30-18:00
Phone: 07580 576 147 or
Email: afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org
for more information.

Tetherdown's Summer Activity Sports Camp '16

We offer the opportunity for children to have a fun, active and safe learning experience, while making new friends. Children will learn and develop new and existing skills with an emphasis on staying active and enjoying their holiday. The camp is geared towards offering a wide range of sports, physical activities and games to children between the ages of 5-11. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports and activities including football, basketball, tag rugby, cricket, tennis, netball, hockey, dance and much more!

The camp will run between the hours of 8.00am - 4.00pm or 10.00am - 4.00pm (parental choice) from Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August 2016. Costs start at £28 per day with discounts for siblings and full week bookings.

For a full breakdown of costs, see booking and registration form which can be collected from the school office. For any enquiries please email: activtysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org

Coming to Tetherdown...

Muswell Hill Karate Academy, London
Office: 020 8815 0117, Mobile: 07956 865 765
www.muswellhillkarate.org.uk
Karate After-School Course at **Tetherdown**
will start on 12th September to 5th December
2016 on Mondays (term time only) (3:30-4:30)
See attached booking form.



Zumba with Eliza

Party yourself into shape!

Come and join the Latin-inspired, easy to follow, calorie burning, dance fitness party. Feel the music and let loose. Starting on 15th September, every Thursday 8-9pm. Tel: 07867383871

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Imagination takes you everywhere...

Autumn term details attached separately.

Summer Camps

See attached for a list of scheduled activities taking place at Tetherdown over the summer holidays.

J.K. DANCE ACADEMY STREET DANCE CLASSES
NOW RECRUITING FOR SEPTEMBER 2016!
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR THE INFANT
CLASSES - Y1 & Y2.
JUNIOR CLASSES – Y3 – Y6 IS CURRENTLY
FULL...but we have a reserve list!
Please register your interest ASAP with
Jessica@JKdanceacademy.co.uk