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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to our new families and children who have joined Tetherdown since the summer break. I hope everyone had a lovely summer, especially those of you celebrating Eid.

I am really pleased with how well the children are settling in. Our Meet and Greets for Years 1 to 6 this week were very well attended and I hope you are feeling confident about what is expected of your child in their new Year Group and the types of things they can expect to be learning over the year. Information given at the Meet and Greet may be found by clicking on the links to your child's class on the web page. [Click here for Classrooms](#). **ALL Topic Letters** (Rec to Y6) can also be accessed via the classroom page.

In an endeavour to streamline communication and improve accuracy we will be publishing generic dates for your information on the front page of our school website. Please use the link above to access this information.



I hope you enjoy the first edition of our Newsletter for 2017-18, published regularly on a fortnightly basis. Here you will find updates on activities and events which have taken place over the previous couple of weeks and flag up any reminders, notices and upcoming events both within the school and our local community, as appropriate.

As we enter in to the new academic year I would like to gently remind all parents that school starts promptly at 8:50am. Children should be lined up ready to go in at this time. Lateness is quite distressing for a child: they may have missed out on registration, they may have missed an early morning activity, they may have missed the start of the lesson. Please ensure that your child is ready for the day by being on time with all their belongings. The school gate will close at **9:00am sharp**. Children arriving after 9:00am must sign in the late book at the office. Registers close at 9:15am - children arriving after this time will be marked as absent for the morning session and will not get their mark. Once the children have been picked up by the class teacher, please stay behind the yellow line to wave off your child. Younger children find it incredibly difficult to walk downstairs whilst looking up and waving with their bags, lunch boxes, PE kits, etc. We really don't want any accidents... At the end of the school day, again, please wait behind the yellow line to acknowledge the teacher at pick-up.

Children have been reminded several times that the climbing frame is not to be used after school – we simply do not have the First Aid staff on site at this time. Your support is very much appreciated.

There are many messages and reminders in this first issue which I hope you will take the opportunity to read. I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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PARENTS' EVENING: If you have not registered your email account with ParentMail you will be unable to access the online booking service for Parents' Evening (Y1-6) which will be live on Monday 18th September at 7:00am. Thank you.

Happy Rosh Hashanah to all our Jewish families – we wish you all the best for enjoy celebrations on Wednesday. Please complete an Absence Request form if your child will be absent.

Scholastic Book Fair – [Click here](#) for the date.

Over the summer holiday we experienced some changes to our staff. Ms Haria, Admin & Finance Assistant in the office left at the end of term to spend more time with her family and to take the opportunity to travel. We wish her well. Joining our admin team are Ms Neghat Kahn, Admin & Finance Assistant and Ms Julie Preece, Admin Assistant. We also welcome Sarah French and Nadine McBean to our After School Club team.

PSA AGM – Wednesday 18th October at 7:00pm in the Hall.

Pupil Update Information

You should recently have received a Pupil Update Form which must be checked by you as parents – only make changes where appropriate. However, it is vital that we get this information **back to school as early as possible** and by Wednesday 20th September at the latest. You must complete the sections on Nationality and Country of birth for each child in your family and inform us of the Local Authority to whom you pay council tax. This is a requirement from the Department for Education for school census information being collected early in October. Please note that if your child speaks a second language this is hugely positive and can trigger additional funding for the school.

Reception Intake 2018

If you live in Haringey and your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you will need to apply for a Reception place at infant or primary school for September 2018. If you live outside Haringey you can still apply for schools in Haringey but you must list them on the form of your own Local Authority. Application is via an on-line process and all details are available by clicking [here](#).

Please let us know if your child is due to start school in 2018. Add your child's name to the list kept in the office for children born between 01.09.13 – 31.08.14

Secondary School Open Days:

City of London School: "Our next Open Events for those interested in joining at 10+ or 11+ in 2018, or 13+ in 2020, are on Thursday 28th September and Sunday 1st October. However, both events are currently fully booked. Places may become available closer to the date. Please [click here](#) to check availability and to book your place."

Merchant Taylors': Open Mornings at Merchant Taylors' is on Saturday 23rd September 2017. To book a place click [here](#).

Channing School: Please click this [link](#) for information on admissions.

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SEN update

“Open door” – Parents’ Evenings are being held on Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 11th October. Parents with questions around SEN are able to meet Mrs McMeakin on the same evening as Parents’ Evening between 5:00-7:40pm. **Sign-up sheets** will be available in the school office from Monday 18th September.

If your child has a Care Plan, please don't forget to come and see Mrs Moir at 08:40 on Tuesday 19th September in the yellow floor hub to review and update your child's Care Plan. If you are not able to attend, please email Mrs Moir on amoir@tetherdownschool.org.uk

Missing Scooter – Please check at home.

If you have taken home, by mistake, a royal blue scooter with red writing, please return to school as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

We welcome Mr Lee Reynolds as our Sports Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) who takes over from Mr Holloway. Mr Reynolds is a very experienced coach with a wealth of knowledge in all school sports. Some of you may have had the opportunity to meet Mr Reynolds in the summer term. I am sure you will welcome him over the coming weeks.

Sports Clubs organised by Mr Reynolds will soon all be underway and I would like to point out our philosophy for competitive sports via our Policy for Competitive Sport – [click here](#).

We hope that we will soon have lots of sporting news as we move through the year.

The Voice Kids is returning to ITV in 2018 and we're looking for super talented singers aged 7-14 who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage. Applications for our second series are now open and can be submitted via the following link: <http://www.itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply>. They must be submitted by a parent / legal guardian and auditions are set to take place this September and October.*

Whittington Health will be throwing open its doors as part of a special open day event on Saturday 16 September from 10.00am. The event, which coincides with the Open House London weekend, is a great chance for families and the local community to visit and learn about more about the health services we deliver to our community in our area. There will be plenty to keep younger guests entertained, including a free magic show, face painting and children's activity books. The Open Day is a great chance to come along and enjoy some free entertainment, find out more about our work and to ask questions.

For more information please contact openday@whitthealth@nhs.net

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Reminders

School Meals for Autumn Term 2017

Please be aware that school meal prices remain the same at £2.60 per meal. If you feel that you are eligible for Free School Meals then please contact Mrs Khan, Finance Assistant.

Cost for the half term is £85.80

Cost for the FULL term is £187.20

[Click here](#) to see the menu for the term.

PE Kit too small? Is it in good condition?

There will be a sale of nearly new PE kit organised by the PSA on Friday 15th September at 3.30pm in the upper playground.

(If your child has outgrown their PE kit and it is suitable for donation, please bring to the school office for future sales. Thank you.)

Secondary School Application Deadline 31st October 2017

[Click here for further information.](#)

For Secondary School Open Events, including Fortismere – [click here](#).

Is your child missing any item of clothing???

Please label all items of clothing and check for them as soon as they go missing. Lost property is put out in the upper playground every Tuesday and Thursday at 08:40am and 3:30pm.

The Tetherdown Orchestra are pleased to announce there are a few spaces this term! If your child plays a musical instrument (preferably to Grade 1 standard or above) and would like to make music with others every Tuesday before school, please contact Pablo Castro for further information on coporlas@hotmail.com

Some "old chestnuts" which need remembering, please...

- ❑ We are very conscious that from time to time you may have concerns which you would like to share and discuss. In the first instance we ask that you approach your child's class teacher as they will understand your child best. Should you feel that your concern needs escalating, please meet with the Phase Leader (see [staff list](#)). However, should you feel that your concerns have still yet to be resolved, please make an appointment to see a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- ❑ 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. Please remember you must email **before** 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 Year 5 for swimming or attending Orchestra rehearsals).

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- ❑ **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. Scooters are left at your own risk and we are not held responsible if they go missing.
- ❑ **Lost property** is always a particular problem in Tetherdown. We will be disposing of uncollected items including bikes and scooters every half term to charity shops.
- ❑ **Uncollected lunch boxes** will be put out with Lost Property on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ❑ **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. Trainers used for the hall must be the non-marking variety. Children will be reminded to change in to their PE trainers should they be using the MUGA at any time.
- ❑ **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 Headteacher and we have guidelines regarding appropriate reasons for absence. A Leave Request form can be obtained from the office or downloaded from the website [here](#). The Headteacher will not authorise absence for holidays
- ❑ **A reminder** to parents that children can only change from packed lunch to school meals, or vice versa, in the first week of each half term. Thereafter, from the second week, they need to stick with their preference for the rest of that half-term. This allows the kitchen to plan and order food, and cook meals effectively. If there are exceptional circumstances which mean a child needs to change their preference mid-term, please discuss this with the school office otherwise you will still be required to pay for the whole of the half-term.
- ❑ **UFSM:** Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools will receive a free school lunch. **Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, please ignore any reminders to pay for your lunch from ParentMail.** There is a glitch in the system which ParentMail are aware of. Apologies.
- ❑ **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
- ❑ **School Visits - With more and more cutbacks** from Central Government, schools rely on the generous contributions from parents. 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 not bother you with constant reminders for contributions. We would like to assure you of our commitment to working in partnership with you under these circumstances, and look forward to your continuing support.

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PSA NEWS - Please [click here](#) for a link to the PSA page on our school website.

Hello to everyone and welcome back to the new school year. Firstly the PSA would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined the school this term; we hope that you are all enjoying the experience so far and we look forward to meeting you throughout the year at the many social events that are planned.

Alistair McDonough is continuing as Chair.

Many thanks as always to everyone one who has agreed to be a Class Rep this year as your help in creating, organising and delivering the wide variety of events is essential for a successful PSA year. We are always keen to hear from anyone else who has an exciting plan for an event or a burning desire to join in with our work delivering the more traditional events. So, please get in contact or join us at the next PSA meeting.

Finally the PSA AGM will be held at the school at 7:00pm on Wednesday 18th October 2017 in the Hall to which everyone is invited. We will report on expenditure, financial situation and ideas for the future. This will be followed by the committee meeting.

We look forward to working with you. Please check below for upcoming events.

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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.

Click [here](#) for a list of the Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs taking place at Tetherdown

Tetherdown After School Club

Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore (contact weekdays after 2.00pm)
Monday – Friday 15:30-18:00
Phone: 07580 576 147 or
Email: afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org
for more information.

LE CLUB FRANÇAIS

Fun French for Yr1&2 children

Would your child like to taste and practice French in a friendly and informal LUNCHTIME Club?

Le Club Français has a fun approach to developing linguistic skills, introducing the children to the language and culture of France through games, stories and songs. We aim to develop their oral and aural skills through various role-play situations and to encourage a positive and open attitude to learning languages in general.

*Our Infant Clubs are resuming this week
THURSDAYS YR1 12.00 - 12.30 / YR2 12.30 - 1.00
with French native and experienced Club leader Marie-Pierre*

Cost: £5.75 per week, payable termly (+memb. fee £10.95)

Please contact me now: Claire Murat 0774 094 3372/email: clairemurat@talktalk.net

Dear Parents, our very successful art club for children in Years 1-6 will be starting 13th Sep. 3.30-4.30pm. Children will be making sculptures, drawing and painting inspired by different artists this term. Art is a great way of gaining confidence and has been proven that it helps with maths and literature as well as improves problem solving skills.

If you are interested in enrolling your children please contact Berrin on berrinb@blueyonder.co.uk or 07940577075

New Year 2 'Learn to Play chess' club at Tetherdown: Following the success of the school's Wednesday (Yr5-6) and Friday (Yr3-4) lunchtime chess clubs, there is a new 'Learn to Play chess' club for Year 2 children. The club will meet on Friday lunchtimes and is open to Year 2 children with little or no prior knowledge of the game of chess. The first session will be on Friday 22 September and run for five weeks to half term. The cost will be £35.00 (£7 x 5 weeks) payable in advance.

These five sessions will be an introduction to the game of chess. We will learn about the chess board and some of the pieces - where they start on the board, how they move, how they capture etc. This will be followed by mini chess where you play games with just the pieces you have learnt about e.g. Pawns v Pawns, Queen v Pawns etc. This is a great way of introducing chess to young children as it involves playing with fewer pieces with the games enabling them to learn the planning and thinking skills required to become a good chess player.

The club will be led by Kamlesh Karia who has now been running the lunchtime chess clubs at Tetherdown for several years. There are 16 places available but we need interest from at least 8 children for the club to go ahead.

If your child is interested in learning to play chess, please contact Kamlesh Karia by email at kamleshkaria@sky.com as soon as possible (and no later than Monday 18 September).