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Dates for your diary

September		October	
Monday 19 th	Parents' Evening forms out on playground	Tuesday 4 th	Parents' Evening 4-7pm & SEN open door
Monday 19 th	All Reception children in class for mornings & lunch time – pick up: 1.25pm	Wednesday 5 th	Year 5 Komodos assembly 9:05
Monday 19 th	Y3 Visit – Highgate Woods picnic	Friday 7 th	Year 5 Chameleons assembly 9:05
19 th – 23 rd	Scholastic Book Fair – all week on the upper playground after school	Monday 10 th	Year 2 Fire of London Visit
Tuesday 20 th	Nearly new PE kit sale - PSA	Monday 10 th	Year 3 Visit - OLM and North Bank Churches
Wednesday 21 st	Individual Child photos	Thursday 13 th	Parents' Evening 4-7pm & SEN open door
Thursday 22 nd	Governors Meeting	Friday 14 th	Year 4 joint assembly 9:05
Thursday 29 th	Curriculum Workshop – POSTPONED see below for details	Wednesday 19 th	Open Afternoon 2:45-3:30pm
Friday 30 th	Year 3 joint assembly 9:05	Wednesday 19 th	PSA AGM 7.00pm
		Thursday 20 th	PSA Film Night Y1-6 5:15-7:00pm
		Friday 21 st	Year 2 joint assembly 9:05
November			
Thursday 3 rd	School Disco Y1-3 5:15-6.00pm Y4-6 6:15-7.00pm		
Friday 4 th	Griffins assembly 9:05		
Friday 18 th	Phoenix assembly 9:05		

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter for 2016-17, 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.

A very warm welcome to our new families and children who have joined Tetherdown since the summer break. I am really pleased with how well the children appear to have settled in – sure, it is early days and there may be one or two hiccups that need sorting but I am confident that with your support your child's class teacher will be able to understand these issues and provide advice and guidance for another fruitful and enjoyable year for all. Our Meet and Greets last 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 [Topic Letter](#) and [Meet and Greet Letter](#) for each Year Group.

All the children, staff and parents who joined us had a thoroughly enjoyable time on the Archery Field at the end of the week on Friday. Children enjoyed their picnic lunches and parents were able to informally chat with the class teacher. All of the feedback I received was extremely positive and I would like to thank you for taking the time to join us.

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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 register, 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 be signed in at the office in the Late Book. Registers close at 9:15am - children arriving after this time may be marked as absent for the morning session and 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.

On Monday we will send an important document home with your child. The pupil update form 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 21st 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 be advised that the Behaviour Policy is available for information ([click here](#)).

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

Curriculum Workshop postponed to Thursday 10th November (7:00pm)

We are very excited about wanting to share information about how we teach and assess children at Tetherdown. We want the maximum number of parents and carers to be able to attend. What we have discovered is that in the lead up to half term there will be an evening meeting for parents three weeks in a row: two Parents' Evenings and the recently agreed PSA AGM (Wednesday 19th October 2016). Hence our rescheduled date above. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope you will support and respect our decision.

Reception Intake 2017

If you live in Haringey and your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you will need to apply for a Reception place at infant or primary school for September 2017. 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. We encourage you to apply online for a [school place \(external website\)](#). You can access the internet for free at any Haringey library and you can change your application at any point up until the closing date. Haringey residents should follow the steps below to apply for a reception place.

- [How to apply for a reception place](#)
- [Changing your application](#)
- [Contact the Admissions Service](#)

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Download the [Primary School Admissions Booklet 2016 \(PDF, 5MB\)](#)

Open Day at **City of London School** on Thursday 22 September 2016 for those boys in Year 5 and 6. A flyer is attached – please feel free to pass this on to any parents who you think may be interested. Please check the website for further details and to book your place: www.clsb.org.uk

SEN update

“Open door” – Parents’ Evenings are being held on Tuesday 4th October and Thursday 13th October. Parents with questions around SEN are able to meet Mrs McMeakin on the same evening as Parents’ Evening between 4:00-6:40pm. **Sign-up sheets** will be available in the school office from Monday 19th September.

Haringey are currently offering free advice and support for families who wish to engage with an Educational Psychologist. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Sarah Outen visits Tetherdown

Sarah Outen is a British adventurer, motivational speaker and author. In November 2015 Sarah completed her London2London: Via the World expedition, which saw her attempt to kayak, cycle and row 25,000 miles around the Northern Hemisphere. The journey took 4.5 years and was all the richer for not turning out exactly as had been planned...

Report written by Niah in Year 3 Parrots

On Monday 12th September Sarah Outen came and visited our school. She told us about her latest amazing adventure across the whole wild world. First she told us that she went from London to London and she started from under Tower Bridge on 1st April 2011. Sarah Outen had to pack a rowing boat, a kayak, a bike, lots and lots of water and food, clothes, a sleeping bag, a tent and a camera. She told us about the amazing animals that she saw. She said she saw a whale, a sea turtle, a sunfish, a sea lion and a shark. The funny part was when she stuck her camera down in to the water; the sea turtle nearly ate it!



After that she told us a story about Goa, a Chinese man she met in China. Sarah and Goa cycled through the Gobi desert that was fifty degrees. Both of them drunk lots of water. We estimated about six bottles. Finally they made it. Goa had achieved his goal. Then she travelled over the Pacific Ocean to Alaska. She slept on her rowing boat. Finally she arrived back in London. It took her four and a half years to get back to London. At the end of her journey, Sarah Outen felt speechless and happy, unlike at the beginning of the journey where she felt like she had stomping elephants in her stomach!

Other news from Year 4...

In the summer term last year, Ben Wilson, also known as the Muswell Hill chewing gum man, came in to visit Year 4 as part of the Year 4 'Local Area' topic. The children enjoyed creating their own chewing gum art and over the summer holiday, Ben Wilson created his own piece of art for Jaguar and Leopard Class 2016! It can be found outside Rymans on Muswell Hill Broadway - so if you are walking past then look out



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COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Ms Essex's Open Water Swim:

Some of you may remember that I signed up to do the Bournemouth to Boscombe Pier to Pier swim in July this year. Unfortunately the event was cancelled due to a severe weather warning and then rescheduled for August while I was holiday. Therefore, I have completed another open water swimming event at the beginning of September in aid of Cancer Research. I competed in the Eton swim in Dorney Lake – this is where the Olympic rowing took place in 2012. I was lucky that the sun was shining as it made the 1500m swim a tiny bit easier and I was actually able to say that I really enjoyed it at the end of the event! Thank you so much to everyone who has sponsored me and helped me to raise just over £1000 for Cancer Research. Click [here](#) for the link.



Reminders

School Meals for Autumn Term 2016

Please be aware that school meal prices remain the same at £2.50 per meal. If you feel that you are eligible for Free School Meals then please contact Mrs Haria, Finance Assistant.
Cost for the half term is £87.50
Cost for the FULL term is £175.00
See attached menu for the term.

Reception Intake 2017

Please let us know if your child is due to start school in 2017. Add your child's name to the list kept in the office for children born between 01.09.12 – 31.08.13

Secondary Applications Deadline
31st October 2016

PE Kit too small?

Is it in good condition?

There will be a sale of nearly new PE kit organised by the PSA on Tuesday 20th September at 3.30pm in the upper playground.
(If your child has outgrown their PE kit and is suitable for donation, please bring to the school office before this time. Thank you.)

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 will always be put out for children and parents to check on a Tuesday and Thursday.

- ❑ 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.

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- ❑ 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 a Year 5 for swimming).
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Children may bring in a small sweet as a treat for birthdays; however, **no hard boiled sweets or lollipops**. A small chocolate or cake is acceptable. We are also encouraging children to take anything like this home and to seek permission from an adult before eating.
- ❑ 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.

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PSA NEWS

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.

At the last meeting the Committee appointed Alistair McDonough as Chair – Hooray! We await the appointment of a Vice Chair to support the work of the PSA and invite nominations to be put forward to Alistair for consideration at the next PSA meeting.

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 19th October 2016 to which everyone is invited. We will report on expenditure, financial situation and ideas for the future.

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

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	t.b.c.	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.

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



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 Thursday 29th September, every Thursday 8-9pm. Tel: 07867383871

Le Club Francais fun French lunch time Junior Club on Thursdays 12.30 to 1.00

Calling Yr3 and Yr4 children to come and practise their French with native Club teacher Marie-Pierre! Places available this autumn term, please contact Claire Murat 0774 094 3372 or email clairemurat@talktalk.net