

# Tetherdown News!

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## Dates for your diary

November		December	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Purchase tickets to see <b>SANTA!</b> (See below)	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jaguar Class visit to Chinese restaurant (11:30-1:30)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Peacocks – DT Afternoon (1)	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Komodos visit to Cabinet War Rooms
<b>December</b>		Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Leopards Science & DT Day
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Open Afternoon for Y1-6 (2.45-3.30pm)	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Chameleons visit to Cabinet War Rooms
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3 visit to Neasden Temple	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity 9:00-10:00am
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4 visit to St James' Church	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Jaguars Science & DT Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Orchestral Performance – musicians from Barcelona.	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Carol Singing at Spring Lane Residential Home
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Strictly Come Dancing – WW2 Style	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Christmas Fair 5.30-8.30pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tetherdown Orchestra Performance – Parents of musicians invited.	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Juniors' Pantomime Visit (Hackney Empire)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Leopard Class visit to Chinese restaurant (11:30-1:30)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch - Pabulum
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Peacocks – DT Afternoon (2)	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Infants' Pantomime Visit (Millfield Theatre)
		Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – <b>School Closes at 2.00pm</b>

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 children will appear on the Victoria Derbyshire on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am on BBC2**. Ms Ashraf and the children have been interviewed, sharing their most recent work with "Changing Faces" the charity which supports children with facial disfigurement.

Our recent focus on improving behaviour in and around school has had a huge impact. Many of the children will have shared with you our focus on walking quietly and sensibly whilst in the building, particularly along corridors and stairways and our focus on quiet listening during assembly times. I shared our focus with governors who are incredibly supportive in our attempts to ensure that all children are safe and that there is a real understanding of respect among our children during times when they have to listen. I regularly feed back to the children to say how pleased I am with the progress since introducing our focus. The children have been helped by members of the School Council and Mr Evans, in particular, with suggestions and reminders – even "silly walks", which is so much more preferable to running inside the school! All the children are making a conscious effort to support one another in this and you should be very proud of the children's behaviour. We hope you will be witness to this as you join us next week for our Open Afternoon (2.45-3.30pm) where you will have the chance to look at your child's books with an explanation from them as to how they are progressing as a learner within the classroom, how much they are enjoying their topics and to see what they know they have to do in order to continue making good progress. We look forward to seeing you then.

Many of you will have seen our beautiful tapestry which was very kindly developed with Emma Franks and her wonderful team of parent helpers. It picks out in fine detail areas of our local community and brings together through intricate stitching and glueing the colourful and dynamic range of textiles and artefacts used to create our display. It's so interesting, that the children can't help but approach the

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tapestry to touch and play with the items. Which is why we are commissioning a sturdy Perspex frame to cover the installation. This significant piece of work will take a couple of weeks to complete, but our amazing display will soon be back in the public realm and visible, but not touchable, for all to enjoy.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind 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.

Ms Kyriacou says "hello and a big "thank you" to all those parents who have sent in their wishes for a speedy recovery and the very kind gifts. She is making a steady recovery from her recent operation. Staff continue to keep in touch, often visiting and checking that she is resting!

Please make a note of the dates for your calendars as we approach what will be a very busy time of year. You won't want to miss out! **[Choir \(infant & junior\) – please be prepared to sing at our Christmas Fair on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm to open the event.](#)**

I hope to be able to publish Term Dates for 2017-18 in the coming weeks. I am waiting to align the school holiday dates with our local authority neighbours and our nearest secondary schools.

I look forward to working with you as we approach the end of term.

Tony Woodward  
Headteacher

## Tetherdown Bake-Off!

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of November, Maddy, Zalie, Ben and Mabel organised a cake sale to raise money for the school and the Neuroblastoma UK charity for childhood cancer. We have successfully raised over £260.00 to help. Not only did we organise a cake sale for the school but we also held a "bake-off" for the whole of year six. The cakes that were entered were at an outstanding level. The effort that was put into these cakes was a lot and the standard was extremely high. It was so heart-warming to see how many people care about helping cancer and making our school the best it could possibly be. Even though this is our last year attending Tetherdown, we want to secure a bright and happy education for everyone in the future of our school, just like the school has provided for us. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the cake sale and bake-off as well as those who bought cakes.

The Bake-Off Team  
Written by Zalie and Maddy.

## Martin Stern visit to Y5 - World War II talk

Last week Martin Stern (Sylvie's grandfather) kindly came to Y5 to talk about his experience (similar to Anne Frank) during World War 2 in Amsterdam. He spoke about how he (as a five year old) and his baby sister managed to escape the Nazi's actions, because many people were kind to them. His story was inspiring and moving and we all learnt a lot from history.

Written by Jessica and Sylvie.

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## Year 5 World War II day 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Year 5 it was World War II day. We learnt about the war in a fun and educational way. Most people chose to dress up... [click here for further details.](#)

## Year 6 Archery Course

This half-term in P.E, Year 6 children have been learning soft archery. Mr Holloway's friend Wesley has kindly volunteered to give both Year 6 Classes four soft archery lessons. It is only fair to say that the classes have successfully achieved to hit the targets! [click here for further details](#)

## COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS.

Well done Arun in Phoenix who competed in the Tiska Annual Karate Championship in November. Arun entered individual kata, team kata and kumite (fighting) and won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for kumite.



Tetherdown is taking part in Christmas Jumper Day again this year for Save the Children on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.** Please wear a Christmas jumper or accessory and bring in **£1** to help a very good cause.

Dear Parents and Teachers

We are delighted to have been selected as a finalist for the Best Classical Music Education Initiative Award at the 2017 Music Teacher Awards for Excellence. This is a fantastic achievement for Apollo Music Projects and highlights the value of the work we do by bringing classical music into classrooms throughout London. We have enjoyed engaging the children at Tetherdown with our music and we hope you might take a moment to vote for us to be considered for this prestigious honour!

The voting page on is on the Classic FM website. Please click the link below and vote for us then please pass this email through to your friends and family.

**Voting closes on 30 November 2016.**

<http://www.classicfm.com/music-news/latest-news/music-teacher-awards/>

Thank you for your support!  
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## REMINDERS



### Future cake sale dates:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Middle Phase (Y2-3)  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Lower Phase (Rec-Y1)

Pabulum have been providing school meals since April 2016 and would like to invite all parents to sample a meal at lunch time on either 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> December (maximum 10 parents per day). We believe that this would be a fantastic way for you to share and understand your child's dining experience in school and sample some of our dishes. If you are able to join us, please sign up by 9.00 am Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the latest using the Doodle link below.

<http://doodle.com/poll/mua89mfyb4v498an>

A workshop for parents and carers of children with or undergoing a diagnosis of Autism

## Managing the Festive Season

*Christmas can be an exciting and fun time, but people with autism may be confused or distressed by all the new activity*

Friday 16th December 2016  
9:30–11:30 am

Haringey Language and Autism Team would like to invite you to join us to share tips and experiences that may help you through the holidays

Hot drinks and mince pies provided!

Professional Development Centre (parking available)  
Downhills Park Rd  
London  
N17 6AR  
(sorry no crèche)

Contact: Eilika McAuley to book a place or find out more  
[eilika.mcauley@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:eilika.mcauley@haringey.gov.uk) 0208 489 1408

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School Association  
Charity number: 847177

Fortismere School  
North Wing Hall  
Entrance Via  
Creighton Avenue

# Christmas FAIR

Over 50 Stalls... Affordable Gifts  
Local makers, sellers, designers, soaps, jewellery, art.  
Live music, food, drink, tea and cakes.  
Plus - you could be the lucky winner of a  
Stella & Dot Gift Voucher [www.stelladot.co.uk/ts/140dpn1](http://www.stelladot.co.uk/ts/140dpn1)

## Sunday 11th December

12pm - 4pm

Entrance £1 Adults Children 50p  
FORTISMERE SCHOOL, TETHERDOWN, MUSWELL HILL, N10 1NE

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and helpful

The Metropolitan Police Commissioner's  
**CHRISTMAS  
TREE PROJECT**  
2016

This Christmas, give a present to a child in your borough who might not otherwise receive one.  
To take part, take a gift tag from your local tree, or visit our online virtual tree and choose your area.  
If you would prefer to donate money to provide presents, visit the Just Giving page:  
[www.met.police.uk/christmastree](http://www.met.police.uk/christmastree) | [www.justgiving.com/metxmastree](http://www.justgiving.com/metxmastree)  
Or text METX99 £3/£5/£10 to 70070  
You can find your local tree at... [Haringey.Presents.Stations](http://Haringey.Presents.Stations)

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## PSA NEWS

### Ho ho ho!

**Santa is coming to the Tetherdown Christmas Fair on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 5.30-8.30pm.**

This year's big Christmas Fair is little more than two weeks away so please make sure you have the date fixed in your diary and support the Class Reps and PSA in ensuring the night is a big success.

If your child would like to come and visit Santa in his beautifully decorated Grotto please come and find one of Santa's festively attired helpers in the playgrounds at drop off and pick up every day from next Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There will be someone taking bookings in both the reception playground and also the main playground. Grotto tickets cost £3.00 per child or £5.00 for siblings – the timed slots are available **from 5.40pm till 8.00pm** and last year they sold out very quickly so get in there quick! Please try to bring the correct change – thank you!

"Tasty promises" - Come and see what's on offer in the Tasty Promises auction this winter. There are almost 50 fantastic promises to win. Bidding starts on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at drop off in the upper playground and we will be around at drop off and pick up every day in the run up to the fair. We will be in the Reception Playground on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at pick up and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at drop off.

Thank you to everyone for their support and enthusiasm for this year's event. It is all very much appreciated!!

Don't forget to use The Giving Machine when you do your Christmas shopping - leave yourself logged in to ensure you support Tetherdown. Encourage Tetherdown grandparents and family to use it too! Currently we have 200 registered supporters but only about 20 regular users and we still raise about £1000 a year - just think what we could achieve. So please become a regular user of the app when shopping at your usual stores (John Lewis, Amazon etc...) and raise money for our school.



We're happy to help with any questions you have about using the website or app, contact David Kirk at [davidkirk2@gmail.com](mailto:davidkirk2@gmail.com).

Many thanks, your PSA.

### Dates for your diary:

- Christmas Fair                      Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016                      5.30 – 8.30pm

Dates of our next meetings:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 7:00 – 8.15pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7:00 – 8.15pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7:00 – 8.15pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7:00 – 8.15pm

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

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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](mailto: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](mailto:afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org)  
for more information.

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

## *Family Fitness*

This event has now passed.