

Tetherdown News!

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Dates for your diary

January		February	
Saturday 28 th	Chinese New Year (Year of the Rooster)	Wednesday 1 st	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Monday 30 th	Apollo Musicians visiting Y5 children	Friday 3 rd	Middle Phase (Y2&3) Cake Sale after school
		Thursday 9 th	Parents' Evening 4-7pm

PARENTS E-SAFETY WORKSHOP
Tuesday 21ST March at 6.30pm in the hall.

Dear Parents / Carers

We've had a great start to the term and it's lovely to see the children settled after the break.

On Tuesday 17th January our Choir members took part and performed in the annual Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena. Sarah Champion, our choir teacher has worked so hard with the children since the beginning of the new academic year to prepare and train them up ready for the event. [Click here](#) for a short report from Year 5 children. Many thanks to Ros Morshead, Jo Maud, Sarah Champion, "G" and Sophie Spence for their support. Some [great photos](#) can be seen on the school website!



I have been working with Haringey and Fortismere School to establish the best dates for the 2017-18 academic year, which have now been published - [click here](#).

ALL Schools are facing challenging financial times. Discussions around how we manage budget cuts and threats to our children's education, as a result are being had with governors and the members of the PSA committee. There are sensitivities around strategies for managing reductions in funding but I would like you to know as parents and carers that as Headteacher of Tetherdown School I will do all I can to challenge the government's stand on this issue. Some of you may have been able to attend the Parent Meeting at Rhodes Avenue Primary School on Tuesday 17th January. One of our parents has

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informed me that she is now involved in supporting the campaign. Please follow these links to find out more information and how you can become involved:

- the campaign website <http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org/>
- the petition <https://www.change.org/p/rt-hon-justine-greening-mp-fair-funding-for-all-schools>

Many of you will be aware that we are ringing the bell first thing in the morning to encourage all children to arrive at school on time – an audible reminder! Our attendance figures are closely monitored by the local authority and I would like to draw your attention to a simple view of daily absence on the table included:

The vast majority of children attend above 90% of the time as our figures indicate, but we monitor individual absence carefully and are aware that some families should be aware of the effect every absence has on their child. Of course, during the winter period many of us will experience illness which is totally understandable. However, illness aside, we need your support in encouraging your child to attend at every opportunity. Absence during term time impacts on pupil's learning and social opportunities. Lateness can lead to missing vital information, rushing to catch up or embarrassment among friends. I always hold on to the fact that "punctuality is a life skill." Your continuing support will ensure that your child gets the most out of Tetherdown – every day and every minute counts!

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

SEN open door – same as **parents evening!** Parent Consultations are being held on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 9th February for the majority of the school. Should you have any concerns or questions around SEN you can meet Mrs McMeakin on the same evening. **Sign-up sheets** are available from the school office.

[Click here](#) for a list of courses/ programmes for parents for the Spring Term from the Language and Autism Team.

Children will be able to take part in the upcoming "500 Words" competition, organised by BBC Radio – [click here](#) for details. An assembly will be held on Monday advising all children of this exciting opportunity.

Last term six children from Key Stage 2 took part in a special science book club hosted by Miss Bottomley. The children involved diligently read the Royal Society's shortlisted books for the 'Young People's Book Prize 2016' and fed back their reviews each week. Several of our children are featured in a video, put together by the Royal Society, showcasing the efforts of children in clubs (such as ours) up and down the country. This link will take you to the video:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=SowFE40o-UU> Thank you to all the children involved. And, by the way, The Astronaut's Handbook was our personal favourite!

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Issue 5 of **The Buzz** magazine is now available to buy via ParentPay for £2.50. Just to remind you, this is why Tetherdown is supporting the sale of the magazine...

- * **The magazine is packed with National Curriculum content**
- * **It will raise money for the school:** £1 from every copy sold will go to the school and profit received from sales will be spent on resources that will benefit our pupils.



COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS.

Please remember to look at our noticeboard – under the arches.

Please be aware that whilst we may advertise services from time to time, in no way are we advocating the expertise of any agency, service or company.

We advise you to carry out your own safeguarding checks.

On Thursday, Nathan Fox British Triple Jump Champion and hopeful Olympic contender in the 2012 Olympics came in to school and inspired our children to take part in physical activities. They had great fun – even the staff – running on the spot, spotty dogs and fantastic press-ups! [Click here](#) for pictures of our morning's work! Every child had a go and Nathan commented that we were one of the most enthusiastic and fittest schools he has visited! Nathan then led an assembly about his sporting journey to success and gave the children some wonderful messages about the enjoyment of sport and the importance of perseverance. Please keep collecting your sponsor money: there are **prizes** for those children collecting the most funds, including a signed poster of Nathan Fox in action!

Many thanks to Mr Holloway for organising this event and to all the staff for their enthusiasm and participation.

As part of the Metropolitan Police Service's 'Be Safe' initiative, a new humorous video tells the story of a woman hailed as a local hero for stopping burglars from entering her home. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/toFiJEdER7k>. The video is part of the 'Be a Hero' campaign that launched earlier this month, highlighting that by taking small steps, everyone can fight crime. We also know that the more obstacles you place in a burglars way, the less likely they are to target your home – the small things really do make a difference. If everyone remembered to hide valuables, double lock their door, shut and lock windows and leave a light on after dark, together we could have a huge impact on burglary in this borough.

For more crime-fighting tips visit www.met.police.uk/besafe or www.met.police.uk/burglary.
Metropolitan Police Service

Please follow the links below for details on the Fortis Green Kids' Club February Half Term Playscheme

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I hope you're well? I am writing from the hit **BBC One prime time series 'Eat Well For Less?'** because we are currently in production with a brand new series of the show. My reason for writing is that applications are now open and we are currently on the lookout for fun and lively families who would love to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily. We would love it if you would be willing to share some information with your staff and parents in case any of them would like to apply? I've popped some information about the series below for you.

*The show follows **Masterchef's Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.*

Eating healthily and to a budget is something we feel affects most of us and we'd be really grateful if you could help us spread the word about the new series amongst your families and staff by perhaps circulating a flyer or sharing something in a newsletter. I can send over a soft copy of the flyer or we can post paper copies early next week. If you think you know any families/households that may be interested in appearing on the programme, please do pass on our details.

Do let me know if you need any further information. Thanks so much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

The Eat Well For Less Team

Get in touch to apply or find out more!

0117 970 7698

Or e-mail: eatwell@rdftlevision.com

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Twitter: @EatWellForLess



REMINDERS

Sainsbury's Vouchers.

We are collecting for **Active Kids!** again. Please tell everyone you know and ask them to save their Sainsbury's shopping vouchers handed out at the checkout. Vouchers can be placed in the box outside the office.

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

- [How to apply for a reception place](#)
- [Contact the Admissions Service](#)
- [Primary School Admissions Booklet 2016 \(PDF, 5MB\)](#)

Please find below a link to the Great Weight Debate survey that is still live – please take part - Join the London conversation on childhood obesity by completing this [short survey](#).

Thank you - Debbie Arrigon, Public Health Commissioner, Children and Young People.

School Meals – your child's dietary requirements

Please advise us of any changes to your child's meal requirements via the school office. Thank you.

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PSA NEWS

After a successful autumn term the PSA are now looking forward to the New Year's events and as always will need your help and support.

First up we have the school grounds spring clean in early March, last year's event was a great success and as such we are asking for volunteers to help prune, tidy and generally help out around the School. Victoria Celashi will be leading a team of parent gardeners. However, enthusiastic labourers are required to get all the planned work completed.

Sat march 25th sees the return of the school quiz night, we are keen to hear from any individual or pair who have a burning desire to put together and then host the quiz itself please get in contact with alistermcdonough@yahoo.com to make plans. The PSA will be running a full bar and Oonagh will be returning to duty at the helm of her mighty Gin Palace. Food will be of each tables' own making.

Watch out for further information on both events coming out shortly.

Many thanks for all your support
The PSA

Dates for your diary:

PSA Meetings:

Wednesday 8th March 7:00 – 8.15pm

Wednesday 10th May 7:00 – 8.15pm

Wednesday 14th 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

for more information.

Tetherdown After School Club

Monday – Friday 15:30-18:00

Phone: 07580 576 147 (Telephone contact weekdays after 2.00pm) or Email: afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org for more information.

NEW **BOOKING FORMS** NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

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

Tetherdown Easter & Summer Camps 2017

Being run this year by Mr Holloway and Mr Farmer.

Watch this space for details!

Little London Ballet offers IDTA dance classes in Ballet and Tap Dance at Tetherdown School. Students work towards OFQUAL approved examinations and are presented with the opportunity of performing in Showcases and Festivals. Due to popular demand, Little London Ballet will be adding an extra class to their timetable as follows; Monday's 3.30-4.30pm Tap and Ballet (Year 2+) Wednesday's 3.30-4.30pm Tap and Ballet (Reception and Year 1). To find out more about the classes, or to register your interest, contact Emma Del Monaco info@littlondonballet.com 07772673812 www.littlondonballet.com.

Mandarin Chinese Club at Tetherdown School

This term we are delighted to offer Mandarin Chinese Club on Tuesday lunchtimes from 12:30-1pm.

Mandarin is the official language of China and is spoken by over a billion people. We are delighted to offer your child the chance to start learning this fascinating language and to access the rich and ancient culture of China.

Dear parents,

At ART CLUB, we are learning about different artists and art movements this term. Children will be able to draw, print, paint and will create sculptures.

If you are interested in enrolling your child please contact Berrin Bates on berrinb@blueyonder.co.uk or 07940 577075



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Places available in the Tetherdown Orchestra!

Contact the office if you are interested in joining us. Our conductor will ensure an even spread of musical instruments and talent.