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Dates for your diary

February		March	
Monday 20 th	Back to School	Thursday 2 nd	Reception Ladybirds Pizza Express Visit
Friday 24 th	Y5 and 6 3v3 Mixed Basketball Competition	Friday 3 rd	Y5 and Y6 Haringey Mixed Cross Country Championships
Monday 27 th	Apollo Musician visiting Y5 Children	Wednesday 8 th	Parents' Evening Reception+ Y2 Owls, Y4 Leopards and Y5 Komodos
Tuesday 28 th	Reception Butterflies Pizza Express Visit	Thursday 9 th	Open afternoon 2.45-3.30pm
Tuesday 28 th	Pancake Day – Sign up in the office!	Friday 10 th	Y3 British Museum Visit

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

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came and visited their child's class teacher for Parents' Evenings. This is a valuable opportunity for us to share information and work together to support your child. If your class teacher postponed one of these evenings due to illness then please be reminded that your appointment will be held over, with the same time, to Wednesday 8th March. This is when Reception Classes will also hold their spring term Parents' Evening.

At around this time of year we aim to seek the views of children, parents and staff about the provision we offer at Tetherdown. Your feedback is really important to us as it helps us reflect on our practice and plan to make improvements where we can. [Please click on the link to our survey here](#), which will take you around 7 minutes to complete. Following this initial round, we may seek further, deeper information on a particular aspect of school life to try to understand what you feel we need to do to improve further. Your participation is very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Ms Cole who has recently covered Peacocks Class whilst Ms Jethwa has been on maternity leave. The children have adored having Ms Cole who has been thoroughly committed to continuing the children's enjoyment and love of learning. Ms Jethwa is really looking forward to returning to the class and we welcome her back on Wednesday 22nd February.

On a separate note, we also welcome two new members of the After School Club Team: Ms Tanya Fenton and Siobhan O'Hara, Play Workers who will be working on a day to day basis.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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.



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Pokémon cards have had their day! We have worked with the children over the last few months, listened to their successes and indeed their woes! We have guided safe practices and encouraged collaboration, but you may be aware that we, as a staff, have decided that the time has now come to ban the cards being played in school. All cards should have been brought home yesterday and children are reminded not to bring these card games, or indeed any other cards games of a similar nature in to school for the foreseeable future. Your support and co-operation with this will be most appreciated.



Happy Lunar New Year!

Reception Butterflies and Ladybirds Classes had a lovely experience where we learnt all about the Lunar New Year. Alex's Mum (Ladybirds) and Phong's Mum and Dad (Butterflies) planned a very exciting day which included story telling about the traditions, performing a dragon dance, decorating our very own lanterns and calligraphy writing for our families. We were even lucky enough to taste some traditional candied fruit. We all thought it was very yummy! All the children had a lovely time and told us that it was one of the best days they have ever had! Thank you very much to Alex's Mum and Phong's Mum and Dad for the day. Also, to the parent volunteers who came in to support and help out with the organisations. [Click here](#) to see more pictures on the school website.

Reception need your help!

Do you have time on your hands and enjoy being around small children? If your answer is YES, then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

We are looking for volunteers to give us some of their time (perhaps an hour a week) on a regular basis to support children in Reception. Activities might include playing maths or phonics games with small groups of children, doing specific art activities or listening to children read.

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tunity this could be!

Do you have basic woodwork skills? Or know of anybody who does?

If so we would love your help!

The Reception Team are planning some additions to enhance our outdoor learning environment and are looking for somebody or a team of people to help us create a mud kitchen. If you are interested and keen to support this project in any way or offer expertise, please either email the office who will pass on your message or come and speak to one of us directly. We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks!



The Reception Team.

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Year 3 Peacocks recently went on a visit to the St James' Tea Club. The elderly folk immensely enjoyed Peacock Class performing some of the songs and poems they've learned this year. The children who were a credit to the school really enjoyed the biscuits and squash while they chatted to their audience afterwards.

Attendance update

Our attendance up until 31st January is looking strong – overall 96.98%. The breakdown is as follows

Year Group	%
Reception	96.67
Y1	96.58
Y2	97.27
Y3	98.0
Y4	97.14
Y5	96.73
Y6	96.51

Our target for overall attendance is **97.0%**. Please be aware that lateness after the register closes (at 9.15am) is classed as an unauthorised absence (U) and affects your child's attendance. Your child is still marked as LATE (L) if they are not in the playground to go down with their class at 8:50am!

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS.

Just wanted to say a BIG thank you to all of you that helped with the sponsored Sports event. Building up to the day the children were so excited by the atmosphere you all helped to create and on the day everyone helped to make the morning run so smoothly. Also, a big thank you to all in the office for collecting sponsorship forms and money for the last week and a half.

After totalling up all the forms and counting the money I am happy to say we have raised a massive **£3413.56** as a school. The money gets split between our school PE budget, Nathan's training costs and a children's sporting charity. As a school we will receive an amazing **£1804.04** that can be used to continue developing the PE and extra-curricular sports at school.

Thanks again for all your help and support!

Friends of Muswell Hill Library

There is a lovely opportunity to join the friendly folk at Muswell Hill Library for a talk on "Queen's Wood". [Click here for details.](#)

Chess News

Tetherdown's chess team travelled to North London Collegiate School last week for the next round of matches in the Barnet Junior Chess League. The team made up of Year 6 Clara, Frankie, Jemima and Owen as well as Year 5 Eli, Marco, Reuben and Zubin competed against 18 other schools from North London. After four rounds of matches, Tetherdown have scored a creditable 14.5 points with two more rounds to play in March.



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Year 6 Phoenix Clara L said, "The tournament is of the highest level in chess, as some schools take chess as a lesson like English and Maths. The team members are very proud of winning around half of the matches and would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Karia for teaching us so well and being so supportive throughout the tournament".

For more information about Year 2-6 chess at Tetherdown, please email kamleshkaria@sky.com.

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MUSICART

'what a lovely calm and creative atmosphere, I wish I could stay' - a parent's comment

MUSICART is run by professional designers and musicians offering Primary Age children the opportunity to have creative fun in this Art with Music Workshop. The children will have the space and time to pursue any number of different craft techniques and art projects. There are no limits to imagination and we aim to encourage freedom of expression. We will be learning some great songs, which will be remembered long after the course has finished. The children will take home home art work which they are proud of ... and a whole load of happy memories!

LAGAD London Academy of Gymnastics and Dance

Ages 3 ½ - 11 yrs
Monday February 13th - Friday 17th February

Location: Tetherdown Primary School, Grand Ave, Muswell Hill, London N10 3BP.

Times: 09:30 - 12:30 & 13:15 - 16:15
Half Day - £30, Full Day - £50
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Pabulum's Pancake Day – Tuesday 28th February. Sign up by Thursday 23rd February, as for every meal sold Pabulum will donate 10p to the charity – “Red Balloon”. [Click here](#) for further details.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March and we would like to invite you to help your children to make the most of this special occasion. We would like all children to get dressed up as their favourite book character from any book that has inspired them. There will be a prize for the most creative and authentic costume.



REMINDERS

Sainsbury's Vouchers.

We are collecting for **Active Kids!** 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.

Please remember that the children are only allowed to bring fruit or vegetables for snack time. No biscuits or fruit bars even if they are labelled 100% fruit as they are produced in factories that may have nuts. We are strictly a 'NO NUTS' School and unfortunately we will have to confiscate them if they are brought in.

Have you got one of our Visitor Badges?

If so, we'd be very grateful if you could return it / them as soon as possible – no questions asked!

Don't forget – you can follow us on twitter and see the latest news on the school website front page.

Check the PSA page for updates, too...

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PSA Dates for your diary

March		May – June	
Wednesday 8 th	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)	Wednesday 10 th May	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)
Saturday 11 th	Tetherdown Spring Gardening Morning 10:00am – 1:00pm	Wednesday 14 th June	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)
Saturday 18 th	PSA Quiz Night Doors 7:30pm – Start 8:00pm		

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

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.

This year's Tetherdown School Quiz is back, and will take place on **Saturday 18th March. Doors 7.30pm for an 8pm start.** 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.

Calling all parents! We need your help!

Tetherdown Spring Gardening Morning - Saturday 11th March – 10.00am ~ 1.00pm

Please come along and help us to freshen up the school flower beds. We just need help with some basic weeding, pruning and clearing around the school. No gardening knowledge is required at all. We do need your muscle though!

Mums, Dads, Grandparents and children are all needed and we'll have tea, coffee and cake for the workers! If possible (but not essential), can you bring any of the following tools:

Garden forks, spades, trowels, thick garden waste sacks, sheers / pruning tools, wheelbarrow, and gardening gloves. Also if you have any plants you don't want or can donate, they would be most welcome: Cuttings or plants, hardy evergreen shrubs, paving stones / stepping stones, bags of compost, bags of sandpit-sand.

Thank you in advance for helping out. WE REALLY NEED YOU! It's only 3 hours of your time from **10am -1pm on Saturday 11th March.** We are looking for a minimum of 30 volunteers in order to get this done so that's at least 2-3 people from every class in the school. If you can't come please send your partner along as we need a really good turn out to make this work. It's a great way to meet other parents from around the school and have a fun, physical morning! What's not to like! Do contact me to let me know if you can make it, so we can get an idea on how we are doing for numbers.

Many thanks

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Tetherdown Easter Camp 2017



Are you looking for safe, exciting and based activity camp this Easter? Well look no further. Right here at our very own Tetherdown School Mr Holloway & Mr Farmer will be hosting a fun filled activity camp for children aged 5-11. We will be running a huge variety of activities including SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, DRAMA GAMES and even some DANCE!!

Click the picture to follow the link.

Mandarin Club at Tetherdown has had a very successful two terms. The children have learnt numbers, greetings, family members, Chinese food and Chinese zodiac animals. They learned how to make dumplings to celebrate Chinese New Year of Rooster. They have also enjoyed writing Chinese characters, learning the order and direction of the strokes - a great discipline which also helps with English handwriting. This term, we will review language covered so far and also introduce colours, fruits and more. We will also find out what Chinese families do and eat at Chinese New Year and learn stories about Chinese New Year. 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 Spring 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. Open to Y4 upwards.

On Saturday 14th January 2017, students from Little London Ballet Tetherdown School performed on Stage at The Arts Depot Pentland Theatre in front of an audience of 300! They performed a tap number to "Singing in the Rain", a ballet piece to "A Whole New World" and a "Lion King" piece. I am sure you will agree how professional they look in their costumes and how confident the students are! We had a fantastic time and look forward to offering more performance opportunities in the future! A massive well done to Sitara, Nia, Ella, Sophie, Ava (reception), Chloe and Pippa (year 1), Jemima (year 2) and Fifi (year 5) for their brilliant performances.

Classes are available at Tetherdown as follows:
Mondays 3.30-4.30pm (year 2+) Tap and Ballet,
Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm (reception & year 1) Tap and Ballet. For further information visit www.littlelondonballet.com

With Best Wishes
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