

Tetherdown News!

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Dates for your diary – click [here](#).
These are available on the website front page.

Dear Parents and Carers

At a recent meeting of the Learning and Community Committee (a sub-section of the governing body) we were delighted to learn of the work Ms Schubart has been undertaking on behalf of, and in partnership with the school, in an endeavour to provide an IT strategy for the future. From time to time we replace outdated and obsolete equipment so that children continue to receive high quality learning experiences. Most of the school's information is stored on a dedicated server housed within school but unfortunately it is struggling to keep up with the demands of education in the 21st Century. This is one reason why we are looking to identify cloud based solutions, not only for data storage, but to enable wider opportunities for accessing essential information across the school community. A lot of progress has been made by Ms Schubart and Ms Ashraf in carrying out essential audits, surveys, trials and research in order to find the best solution for the school. We are close to making a decision on which path we will take, and will be testing out particular platforms in the New Year. We will advise you of our decisions later in the Spring term. The PSA are committed to supporting this project and I am delighted with the work being carried out by our new PSA committee thus far.

On Tuesday I met with Mia Jenkins, acting Chair of the PSA Committee, to receive an update on how the Winter Fair is developing and was delighted to hear that the relatively small committee of eight have really taken the "bull by the horns". I am encouraged by the organisation, the activities, the preparation and determination to make the PSA a success. The recent PSA Newsletter sent out last week was inspirational and I hope you have had a chance to read it. Click [here](#) to access the **PSA Winter Bulletin**. Many thanks also go to the parent reps and anyone else who is able to give their support. All your hard work is very much appreciated and we know the children will benefit enormously from the money you raise for the school.

As we approach the festive season please keep up to date with checking emails so that you don't miss anything important. All our dates are uploaded to the school website and are available on the [school calendar](#).

Topic letters are available on the website. Click [here](#) for our Autumn 2 Topic Letters.

Happy Hanukah on Sunday 2nd December to families from our Jewish community.

I look forward to working with you over the course of the next few weeks.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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Year 1's Super 'Superworm' assembly!

Both Year 1 classes joined together to do our rather super rendition of the story 'Superworm' by Julia Donalson. It was a singing and dancing extravaganza and both parents and teachers were so proud of the amazing performances of the children. Well done Year 1!

Match Funding

The Easy Way to Raise Money for Tetherdown School

So, what is matched funding? It's when one group raises money and another group agrees to match the amount that's been raised – or a percentage of the amount raised.

It's really simple - If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise through fundraising for a registered charity such as the PSA could be matched by your employer.

To find out more, and raise thousands of pounds for our school click [here](#).

Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) starting in January 2019!

You may be aware of the CPZ process of consultation which took place over the summer months involving local residents. CPZ will be implemented at the beginning of the New Year 2019 which **may** affect you. Click [here](#) to find out more.

ParentMail is changing!

The Tetherdown Primary School mobile branded App will stop working on the 1st January 2019, so we advise that you download the new ParentMail App by the 31st December. It is very important that you download the new App as soon as possible to continue receiving school communications.

For more detailed information and how to download the App, please click [here](#).



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

PSA are pleased to introduce you to:

CHRISTMAS on THE HILL Muswell Hill. Luxury Christmas Trees and Wreaths.

15% of all sales will be donated to Tetherdown Primary School.

Please click [here](#) for further information and how to place your order.

Price includes delivery to your doorstep.

The film night will be for all children, Rec – Year 6 on **Friday, December 7th from 5:15pm-7:00pm**. The film is Despicable Me 3 (U certificate). Tickets cost £3.00 and include a bag of popcorn and juice on the night. Tickets need to be bought in advance, the children will be given slips to bring home, please fill them in and return to the office with the money. Please put the correct amount in a sealed envelope. **The office will not be able to provide change.**

- Any Reception children attending need to have an adult remain in the hall for the duration of the film. One adult can supervise 2 children. (This applies to Reception children only, all other years can attend without parents)
- You must purchase a ticket beforehand. No tickets on the door.
- If your child wants to attend please write on the outside of an envelope your child's name, year group, your contact number. Put £3.00 inside the envelope and leave it in the box in school office. To be left no later than **Wednesday 5TH DECEMBER**.



The Winter Fair is on **Monday, 10th December!** See our [Winter Fair Newsletter](#). Thank you to all those that have stepped up and offered to join our ranks or to do ad hoc tasks - you are invaluable!

Kids' Stalls at the Winter Fair

After the huge success of the Kidz zone at the Summer Fair, where lots of children ran their own stalls and raised money for Tetherdown, we have decided to give children in the Junior School (Years 3-6) the chance to design and run their own stall at the Winter Fair. **If you would like to run your own stall, please complete the [form](#) and return to the office.**

We have now lots of room, even in bad weather. We would love to include as many great stall ideas as possible. **We have EXTENDED the deadline and have loads of space available!** Please hand your applications into the office by **Wednesday 5th December**.

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OFFICE NEWS

A new lunchtime club is coming to Tetherdown in January. MAMA.codes.

MAMA.codes They offer award-winning coding clubs, inspiring children to learn essential programming skills. Our unique lessons enable children to get creative with code by using storytelling, songs, rhymes and 'unplugged' games to teach coding in a fun and imaginative way.

By teaching coding as a language, and supporting the Early Years and KS1 frameworks, we encourage children to build sequences of code to develop fluency and learn generic coding concepts that they can transfer to other coding languages.

We believe in putting fun and creativity at the heart of a skill that many grown-ups think of as dry and even baffling. We recognise the importance of engaging young minds in computing and teaching them these vital 21st century digital literacy skills. By learning from a young age that people are in charge of screens and not vice versa, we help children to foster healthier relationships with technology as they grow up.



Spaces are limited and places will be on a first come basis. Please see attached **flyer** for further information and how to book.

Does your child enjoy singing!



The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 13 who love to sing will be running a special one-day course in London on Saturday, 22nd December. Visit their website by clicking [this link](#).

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Reminders

Gentle Reminder

Tetherdown School is a 'No Nuts' School. There are a number of children with a variety of nut allergies and with this in mind we must remind all parents that we do not allow 'nuts' in the building at any time. This blanket rule includes the **PSA Winter Fair**. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Pabulum Christmas Lunch

To celebrate the festive season, Pabulum will be preparing Christmas lunch on Tuesday 18th December – click [here](#) for the menu. **If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas Dinner** on Tuesday, 18th December, please sign up in the school office by Friday, 7th December. Cost is £2.60 which will be added to your ParentMail account.



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 adhere to 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.

Payment of Dinner Monies, Afterschool and Breakfast Club Debts

It is coming up to the end of term and if you do owe us money, please pay up. We are spending quite a lot of time each week chasing parents who are not paying dinner money, afterschool or breakfast club. Unfortunately, there are a small number of parents who do not pay on time each month, and wait until the absolute last minute, after the office has had to send numerous reminder emails and letters, and make unnecessary phone calls. This obviously takes up a huge amount of staff time, which could be better utilised elsewhere. Please support us by paying for school meals in advance at the start of each half term. If you are regularly in debt, your access to this service, may be at risk.

Please note timings of our school day and help us to ensure a prompt and happy time at school

08:50 Start of day.

09:00 Gate is locked and all children must be sign in at the office.

It is essential pupils are signed in if they are late - otherwise the teaching is disrupted by the office checking if your child is in school. We must have an accurate record in case of an emergency.

Please do not allow your child to go straight to class without signing in via the office.

For absences: Please leave clear voice messages with the following information

Child's full name, year, class and brief reason for absence.

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Parking Alert

Is this your car ** ODH**

Please help us to maintain positive relations with our neighbours by parking safely in our immediate locality.

Spare clothes

If you have any spare tights, underwear (for both boys and girls), track suit bottoms and leggings please let us have them. They will help our children with the wet weather when they find themselves in a bit of a fix especially for the younger children Reception-Year 2. Please leave them at the office.

Thank you.

Reception Intake 2019

Please advise the office if your child is due to start school in 2019. Add your child's name to the list kept in the office for children born between 01 September 2014 and 31 August 2015. Apply online through eAdmissions:

www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline: **15th January 2019**

Offers will be sent by email on **16th April 2019**.

Thank you.

Plea from Reception Class

Do you have any spare Christmas decorations to donate to Reception classes? They are looking for any spare decorations that you no longer need as long as it is not glass. Please give them to the class teachers, or leave them with the office.

Thank you.

Class Assemblies

If you are attending assembly, please enter via the Upper Playground at 08:45am. Please do not enter via the school hall which is used by Breakfast Club.

Thank you.