

# Tetherdown News!

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

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to our new families and children who have joined Tetherdown since the summer break. I hope everyone had a lovely summer. I know that you are all busy parents and hope you will appreciate that our Newsletters are extremely important. We are looking at ways to make our communication with you more effective.

- Click [here](#) to access Topic Letters (Reception – Y6)
- Click [here](#) to access Meet & Greet Letters (Y1 – Y6)
- All dates will be accessible via the website calendar – click opposite on “diary”
- Newsletters will be published on a fortnightly basis
- Please note timings of our school day and help us to ensure a prompt and happy time at school:
  - 8:50 Start of day. Parent stay behind yellow line on playground
  - 9:00 School gate closes – late children to the office please
  - 9:15 Registers close
  - 15:25 Reception and Y1 pick-up
  - 15:30 Parents wait behind yellow line to pick up children (Y1-Y6)

You will remember that Governors encourage parents and carers to donate to the Building & Maintenance Fund, which was set up last term to support the ongoing maintenance of the school site. Your monies, which are very gratefully received, have been allocated to:

- Carpet replacements (Rec and Y4 classrooms)
- Strip and reseal floor in hall
- Repair and renovation of main entrance gates
- Pruning of trees on school grounds
- Repair of outdoor playground equipment

Please continue to make your donations so that we can carry out works over the course of the year.

- Please check your ParentMail account (basket)
- Families are asked to donate £30 per term
- You can pay more or less than the desired amount
- Families new to Reception will have their accounts updated asap.

Your support and generosity is very much appreciated and I look forward to meeting and working with you over the coming weeks.

Tony Woodward  
Headteacher

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Author Visit



On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Tetherdown are very fortunate to have Laura Ellen Anderson (author of the Amelia Fang books) visiting us! She will be meeting with Year 2, 3 and 4 to discuss life as an author and illustrator and share tips and tricks.

She will be selling the following books for **£6.99 each**  
**Amelia Fang and the Memory Thief (newest addition to the series)**  
**Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball**  
**Amelia Fang and the Unicorn Lords**

If children wish to purchase a book or all of them, they need to **bring in cash or a cheque made out to Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front.** Please hand the sealed labelled envelope with the money inside to their **class teacher** on the day of the visit. **DO NOT** hand to the office.

We are very fortunate that Laura has even offered to sign them personally for the children!  
For more information about the books and the author, please visit

<https://www.egmont.co.uk/books/amelia-fang-and-the-barbaric-ball/9781405286725>

We look forward to welcoming Laura into our school and feeling inspired to write our own stories!

*Mrs Banks, English Coordinator*

### Y3 Rosh Hashanah Celebrations

On Tuesday Year 3 had a lot of fun when we celebrated Rosh Hashana with Jacob's mum and Arran (her neighbour) in Parrot Class. We ate delicious honey cake and Arran played some notes on his ram's horn (also known as a Shofar).

*By children from Year 3*



## SEND

**Open door** – Parents' Evenings are being held on *Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.* Parents with questions around SEN are able to meet Mrs McMeakin on the same evening as Parents' Evening between 4:00-7:00pm. Parents will be able to sign-up via Parentmail and you will be notified via email when this is active.

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

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.

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 on Wednesday 3rd October at 7:00pm in the Hall to which everyone is invited. We will report on expenditure, financial situation and ideas for the future. This will be followed by the committee meeting.

We look forward to working with you.

## **OFFICE NEWS**

\*\*\* **ADMISSIONS NEWS** \*\*\*

### **Reception Intake 2019**

If you live in Haringey and your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 you will need to apply for a Reception place at infant or primary school for September 2019. The deadline for applying is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. 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. Application is via an on-line process and all details are available by clicking [here](#).

School tours are currently taking place for Reception Intake 2019. To book a school tour please click [here](#).

### **Secondary School Open Events**

**Archer Academy:** Open Evening Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Click [here](#) for more details.

**Merchant Taylors' School:** (Independent School that take takes boys at the ages 11, 13 and 16) – Open Morning Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9:30am to 12:30am. If you would like to visit please complete the short form available on their website [here](#).

**Bishop Douglass School:** Open Evening Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Click [here](#) for more details.

**Belmont Mill Hill Preparatory School:** Open Morning Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 9am until 12noon and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9am until 11:30am. Click [here](#) for more details.

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## Y6 Secondary School Transfer

As with last year, applications must be received before the deadline of **31 October 2018**. Any received after this date will be processed after all those who applied on-time, and families could potentially miss out on a place at their preferred school.

Applications should be made on line at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). If you cannot apply online, please contact School Admissions to request a paper form. Please note School Admissions will require a legitimate reason for not applying online. This form must reach School Admissions by **31 October 2018**.

### USEFUL INFORMATION:

[www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions) - This will take parents/carers to the page where you can find the Secondary Admissions 2019 booklet, the open events are listed under the individual school.

[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) - This will take parents/carers to the eadmission site where you can apply online.

[schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk) - This is school admissions email address where you can email the admissions team requesting home to distance measurements for Haringey schools only as well as any emailing any questions.

## Reminders

### School Meals for Autumn Term 2018

**Autumn 1** Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018  
33 meals at £2.60 = £85.80

**Autumn 2** Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018  
40 meals at £2.60 = £104.00

**Autumn Term Total Costs = £189.80**

### Blocking Drives

Please be mindful of not blocking local residents drives as we have received a number of complaints.

### Parent Messages

**For Absence:** Please leave **clear** voice messages with the following information:  
Year, class, child's full name and **brief** reason for absence.

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## Some "old chestnuts" which need remembering, please...

- ❑ 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 (a staff list will be available on the website in due course). 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](mailto:admin@tetherdownschool.org). Please remember you must email **before** 3.00pm.
- ❑ **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 Year 5 for swimming or attending Orchestra rehearsals).
- ❑ **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. Scooters are left at your own risk and we are not held responsible if they go missing.
- ❑ **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](http://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.
- ❑ **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 pm.
- ❑ **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
- ❑ **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 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.

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- ❑ **UFSM:** Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools will receive a free school lunch. **Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, please ignore any reminders to pay for your lunch from ParentMail.**
- ❑ **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
- ❑ **School Visits - With more and more cutbacks** from Central Government, schools rely on the generous contributions from parents. We really do appreciate the monies that you send in. All staff understand the sensitivities around this issue and should you find that you are not in a position to make this contribution, please let the school know as soon as possible so that we can consider what support we may be able to offer, and not bother you with constant reminders for contributions. We would like to assure you of our commitment to working in partnership with you under these circumstances, and look forward to your continuing support