

Tetherdown News!

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Dates for your diary – click [here](#).

These are available on the website front page.

Parents' Evening and Open Door with SENCO sign-up is now LIVE.

Book you slot via Parentmail

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to those families who have kindly donated food for our annual Harvest Festival. If you haven't already done so, you can place food on the table in the Yellow Hub before Thursday 18th October, when our children will be holding their celebrations.

On Wednesday we held our first "Hello Yellow" day – raising children's awareness to mental health and being aware of our feelings. Thank you for your donations which will go to the Young Minds charity. So far we have raised just over **£107.00**. It would be great to have more donations and so we will extend the deadline until Friday 19th October.

I have received a couple of reports from our older children that teenagers in Highgate Woods and in Cherry Tree Park have caused concern. Please be careful when allowing your children out in the local area that they are supervised. If this is not possible, ensure your children are aware of how to remain safe. If you have any concerns, please report to the police.

Our Building & Maintenance Fund which currently stands at **£16,385**. You can track our progress and how your donations are being used. Click [here](#) for further updates. A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

You will have recently received my update on the current PSA situation. Your PSA needs your support. We will be continuing to raise money through some of the small one off events, but we are very concerned that your children will not have a Christmas Fair in 8 weeks' time. Please check recent communication and sign up to join us for a coffee meeting to find out how you can get involved.

And finally, a special thank you to parent helpers for your support this week during our Scholastic Book Fair. Very much appreciated. Fifty percent of the money taken will be match funded to the school, which normally equates to around £500. We will keep you informed of the final amount.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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SCHOOL NEWS

What a wonderful Highgate Wood Trip

On Monday 1st October Year 3 visited Highgate Wood and were very lucky because the rangers helped us to explore the wood and we found wonderful things such as steak fungus which actually looked like it had been bleeding!
Year 3 Parrots and Peacocks



Year 2 Fire of London Workshop

On Wednesday Year 2 participated in *Perform 4 Schools'* visiting 'Fire of London' workshop. Our visitors provided an inspiring and exciting immersive drama experience that allowed our pupils to reflect on their half terms' learning. The Year 2 team would like to thank families for supporting this visit.

SEND

Open door – Parents' Evenings are being held on *Tuesday 6th November and Wednesday 14th 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 can now sign-up via Parentmail.

COMMUNITY & SPORTS NEWS

Governor News

We welcome our new Chair of Governors Gary Robson who takes up the leadership of our Governing body since Gail's recent resignation.

Chess News

Tetherdown's U9 chess team - Year 4s Alex M, Cali B, David N and Rafi W - went up against North London's best in a primary schools chess tournament at Lochinver House. All the children did very well and won seven of the 12 games played.



Kamlesh who runs lunchtime chess at the school said, *'This is a great effort considering the children faced opponents from North London Collegiate, The Hall and Heathside (all strong chess schools) as well as local rivals Coldfall and St James Primary.'*

Haringey Adult Learning Services

Haringey Adult Learning Service are delivering on some courses for people who are speaker other languages wishing to improve their English language skills for everyday life and to access better jobs, further and higher education. The following courses are:

- Improve your English for Community Life and Work - Marcus Garvey Library
- Introduction To Teaching – Marcus Garvey Library
- Working With Children –Broadwaters Children Centre

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

THE NEXT PSA MEETING is on **Thursday 1st November, 7.30pm – 8.30 pm** – we welcome and encourage all parents to come along.

Calling all parents! The PSA urgently needs new members!

There will be NO Christmas Fair this year without you!

Last year we had a PSA of 12 members.
This year there are 4 of us and 3 *work full time!*

We are passionate about raising money for our kids to have the best learning and fun-filled experience they can possibly have at Tetherdown.

What does the PSA do?

- Our job is to raise money by putting on school events
- We then contribute to decisions on how that money is best spent
- And we have lots of fun while we are at it!

Last year we raised well over £25,000.

This was spent on:

- A new slide in the Infant Playground
 - 16 laptops
 - And much much more!

We have also planned expenditure for new sound and lighting equipment in the school hall.

**We cannot organise
a Christmas Fair, kids' disco, film night, bingo,
comedy nights or a Summer Fair
and raise this money without more members!**

We are asking you to give only as much as you feel able.
Give a little. Give a lot. But please help in some way!

PSA Night at the John Baird

Come keep the 4 of us company this coming Monday (15th Oct) when we are meeting at the John Baird pub at 7.30pm. Come and see what we do and whether it's something you want to be a part of. There is no obligation to sign up.

Junior Playground – Recruiting New PSA Members!

We will also have a stand in the Junior playground next Tuesday (16th Oct) both recruiting new PSA members and selling tickets for Quiz Night (which Helen Dowling, a non PSA member, has taken the lead to organise). We hope to see you there!

Tetherdown Quiz Night, Saturday, 10th November at 7:00pm

Come and compete for the Tetherdown 'Font of Knowledge' trophy...or just come to have a drink, meet new parents, catch up with old ones and raise some much-needed funds for the PSA.

The Quiz is back and we're ready to test your knowledge.

The details

- Tickets £10
- Tickets are available by emailing tethquiz18@gmail.com or in the playground next week.
- Book as a group or solo and reps will sort you out with a table.
- Once you have paid, your table will be confirmed and all you have to do is come along and have fun.
- Dinner break around 9:00pm so bring food for your table or order a takeaway.
- Full bar including gin from the famous East London gin Company!!

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OFFICE NEWS

The Application Process for Admission to Reception and Secondary School in September 2019 is now open

Reception September 2019 – Starting Reception class - If you live in Haringey and your child was born between **1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015** you will need to apply for a Reception place at infant or primary school for September 2019.

Apply online through eAdmissions: www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline: **15th January 2019**

Offers will be sent in an email to you on **16th April 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.

Secondary September 2019 - Transfer from Year 6 to Year 7 - for children born between **1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008**

Apply online through eAdmissions: www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline: **31st October 2018**. Any applications 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.

Offers will be sent in an email to you on **1st March 2019**

USEFUL INFORMATION:

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.

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. Haringey Admissions will not provide measurements to an intended address, please provide your child's permanent address when making your request. The council will use council records to verify addresses.

The distance of the last child offered a place at a particular Haringey school from previous years are available on their websites – www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-statistics.

Please remember that although this information can be used to give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place at your preferred school, the 'last distance' will change every year. We can never guarantee a child will be offered a place at any school.

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Reminders

School Meals for Autumn Term 2018

Autumn 2 Mon 29th Oct - Fri 21st Dec 2018
40 meals at £2.60 = £104.00

Autumn Term Total Costs = £189.80

If you are struggling to find an item to pay in Parentmail please check the 'Shop'.

This is different depending on where you log in or what type of phone you have but if you go to the menu and select payments then there is a 'Shop' option. Look for the item and select it. This gives you the option to add it to your basket. Then go back to the 'To Pay' screen and it will be there.
Thank you

PSA Coffee Meeting

Sign up via doodle by clicking [here](#)

Harvest Festival Thursday, 18th October (children only)

Thank you for your generous donations – please continue to donate to this worthy cause!
The Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen

*** PARENTS MESSAGES ***

Please provide the following information to assist the office

For phone messages:

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

For emails:

Please include in your email the following information if the email relates to your child:
Year, class and child's full name

For pick up arrangements

Please ensure you notify the office by email no later than 2:45pm to **guarantee** your message being passed to the class teacher in a timely manner and before the end of the school day

Signing in and out:

Please remember to always sign your children **in** (e.g if late or returning from an appointment) or **out** (e.g. lunch or medical) so we can **safeguard your children**

Inconsiderate parking

We have had a number of complaints from local residents about parent parking at drop off and at pick-up which include parents parking consistently over residents drives; parents pulling in and out wrecklessly, general inconsiderate parking, including recently a Tetherdown parent scratching a residents car causing costly damage to the vehicle. This parents' vehicle was photographed and has been reported to the police by the resident.

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The school takes this matter very seriously and it is very disappointing to repeatedly receive emails and calls from local residents about Tetherdown parents and parking.

The school has acted in the following ways listed below:

- Governors have been empowered to approach parents to encourage safer parking
- Our Site Manager has monitored parking and put cones out to deter inappropriate parking
- The PCSO has been advised of the difficulties we face as a community with inappropriate parking from parents
- Newsletter articles are regularly reminding parents of their obligation to park appropriately and at a distance from the school

Help us to make our streets safer for our community and children by parking considerately

Please be considerate when parking and dropping off or picking up your children.
Please consider the families whose children walk home independently and have to navigate around your cars when crossing the road.

Please consider the residents who live in the surrounding roads.