

Tetherdown News!

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas celebrations have started here at Tetherdown and the children are enjoying the build up to the end of term. Carol singing, JK dancing, pantomime trips and Nativity have all gone well this week. The children have worked really hard and I am a very proud Headteacher! We have some very talented and creative children who shine in so many ways. Thank you parents and carers for your continuing support with these events.



We started our week with the PSA Winter Fair which was an amazing event of Christmas activities for children and families. Well done and thank you to Mia Jenkins, Acting Chair, the PSA Committee and all the wonderful helpers for your support. Santa's Grotto, beautiful as ever, was extremely popular as were the huge variety of food stalls both indoors and out. Children's stalls at Tetherdown continued to be a success providing festive fun for everyone. We have also benefited from Match Funding; financial support from companies linked via our parents and carers – so thank you, if you have enabled additional funding to be brought our way. The grand total raised by the PSA Winter Fair was almost £9,000.

Year 2 children took part in Carol Singing at Spring Lane today, an annual visit to brighten up the elderly residents day, which was thoroughly appreciated. Well done Year 2 children.

Tuesday 18th December is Tetherdown Christmas Jumper Day. Please encourage your child to wear their Christmas jumper and to donate £1.00 to the Save the Children Fund. Children in Year 6 will collect donations on the playground where you can drop coins in to a bucket.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Thank you in advance to the Parent Reps for all their support with organising the Class Christmas Parties. The children will be so excited and very grateful. I had a quiet word with Santa when he visited the Winter Fair to say some children weren't able to see him and asked whether he would like to visit Tetherdown again before the end of term...? Let's keep our fingers crossed that he will join us next week!

Please be aware that the Controlled Parking Zone comes into effect on Monday 7th January 2019 in the Fortis Green Zone. Many of the staff will find this restriction on parking challenging, particularly those who travel longer distances and where public transport is not a viable option.

We will be trialling a new approach to celebrating good attendance. In the past we have celebrated those children who have attended 100% at the end of each term with a paper certificate. However, we recognise that a small proportion of children may be missing out on a certificate because of unavoidable absence, such as illness or personal reasons. We will identify each class' attendance at the end of each week and the class with the highest figure will house the "Tetherdown Teddy" until the following week. I see this as a more inclusive and collegiate approach to raising standards of

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attendance. Our target this year is to achieve 97% attendance across the school. We will run our report next week for the whole of this term on a class by class basis to start the process.

And finally, as we approach the end of term we use this time for reflection and looking forward to the New Year. To support the ongoing development of the school we would like you to complete our Parent Questionnaire which you can access by clicking [here](#). It will only take around 6-7 minutes to complete but will be extremely helpful in shaping our ongoing plans for improving your child's experiences at Tetherdown.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday. The children finish school on Friday 21st December at 2:00pm and we look forward to their return on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 4 Rainforest Café

Year Fours had the homework task of baking and selling cakes to raise money for the rainforest and our classes. The selection of bespoke cakes went down a treat and raised a whopping £366.63! A big thank you to the children and their families for making it a successful event!

Jaguar Class get an introduction to Mandarin!

As part of their 'China' Topic, Jaguar Class were fortunate to have Karen (family friend of Lily) come and teach us some basic Mandarin characters. Now we only have another 2988 to learn in order to be able to read!

Fun discovering the Dredel game



Year Fours were lucky to have Ms Braybrooke visit and share her knowledge of how the Jewish community celebrate 'Chanukah'. We learned how to play Dreidel, which is a traditional game of 'chance', enjoyed during the Jewish festival

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Year 5 Churchill War Rooms

On Thursday 6th December, Year 5 took a trip to visit the Churchill War Rooms. It was fascinating to walk the same halls as the former prime minister and we learnt all about the secret bunker that was the location to some of the biggest decisions during World War 2. We are using the information we found out to create some fantastic information posters in our literacy lessons. A big thank you to all the parent helpers that came with us!

By All of Year 5

Year 5 Cabinet War Rooms



On Thursday 6th December, Year 5 and many kind parents went deep underground to visit the Cabinet War Rooms and Churchill Museum. Our highlights were seeing where all the decisions about the home and warfront were made during World War II, the secret lavatory that really was an international telephone room and lunch in an adventure playground just next to Buckingham Palace!

Did you know that Winston Churchill wore a onesie – called a siren suit! He certainly liked his comforts: he often would work in bed, smoke 8 cigars a day and did not like noise so the typewriters were specially made not to make any noise! A big thank you to all the parents – without their support we could not find out so many things.



By Year 5

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

'Hello Tetherdown!

We bring **great tidings...**

We are delighted to say that this year's **Winter Fair** took almost **£9,000!** which is *wonderful news for the school and our children.*

(There is still some more money to come in from external stalls, and we still need to do a stock take and repay reps and parents for their stall related spending, so we will give you the final figure when we have it).

The PSA will be meeting early in the New Year with Mr Woodward and other staff to discuss where this money will be spent and we'll let you know.

Thank You Thank you Thank You!

A very special thank you goes out to everyone who helped make it happen, to the Reps, the parent helpers, to Elvis and Nnamdi, to the staff in the office, to those who volunteered for the first aid rota and the staff in Reception that gave up their classrooms, to Mr Woodward and Beth for the wonderful choir singing to Jessica at JK Dance for some fantastic dance performances and to all of you parents who attended and brought your children and endured a very long queue and who spent lots of money!

There was a brilliant atmosphere and the children seemed to have lots of fun, which is the best result of all.

Film Night

A huge thank you to Katie and Tina who organised Film Night and to all those who came. This was a huge success. The children were so good and seemed to really enjoy the movie and their popcorn. The night made almost £450, so that's fantastic!

If ever you feel keen to lead on a fundraising event and have the PSA support you, do get in touch.

Learnings

We know that not everything went smoothly so we thank you for your patience. We managed to pull off our very first Winter Fair with a very small team who have no events experience. That's where you come in. If you have any helpful advice please email Mia: jenkins_mia@yahoo.co.uk. Reps and Parent Helpers, if you could give us your 'learnings' from the night and before the actual event to collate a 'Stall and General Fair Handbook' going forward that would be wonderful.

Help the PSA

Perhaps now's the time to join the PSA! We evidently need you!!! We are a very small team of 7, with 5 who work full time. Only 5 of the PSA were able to help at the Winter Fair. If you don't wish to join the PSA, but you might be willing to be on a list of ad hoc helpers at the actual events, please email Mia: jenkins_mia@yahoo.co.uk.

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50:50 Lottery

We have a winner! **Ticket No. 00440.** Mr Woodward drew the winning 50:50 Lottery ticket in the playground this afternoon. Huge congratulations to our winner of £481 and to the school, who will receive the same amount.

Lastly, did we mention that we took nearly £9,000 at the Winter Fair!!! 😊
Wishing you all a great holiday and onwards and upwards for Tetherdown in 2019!

The Giving Machine

When shopping online please use [TheGivingMachine](#) or the [Shop&Give](#) App. It costs you nothing as the money received by the school is paid by the retailer, not you. ([TheGivingMachine](#) is a not-for-profit organisation.) By using this free service we can raise a substantial amount of money for the school, so please select Tetherdown Primary School PSA as your charity and remember to access all your usual stores through [TheGivingMachine](#) portal.

Download the [Shop&Give](#) App: [Apple iTunes](#).



With love from the PSA'

OFFICE NEWS

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](#).

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Tetherdown Send Support group is a parent group which was founded in 2017. We meet every two months. Share our experiences and support each other. We created a great partnership with the school and identified recommendations.

If you feel or know that your child has a learning difficulty come and join the friendly Tetherdown SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Support Group.

Tetherdown SEND Support (TSS) Group is organising a mince pie party Come and meet us! Bring some mince pie or prosecco and have a chat with us! **20th of December 9am** (after drop off) 17 Grand Avenue

Please remember to check our website calendar for important **dates** coming up in the last week of term!



LE CLUB FRANCAIS presents... EL Club ESPAÑOL

Would you like your child to taste and practise Spanish in a friendly and informal LUNCH TIME Club? Le Club Francais & El Club Español have a fun approach to developing linguistic skills, introducing the children to the language and culture of the country through various role-play situations and to encourage a positive and open attitude to learning languages in general.

Please register your interest now for a Spanish Club on Fridays Year 3-6 at lunchtime with experienced Club leader Marie-Pierre Pere. Cost: £5.75 per week, payable termly (+annual memb. Fee £10.95) Contact Claire Murat 07740 943 372 clairemurat@talktalk.net

Dear Parent/Carer

The Pabulum kitchen have had another busy Term at Tetherdown Primary School. After the October half term break, we launched our new Menu, featuring two freshly cooked dishes, a meat, and a vegetarian option, and as always, freshly cut fruit platters and homemade desserts. Having received really useful feedback from parents, we have now taken a pupil survey across the whole school, and will be compiling the results, and using them to further improve our service. This term has also seen our Executive Chef visit Tetherdown to run healthy eating assemblies with KS1 and Year 5 and 6. During which we discussed food labelling, recommended daily allowances for salt, sugar and fats, the 'eat well' guide, and how to eat a balanced diet. On Tuesday 18th December Millie and her team will be serving up a delicious freshly cooked Christmas dinner to our pupils at Tetherdown to round off the winter term

Chris Carroll

GROUP EXECUTIVE CHEF MANAGER
TETHERDOWN CONSORTIUM

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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.

If your child would like to change their meal preference, please complete the 'Change of Preference Form' which is just outside the school office and send to the school office via the finance@tetherdownschool.org email.

Alternatively you can find the form just outside the school office or on our website. Please complete and hand it into the office. If you have any queries please speak to the office To download the form for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 click [here](#) and [here](#) for Year 3 –Year 6, click here. The form must be returned to the school office by **Friday 21st December.**

School Meals Cost for Autumn Term 2019

Spring 1

Wednesday 8th January - Friday 22nd February 2019

29 meals at £2.60 = £75.40

Spring 2

Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April 2019

30 meals at £2.60 = £78.00

Autumn Term Total Costs = £153.40

Reminders



A polite reminder from our Site Manager. **NO BIKES** on the premises. Our cycle storage is not large enough to accommodate children's bicycles. This area is designated for staff only. Please take your bikes home.

Please note - any medication or medicines that can be ingested or injected must come via the school office. Thank you

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LOST PROPERTY, LEFT SCOOTERS, LUNCH BOXES AND WATER BOTTLES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY TO CHARITY DURING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK! Please check to see if your child has any lost items. Please remember to take home PE kits and water bottles. LOST PROPERTY WILL BE PUT OUT EVERYDAY W/C 17th December!



Our Spring Timetable is available on our website. We have a few new clubs to offer! Contact the clubs directly to book your place early! Places are on a first come basis. Click [here](#) for a list of the Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs taking place at Tetherdown.

Lunchtime and After School clubs will start w/c 14th January 2019!

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**.

CAKE SALE

A Cake Sale will take place on Friday 25th January 2019. Donations of cakes and biscuits will be made by Years 4, 5 and 6 and will be available for purchase at the end of the day in the playground weather permitting. Proceeds will go to ActionAid. **Class reps please** get together to help with setting up and selling of the cakes. Thank you in advance. Future cake sale dates:
Friday 22nd March 2019 – Middle Phase (Y2-3) Friday 07th June 2019 – Lower Phase (Rec-Y1)

