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

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and looking forward to the summer term. This term is a very short one with lots of activity coming up.

Year 6 have been getting ready for their Test Week (Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May). I am really pleased with how they have approached the mock SATS timetable which has enabled them to reflect on their learning and prepare themselves for the annual tests. Parents/carers of Years 2 and 6 will have received information on how the tests are organised, and how best to support their child during this period. In Year 2 we take a slightly more gentle approach to these arrangements whilst maintaining the importance of high expectations.

You will by now have received up to date information on how you can contribute to our Building Maintenance Fund. Your superabundant contributions have meant so much to us in the last year that we hope you will continue to give generously. Over the Easter break we used these funds to upgrade the following:

- Replace leaking pressurization unit
- Replace carpet tiles in Years 1 and 2
- Service Dorma doors

Over the course of the summer term we hope to be able to use funds to:

- Replace blinds in four classrooms
- Repair identified carpets in school as necessary
- Survey windows throughout the school

Please make a note of the upcoming PSA Summer Fair which will take place on **Saturday 15th June 11:30am to 3:00pm**. More details from the PSA as you read on.

**Summer Exhibition will be held on Thursday, 4th July between 5:00 and 7:30pm**. This year we are also organising a separate music concert on Thursday, 27th June for those children successfully selected following our Music Assemblies which begin next week).

Tony Woodward  
Headteacher

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Topic Letters

Click [here](#) to view Summer 1 Topic Letters for Reception to Year 6 on our website.

### Scholastic Book Fair

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all parents who have helped support the Scholastic Book Fair this week. Much appreciated. We will advise of the amount of money raised for the school which will be used to enhance our classroom libraries.

### Tetherdown Teddy

Our Tetherdown Teddy will be focusing on punctuality as well as attendance this term. We found that teddy was great at spotting those children who came to school every day, however some children are regularly late to school. We appreciate that the start of day can be challenging but we encourage all children to be on time and ready for learning. After all, punctuality is a life skill!

**Start of day is 8:50am**  
**Afternoon sessions begin at 1:10pm for Juniors**  
**1:25pm for Infants.**

Today 11 out of 14 classes had all children on time! Well done!

**Year 5 Komodos Class** achieved an amazing **100.00%** and will get to work with our Tetherdown Teddy for the next fortnight. Well done Year 5 Komodos!

#### How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
0 Butterflies	93.81
0 Ladybirds	98.33
1 Bumblebees	95.41
1 Dragonflies	99.01
2 Eagles	97.62
2 Owls	90.48
3 Parrots	97.00
3 Peacocks	97.24
4 Jaguars	96.31
4 Leopards	94.52
5 Chameleons	95.95
<b>5 Komodos</b>	<b>100.00</b>
6 Griffins	95.48
6 Phoenix	98.33



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## SEND

### SEN Open Door Morning in June

There will be a SEN Open Door Morning taking place early June. This is OPTIONAL and provides an opportunity to raise any concerns with the SENCo. Bookings are made online on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. You will be notified when online bookings are open.

## COMMUNITY & SPORTS NEWS

### Reception Playground Garden

A big thank you to Ms Webster for all her hard work in the Reception playground garden. The raised beds have been given a wonderful spring clean and spruced up with beautiful planting. The children will be very grateful - thank you.



### Tetherdown Holiday Camp

At Tetherdown we run a variety of activities over the school holidays. Our next holiday camp is **Summer Camp 2019**. The camp will run between the hours of 8:30am - 4:00pm or 10:00am - 4:00pm (parental choice) from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August to Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Costs start at £28 per day with discounts for siblings and full week bookings.

Click [here](#) for a full breakdown of costs and for the booking and registration form. This can also be collected from the school office. For any enquiries please email: [activtysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:activtysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org)

Summer Camps for 2019 will also be running at Tetherdown School by external providers from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Click [here](#) to find out more, and for a detailed breakdown of which camps will be at Tetherdown.

### Football Friendly - Tetherdown Boys vs Montem Primary School

On Monday, a group of 10 Year 6 boys participated in a friendly football fixture vs Montem Primary School on the MUGA. After a nervous start to the match with Tetherdown going 1-0 down, the boys soon kicked into gear with some lovely football being played, and some fantastic goals being scored. Tetherdown went into half time winning a massive 7-2! The second half brought much of the same, with some good football played and great determination shown by both teams, although Tetherdown proved to be the stronger of the teams, with some great passing, and skills, eventually winning the match by a truly emphatic 17-3. Congratulations to all the boys who participated, and a big thank you to all parents who came to show their support.

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## Diary Dates for Tetherdown Sports Day

Tetherdown Sports Day will take place as follows:

Infants: **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June** from 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Juniors: **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June** from 1:00pm – 3:30pm

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

## Family Magic Show: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Show 1: 4.30 - 5.30pm (Rec - Yr 2)

Show 2: 6.00 - 7.00pm (Yr 3 - Y6)

Magic Show tickets are selling well and it looks set to be a really fun event.

If you haven't bought your tickets yet, there's still time. These are £5 per person and children must come with an adult. You can buy these on ParentMail or in the playground next Wednesday.

## Colouring Competition

We've had very little response to the colouring competition. The winners of this will get to help the magician on stage. If your child would like this opportunity, please refer to the attachment sent to you by your reps.

## Helpers

We are still woefully understaffed however! Many of the PSA have work commitments. There are only three of us who can work the whole event and therefore we desperately need more helpers. Jobs include: entrance, selling raffle tickets and magic tricks, the bar, selling popcorn and security. We need at least 8 people.

We need 4 more volunteers for Show 1 and 4 more for Show 2.

Just to clarify...there will be no selling of anything *during* the shows, only in the 15 minutes *before* each show therefore **anyone who helps will still get to sit with their children during the show and not miss out**.

**Please email me if you can offer your help between 3.50pm and 4.15pm OR between 5.50pm and 6.15pm**

...enough time to show you the ropes before people arrive and to sell for 15 minutes. We really can't run these fun events without you.

Thank you!

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## SUMMER FAIR

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 11:30am to 3:00pm

You should all know which stalls your class have been allocated by now. This year's theme is simply '**Summer**'. Now I just hope the weather obliges!

### Tatler Boards

Thank you to all those who offered their address for a Tatlers Board. We ended up with almost 60, which is fantastic and made an easy £2,100 for the school! Thank you!

### Volunteers Needed

This year we are a very small team on the PSA (almost half the size of last year). We are stretched to the limit. Really at capacity. The Summer Fair isn't just the stalls (run by the classes) themselves. There's the Set-up, Entrance, Raffle, Summer Auction, Bar, Lottery, all the running around between all the stalls with questions/issues/needs, liaising with the external stall people, First Aid, the counting of the money, the clear up and much more besides.

**We really need more helpers!** We desperately need **one person from each year group to join the Summer Fair Team**. It will be a one-off event and not an ongoing commitment to the PSA. With about 800 parents at the school. We hope this isn't too much to ask.

**As always, we are immensely grateful for all the help we receive.**

**Thank you so much!**

Anyone who thinks they can help or even spare a couple of hours, please email me:  
[jenkins\\_mia@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jenkins_mia@yahoo.co.uk)

## Tetherdown Summer Auction (formally Tasty Promises)

Thank you to all those who have already offered something for the Auction. We still need lots more. So please think across the vast spectrum from prepared food/ baked goods to a weekend in a holiday cottage or perhaps services like babysitting/ dog-walking, coaching/ teaching/ tutoring, designing, resumé-writing, massage, meditation and yoga, providing legal/ accounting expertise, DIY and garden/ home-maintenance. There are so many skills and talents in our Tetherdown community that someone will need, value and pay for - it's just a matter of thinking through which of these we have.... and then letting the PSA know.

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Many other stalls will also rely on **parental donations** to then sell, raffle or have for a tombola. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

We will also need **first aiders**. Please send Mia an email at [jenkins\\_mia@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jenkins_mia@yahoo.co.uk) if you are willing to be added to the rota. Thank you.

## OFFICE NEWS

### CPZ Parking Voucher Donations

We would like to thank everyone who has donated CPZ parking vouchers to the school. If you have any further vouchers to spare, which you can contribute, they will be gratefully received.

### Is your child in Year 2 and leaving Tetherdown at the End of the Summer Term?

If your child is in Year 2 and you know is leaving Tetherdown at the end of the Summer Term to continue their Junior school education elsewhere, please can you complete, sign by both parents, and return our Destination Form to the school office as soon as possible. You can find this form on our website by clicking [here](#) or by asking the school office for a hard copy. Thank you.

### School Meals for Summer Term

Pupils taking a school meal are required to pay half termly or termly in advance. **The deadline to change your meal pattern for Summer 2 is Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Changes received after this date will not be actioned.** Details of school meal prices are:

School Meals for Summer Term 2019	
Summer 1	Wednesday 24th April - Friday 24th May 2019 22 meals at £2.65 = £58.30
Summer 2	Monday 3rd June - Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019 36 meals at £2.65 = £95.40

**Summer Term Total Costs = £153.70**

## Reminders

### Changes to Pick Arrangements at the End of the School Day

Increasingly parents are calling the school office with changes to pick up arrangements, and doing so after 2:45pm. As you will appreciate the office is extremely busy at all times, and in particular towards the end of the school day.

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Parents can help the office enormously by ensuring you **email (not call)** the school office with any changes to your child's pick arrangements. Please email: [admin@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:admin@tetherdownschool.org) **before 2:45pm** providing the essentials (i.e. child's name and class). Thank you for your help in advance.

## Happy Ramadan!

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim year, during which strict fasting is observed from dawn to sunset. Ramadan will be starting this year in the evening of Sunday 5th May or Monday 6th May depending on the sighting of the full moon.

Here is a short clip which shows what it like for a Muslim family during Ramadan.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/23286976>

## Playground Responsibility and Scooters

A gentle reminder to all parents:

- **Playground responsibility** - 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 Orchestra rehearsals).
- **Scooters, bikes or skateboards** - If children want to travel to school on a scooter, bike or skateboard please take it home with you, as we have limited space to store them. Scooters are left at your own risk and we are not held responsible if they go missing. *Please can children also refrain from "scooting" in the playground at the start and end of the school day.* If your child must bring their scooter on to the playground please encourage them only to "walk it".

## Extra Curricular Clubs

To find out what clubs are running and when during the Summer Term. Click [here](#) for the Extended Day clubs timetable.

## Orchestra

Tetherdown School Orchestra always welcomes new members from any instrument and standard. Only requirement is to be able to read music with ease. We meet up every Tuesday before school, 8:20am – 9:10am, and play a mixed repertoire of classical, folk and modern music. If you are interested or would like to receive more information, please contact Pablo here: [coporlas@hotmail.com](mailto:coporlas@hotmail.com).

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## New Cookery Lunch Time Club

**Starting Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in the Food Tech room**  
**Reception, Year 1, Year 2: Lunchtimes (12.30-1.10pm)**  
**Years 4, 5 and 6: After school (3.30-4.45pm)**

We're going to be busy mixing, rolling, piping, measuring, sifting, threading, mashing, producing gorgeous summer treats that your children will be proud to bring home and share.

They'll have great fun, bonding with others, working in pairs and developing skills and a love of food.

On the menu is proper Pizza, Healthy Strawberry Ice Cream, Salmon Teriyaki parcels, Rainbow fruit skewers with dips, Veggie snack wraps and Little Blueberry and Yoghurt cakes. Food is no-nuts, no-meat and reduced - or substituted - sugar.

All ingredients, equipment and take-home boxes will be provided, as well as recipe cards and a recipe folder to keep.

Cookery Club is run by Vivienne Gonley; Chef (Advanced Diploma, Leiths), Cookbook writer and Founder of London catering company Zafferano –  
<https://www.zafferano.co.uk/>

Cost: £72 for the half term (£12 x 6 lessons)

Classes are for maximum 12, so sign up early to avoid disappointment!

Please email [vivgonley@gmail.com](mailto:vivgonley@gmail.com) for further information and to book.