

Tetherdown News!

*Where friendships thrive and children learn to discover a world of possibilities –
challenged and supported to be the best they can be.*

No.16

Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

17th May 2019



admin@tetherdownschool.org

<https://twitter.com/tetherdown>

www.tetherdownschool.org



All Newsletters are available on the school website at: www.tetherdownschool.org

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

Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is always such a busy time of year, and I apologise that the Newsletter is slightly later than planned. Year 6 children completed the end of key stage tests at the end of last week and the staff and I are extremely proud of the way the children managed themselves during this time. Children in Year 2 have also completed their end of key stage tests, and I know during this period every member of staff has played a part to ensure the children continue to feel supported during what can be a challenging time in their Tetherdown journey - it's what we do best at Tetherdown! Thank you staff.

Next term children in Year 1 will take part in the national screening phonics test. The class teacher will carry out a simple "check" of their phonics which is all part of their normal classroom routine and there is no preparation or extensive study required. Year 4 children will be involved in the pilot tests for multiplication tables. We are using this opportunity to see how these new tests pan out, notably because these checks are administered online. You can help your Year 4 child by practising swift and accurate recall of multiplication facts. However, these tests will be given a low profile for current children so that again, they are supported in the knowledge that teachers are not applying unnecessary pressure - our philosophy is that children should enjoy their learning and practise in a safe, supportive learning environment.

Results of the Year 6, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 1 tests will be made available **individually** in your child's End of Year Report which will be **distributed on Friday 12th July**. Reports will not be given out before this date.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some very sad news for us here at Tetherdown, in that Ms Barber our School Business Manager, will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Ms Barber has worked at Tetherdown for 22 years and has known all the roles within the admin team, from receptionist, to office manager, to admin officer and will be using the opportunity to take some well-deserved personal time before immigrating to Jamaica in the New Year. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Ms Barber for her dedication, commitment and enthusiasm for the children and staff, and all things Tetherdown. Ms Barber leaves a huge legacy and will be a difficult act to follow. Suffice to say that we are seeking to appoint a new SBM in the next term, details of which are on the school website.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

Tetherdown News!

*Where friendships thrive and children learn to discover a world of possibilities –
challenged and supported to be the best they can be.*

No.16

Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

17th May 2019



admin@tetherdownschool.org

<https://twitter.com/tetherdown>

www.tetherdownschool.org



SCHOOL NEWS

Year 5 STEM Project



Year 5 have been using design technology and ICT skills to create our very own "Alice in Wonderland" themed light boxes. We cut out the stencil for the front of the design before creating our light boxes and taking them to the computer suite to program our lights. We have learnt all about using a crumble kit to code different instructions into a circuit board that controls the LED lights that were put into our light box. The project was a lot of fun to complete and has inspired many of us to consider STEM based careers in our future.

Y5 Chameleons & Y5 Komodos



Year 1 Trip to the Allotments

As part of our Science learning about plants and how they grow, we visited the Allotments next to Tetherdown. We were lucky enough to have some of the Allotment holders share their knowledge and show us around. It was a great opportunity for children to see how their fruit and vegetables are grown and the care that is needed to produce them. Many thanks to our Year 1 Teaching Assistant, Jo Maude who helped arrange the trip.



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 arriving 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.

13 out of 14 classes had all children in on time! Well done!

Tetherdown News!

*Where friendships thrive and children learn to discover a world of possibilities –
challenged and supported to be the best they can be.*

No.16

Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

17th May 2019



admin@tetherdownschool.org

<https://twitter.com/tetherdown>

www.tetherdownschool.org



Year 1 Dragonflies Class achieved an amazing **99.80 %** and will get to work with our Tetherdown Teddy for the next fortnight. Well done Year 1 Dragonflies!

How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
0 Butterflies	91.98
0 Ladybirds	97.06
1 Bumblebees	97.69
1 Dragonflies	99.80
2 Eagles	97.84
2 Owls	93.16
3 Parrots	95.64
3 Peacocks	97.53
4 Jaguars	98.58
4 Leopards	97.65
5 Chameleons	98.44
5 Komodos	97.85
6 Griffins	95.69
6 Phoenix	98.99



SEND

SEN Open Door Morning 6th June

There will be a SEN Open Door Morning taking place on 6th June. This is **OPTIONAL** and provides an opportunity to raise any concerns with the SENCo. Bookings are made online on a 1st come 1st served basis. Click the link to make a booking <https://doodle.com/poll/35f46r9tddsc3edc>

COMMUNITY & SPORTS NEWS

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, 5th August to Friday, 9th 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

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

Tetherdown News!

*Where friendships thrive and children learn to discover a world of possibilities –
challenged and supported to be the best they can be.*

No.16

Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

17th May 2019



admin@tetherdownschool.org

<https://twitter.com/tetherdown>

www.tetherdownschool.org



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

Magic Show

Thank you so much to everyone who came to, and who kindly helped at the Magic Show last week. It was such a fun event and raised over **£1,622 profit** for the school which is fantastic!

Summer Fair Donations

Now only one big event to go - the **Summer Fair** - so let's make this a great one! By now your reps will have let you know which stalls you are all running. Many of them require donations from parents to make them a success, so...

...now's the time for that clear out you've been putting off, or for a trip to the Pound Shop or another kind donation.

1. **Summer Auction and Raffle**

It's not too late to come up with a pledge for the Summer Auction. You don't need to provide whatever it is until after the fair itself.

The potential spectrum is vast - 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. The list goes on and on.

Please email Emma with your pledge: emmakleach@gmail.com

Some offerings lend themselves to the Auction, other things you might donate are perfect raffle prizes, we'll accept them all!

2. **Raffle Nearly New**

We need donations of children's toys, games, books, DVDs, good quality children's clothes, scooters, bikes etc. Bikes, scooters and larger items can be brought on the day.

3. **New Hamper Raffle**

This year we're bringing back Hampers to the Summer Fair. Year 5 reps will appreciate your donations of new or nearly new items for the following hampers: 'Beauty, Toiletries, Pampering', 'Alcohol and Bar Snacks', 'Kids Books, DVDs, Toys', 'Sweets and Biscuits'.

4. **New Jam Jars'**

This is a simple stall - people throw a dice to win a small goody bag or jar sitting on a sheet of paper with numbers 1-6 on it. Throw a 6, get the prize on the number 6 etc. It was very successful a few years ago, so we're bringing it back!

We need parents to donate a **small paper bag of goodies**. These could include sweets, party bag toys, hair bobbles/clips, marbles, football cards, Lego cards, small pencils, bouncy balls, beads plus elastic, slime, pennies, the list goes on!

Tetherdown News!

*Where friendships thrive and children learn to discover a world of possibilities –
challenged and supported to be the best they can be.*

No.16

Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

17th May 2019



admin@tetherdownschool.org

<https://twitter.com/tetherdown>

www.tetherdownschool.org



5. *Chocolate Tombola*

Please note the ingredients of any donated chocolate and remember the **NO NUTS** rule. Otherwise, some lucky rep will just get to keep those, which though nice, doesn't help the school.

6. *Soft Toy Tombola*

If your household is anything like mine, one or two or even 20 of the cuddly toys could go missing and yet never be missed and they could find a new home and earn some money for the school and our children at the same time!

7. *Cakes and Home Produce*

So this year, we're not just asking for cakes and other sweet treats, but also for savoury items, e.g. quiches, pies, etc and they don't need to be home made either! Being perishable, please bring these to the fair on the day, preferably as early as possible so that they can be organised and displayed on the stall before the masses arrive! **NO NUTS** please.

The relevant reps will provide a box for your donations outside the office doors soon.

Thank you so much in advance for these donations and for all your help organising your stalls. The children love these events and we can't do them without you and all the money raised goes back into enhancing all our children's experience at Tetherdown!

The PSA

Tetherdown News!

*Where friendships thrive and children learn to discover a world of possibilities –
challenged and supported to be the best they can be.*

No.16

Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

17th May 2019



admin@tetherdownschool.org

<https://twitter.com/tetherdown>

www.tetherdownschool.org



SUMMER FAIR

Saturday, 15th 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!

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

We will also need **first aiders**. Please send Mia an email at 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.

Tetherdown News!

*Where friendships thrive and children learn to discover a world of possibilities –
challenged and supported to be the best they can be.*

No.16

Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

17th May 2019



admin@tetherdownschool.org

<https://twitter.com/tetherdown>

www.tetherdownschool.org



Is your child leaving Tetherdown at the End of the Summer Term?

*Is your child in **Year 2** and you know is leaving Tetherdown at the end of the Summer Term to continue their Junior school education elsewhere?*

*Is your child in **any other** year group and you know is leaving at the end of the Summer Term to continue their education elsewhere?*

If the answer is YES

Please can you complete, sign by both parents, and return our **Destination Form** to the school office as soon as possible. Please do not leave this until July.

You can find this form on our website by clicking [here](#) or by asking the school office for a copy.

Thank you for your support.

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, 22nd May. Changes received after this date will not be actioned and you will be charged to the end of the Summer Term, Monday 22nd July 2019.** 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 nd 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.

Tetherdown News!

*Where friendships thrive and children learn to discover a world of possibilities –
challenged and supported to be the best they can be.*

No.16

Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

17th May 2019



admin@tetherdownschool.org

<https://twitter.com/tetherdown>

www.tetherdownschool.org



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 **before 2:45pm** providing the essentials (i.e. child's name and class). Thank you for your help in advance.

Prescribed Medicines in School

Only prescribed medicines can be in school. Under no circumstances should children be self-administering medicines in class.

If a child has medicine to take they either have:

- a HCP in place -you all have your children HCP for you class should will know and can check OR
- they will have a course of antibiotics and must fill in a request to give medicines form (available on the website)

Any OTC (over the counter) medicine - parents/ carers have to come in and give to their child themselves.

Any questions, please ask at the school office

Sun cream – During very sunny weather please don't forget to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school.

Class Rep Communications – Across the different classes there are a variety of way the class reps communicate to parents (e.g WhatsApp, email). These groups have been set up by parents of the school for class related and social gatherings. They are not monitored by the school, however the office have received complaints that these groups are being used for other reasons. Please be mindful of the original purpose why these groups were set up, and do not misuse the groups. Thank you.

Birthday Book Donations - are encouraged are encouraged when celebrating your child's birthday in school as an alternative to small cakes or small chocolate sweets. A lovely book will spark the children's imagination and stimulate curiosity. The school will celebrate the occasion by sharing the book with the class and inserting a book-plate with your child's name and birthday in the front cover. Muswell Hill Bookshop holds a list of age appropriate books.