

Tetherdown News!

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Dates for your diary

| July | | September | |
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| Tuesday 5 th | Strike Day – please check the letter sent on 29.6.16 for arrangements and how this will affect your child. | Thursday 1 st / Friday 2 nd | INSET Day – school closed to children |
| Thursday 7 th | London Youth Games Basketball | Monday 5 th | Welcome back children in Years 1 - 6 |
| Thursday 7 th | Class photograph re-takes (absentees) | Monday 12 th | Reception intake begins |
| Friday 8 th | Sponsored Run – Cherry Tree Woods | | |
| Monday 11 th | Y3 Mountfitchet Castle Visit | | |
| Tuesday 12 th | Reception classes to Willows Farm | | |
| Wednesday 13 th | Y2 and Y5 Walton on the Naze | | |
| Thursday 14 th | Y6 Summer Production 7.00pm | | |
| Tuesday 19 th | Leavers' Breakfast 8.00-8.40am (Hall) | | |
| Tuesday 19 th | Summer Exhibition and Summer Concert 5.00-8.00pm. School closing at 2.00pm | | |
| Wednesday 20 th | Reception picnic assembly 9.00am | | |
| Thursday 21 st | Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 parents invited) | | |
| Thursday 21 st | Last day of term (school closes 2.00pm) | | |

Dear Parents and Carers

This new format newsletter is short but packed with important information. Do let me know what you think. More children's news is available on our school [website](http://www.tetherdownschool.org).

I would like to say a big thank you to our PSA for a super Summer Fair. Despite the weather, lots of families, friends, staff and governors enjoyed the lovely beach themed afternoon. The band were amazing, the food delicious and the sandy beach was a huge hit! There was a brilliant atmosphere despite the weather. Well done PSA for all you support, hard work and dedication to this year's fair and many thanks to parent reps and helpers. It really shows what we can do as a school community. The amount raised was an exhilarating £12,100! Thank you so much PSA. Watch this space everyone because we will now be planning to revamp our Reception playground and develop our outdoor learning spaces around the school in the coming months.

At this time of year it is always sad when we say goodbye to colleagues as well as some of our children. Obviously Year 6 are moving on to pastures new, but a few of our families have taken the opportunity to move on at the end of the academic year. I would like to wish you and your child well and thank you for all your support. At the end of term we are saying "farewell" to Emma Webb, TA in Year 1 and Serafina Pavarani, Special Needs Assistant and TA in Years 1 and 2. Eileen Venner currently receptionist will leave at the end of term and very sadly, Ernie Cox, our site manager of 15 years is moving on to new ventures. All of the staff at Tetherdown have really appreciated our colleagues support and dedication to the children and they will be very sadly missed. I would like to wish them all the best for whatever the future holds for them and reiterate my thanks to them again. Please join us in saying thank you at our planned special breakfast:

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Special 'Leavers' Breakfast Tuesday 19th July 2016

8.00 – 8.45 am in the school hall (Entrance via the reception playground)

£4.00 per pupil with an adult free. £7.00 for a family ticket.

Tickets available from the school office from **Monday 11th July**. CASH purchases please.

And finally, well done all of our wonderful children for giving your best at today's Sports Day. Junior and Infant children competed, supported, cheered and laughed as the activities took place. A huge well done to Ms Essex and Mr Farmer for guiding the organisation of the events and all the staff who put 100% in to making sure that today was an especially enjoyable day. Thank you parents for all your support and sticking with it – despite the miserable weather forecasts! Infant staff really helped the sun come out this afternoon with their resilience and determination – very much appreciated.



On the 10th of June, Charlie Craggs, a transgender woman, came in to Tetherdown to talk with Year 4 children and we asked her lots of questions about what it's like to be transgender and her personal story. Charlie has spoken in parliament and modeled for big brands, including Nike! She has even featured in some of our mums' magazines like Grazia and Time Out, and is currently writing a book!

Year 4 Leopard Class

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Tom H (year 5 Chameleons) recently competed in The British Gymnastics National Championships. Having already won the Regional gold medal, he and his partner Darya represented London Gymnastics at the National Final in Stoke-on-Trent. Over 560 gymnasts competed over 2 days in front of 26 judges and 1,000 spectators. They beat 9 other pairs in their acrobatics category to take the gold medal for London and become British National Champions!



[Sponsored Swim for Cancer Research – It's the correct link this time!](#)

On Sunday 10th July, I am attempting to do a pier to pier swim in aid of Cancer Research. The swim is 1.4 miles between Bournemouth and Boscombe pier. It is all for a fantastic cause so if anyone is able to sponsor me then I would really appreciate it. Please click on my link below for my JustGiving page...

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Joanna-Essex1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20160621_70371

Unfortunately the link in the last Newsletter was incorrect! This time it is definitely correct: it has been tried and tested! A big thank you to the parents who have already sponsored me. [Miss Essex](#)

Following on from the Tetherdown mini tennis tournament that was held at school for Year 3 and 4 children, we took the four finalists (2 girls and 2 boys) to the Haringey Mini Tennis Tournament, which was held at White Hart Lane. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the day and loved having the experience of playing against children from other schools. They did incredibly well and ended up winning the

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tournament. This is the first time that Tetherdown has won the tennis, so it was a really big achievement for the children and the school. Marcus Weekes also went on to take the individual gold medal in the boys' event. A big well done to Eliza, Claudia, Marcus and Jem.

Marcus has also recently played in the national LTA tennis tournament in the Under 9's in Glasgow, in the Scotstoun Stadium. This is one of the venues that was used for the 2014 Commonwealth Games. There was a draw of 16 boys from around the country. Marcus excelled and made it to the final having made it through the qualifying rounds and then into the quarters and Semis. He played some excellent tennis and came away with a silver medal, which is an amazing achievement. Well done Marcus!



Reminders

Sun Protection

As the weather becomes warmer please make sure your child brings in a sunhat to school and wears clothing that covers their shoulders. Please make sure you apply 24 hour sunscreen prior to coming to school.

E-Safety guidance

Many of our parents ask for support and guidance regarding how they can support their child whilst using the internet in the home. Please do refer to our E-safety prompt sheets available on the school's website [here](#).

End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will be available on Friday 15th July and you will also be informed of your child's new class and teacher.

Strike Day 5th July

Classes closed:
Reception Butterflies, Y1 Dragonflies & Bumblebees,
Y2 Owls, Y4 Leopards, Y3 Parrots and Y6 Phoenix

The recent cake sale held on Friday 17th June organised by parents in Reception and Year 1 classes raised over £200 for the ActionAid Charity. Well done everyone!

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Seaside Summer Fair 2016

This year's Seaside Summer Fair raised £12,100 for the PSA and the Smash the Crockery Stall raised £130 for Shelter.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors who supported the fair through this year's brochure: Travelwise, Tatlers, GMS Joinery, LAGAD, Flesh and Flour, Lambert Welch, Prospero Teaching, Barkers, Lab Spa, Amici Mieì, AJL Appliances, Muddy Boots, Everything Electrical, Electrical Contractors and Hexagon Cars

Thank you everyone who was able to join us in anyway and offer their support, either on the day or working quietly in the background. We really appreciate your help.

Lolly Fridays – Summer Term

Every Friday after school in the Upper playground. Weather permitting. Don't forget your 50p's! Thank you to all our parents who organise this on a regular basis.

Second hand PE kit sale

Please send in your unused PE Kits. We will be holding a sale on the first Friday after half term.

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore

Monday – Friday 07:40-08:50

Phone: 07580 576 147 or

Email: breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org

for more information.

Tetherdown After School Club

Manager: Louis Frederick (contact weekdays after 2.00pm)

Monday – Friday 15:30-18:00

Phone: 07580 576 147 or

Email: afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org

for more information.

LAGAD SUMMER CAMP

London Academy of Gymnastics and Dance are delighted to be running our annual Gymnastics and Circus Skills Summer Camp at Tetherdown Primary School.

Time: 09:30 – 16:30 daily (early drop off available from 08:30).

Age Groups 3½ yrs – 11yrs.

Facilities: Air Track, Aerial Trapeze, Gymnastics, Outdoor Inflatable Assault Course, Street Dance, Circus Skills and lots more!

Booking options: per half day, full day or full week available.

Dates/Locations:

- July 25th – 29th Tetherdown Primary School, N10 –Friday slots remain available.
- Aug 1st – 5th Tetherdown Primary School, N10 - Limited Availability.
- Aug 8th – 12th Heartlands High School, N22.



LAGAD is an OFSTED registered club and payments can be made with Childcare Vouchers.

Bookings available now at www.lagad.co.uk

Further information: info@lagad.co.uk

Call: **07887367171**.

Tetherdown's Summer Activity Sports Camp '16

We offer the opportunity for children to have a fun, active and safe learning experience, while making new friends. Children will learn and develop new and existing skills with an emphasis on staying active and enjoying their holiday. The camp is geared towards offering a wide range of sports, physical activities and games to children between the ages of 5-11. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports and activities including football, basketball, tag rugby, cricket, tennis, netball, hockey, dance and much more!

The camp will run between the hours of 8.00am - 4.00pm or 10.00am - 4.00pm (parental choice) from Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August 2016. Costs start at £28 per day with discounts for siblings and full week bookings.

For a full breakdown of costs, see booking and registration form which can be collected from the school office. For any enquiries please email: activtysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org