

Tetherdown News!

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Dear Parents and Carers

It really has been a pleasure returning to school and watching the children settle in to their new classes. We hope that you appreciated the opportunity to come in and meet with the class teachers, but if you were unable to do so, please [check the website](#) for details on how you can support your child and their learning in the home.

Our new approach to booking Parents' Evening has gone down very well. If you are having difficulties, please do contact the admin team and they will be happy to support you. Parents' Evenings are **Tuesday 3rd October** and **Wednesday 11th October** between 5 and 8 pm. We very much look forward to seeing you. At this meeting your child's class teacher will be asking you how we can support your child best; what are their preferred learning styles, what do they enjoy, what are their barriers to learning? Some thought around this prior to your meeting would be most useful – perhaps talk it over with your child.

Congratulations to Ms Cohen who had a lovely little baby boy (a couple of weeks earlier than expected!) but I am glad to report that both mother and baby are doing really well.



Year 5 Komodos children with Mrs Hedley have this week met their new maternity cover teacher, Ms Jenna Hughes. Ms Hughes will be working on an ad hoc basis covering other teachers in school prior to her placement after half term. Ms Hughes will also be attending the upcoming Parents' Evening meetings.



We are currently recruiting for our **Tetherdown Orchestra**. Playing an instrument with a group of friends enables a wonderful opportunity to make great sounds whilst having fun. Children of all levels are encouraged to consider joining. If you play the violin, cello, clarinet, flute, trumpet, cornet, French horn, or any other orchestral instrument (except piano) then we would love for you to join us on Tuesday mornings before school. It's a great way to start your day! Please contact Pablo Castro for further information on duoklier@gmail.com

Mr Reynolds is currently looking for volunteer parents to help with the running of Cross-Country Club, which takes place on Wednesday between 12 and 12:45pm. If you are able to offer your support even for one session per term, please contact the office for details of how you can get involved.

Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year takes place tomorrow - "Gemar chatimah tovah" או המיתח רמג או טובה. We wish our Jewish families a Happy Sukkot starting next week.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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Please be reminded that children are not to play on the climbing frames either before school or after school. We do not have first aid staff available at these times to supervise injured children. Thank you for your co-operation.

Harvest Festival collection of food – [click here](#) for dates and arrangements for donations. We would really appreciate your support in sending non-perishable food items (tins, cans, jars, packets, boxes) rather than fresh food. Further details of our arrangements and our focus for 2018 will be provided nearer the time. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Year 5 Chameleons were amazing this morning leading the first Class Assembly of the year. We learnt about their topic of Africa and children presented their learning in a wonderful variety of forms, including “smart” ways of learning. Children particularly enjoyed the music smart and body smart, trying to join in with words of the African song. A really lovely assembly – well done Chameleons Class.

Year 4 had an amazing trip to the Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre this week. We arrived at the centre, and took part in lots of different and fun activities. In the morning we learnt how to classify different animals and then we

went pond dipping to try and catch some of these different mini-beasts ourselves – we found some really incredible looking creatures! After that, in the afternoon we learnt all about bees and their life cycle and realised that a beehive looks much different to what we imagine a beehive looks like; we saw a real one on our nature walk! During the rest of the nature walk we scavenged around for insects and tried our best to find out what kind of habitats the insects liked best. Before too long it was time for us to go, but we really enjoyed the trip and can't wait to tell the rest of the school all about it!



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Revised national school funding formula published

At the Full Governing Body Meeting on Tuesday 26th September, governors discussed the latest updates on schools funding as per below:

The Secretary of State for Education Justine Greening announced details of the new national funding formula for schools [\(external link\)](#). This is the outcome of the second stage of the consultation, which closed in March, and follows July's announcement of £1.3 billion additional funding for the core schools budget in each of the next two years.

Key points from this week's announcement include:

- funding will be distributed via local authorities for both of the next two years;
- the DfE's formula will provide for secondary schools to receive a minimum of £4,600 per pupil in 2018/19 and £4,800 per pupil in 2019/20, while primary schools will receive £3,300 per pupil in 2018/19 and £3,500 in 2019/20;
- every school will receive a £110,000 lump sum and an additional £26 million will be allocated to rural and isolated schools;
- every school will see a minimum cash increase of 1% by 2019-20 and many schools will see larger increases;
- an increased emphasis in the formula on low prior attainment.

More details are available on the Department for Education's website [\(external link\)](#).

In a recent [report from the BBC](#) four in ten parents are being asked to contribute regularly to school funds in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, a survey suggests. Many schools in our local area have formally approached parents to request regular monetary donations. You will be aware that in an endeavor to promote community spirit parents and carers at Tetherdown have been asked to make donations of tangible items such as books, toys and soft furnishings for the classroom and learning areas. Governors continue to debate the notion of approaching parents for monetary donations and a decision on whether to make a formal request will be made by the end of this calendar year.

PSA AGM – Wednesday 18th October at 7:00pm in the Hall.

Reception Intake 2018

If you live in Haringey and your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you will need to apply for a Reception place at infant or primary school for September 2018. You must submit your application before the deadline of 15 January 2018. 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. Application is via an on-line process and all details are available by clicking [here](#).

Please let us know if your child is due to start school in 2018. Add your child's name to the list kept in the office for children born between 01.09.13 – 31.08.14

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SEN Open Door – come and see us...

“Open door” – Parents’ Evenings are being held on Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 11th October. Parents with questions around SEN are able to meet Mrs McMeakin on the same evening as Parents’ Evening between 5:00-7:40pm. Sign-up sheets will be available in the school office from Monday 18th September.

Secondary School Open Days:

City of London School: “Our next Open Events for those interested in joining at 10+ or 11+ in 2018, or 13+ in 2020, are on Thursday 28th September and Sunday 1st October. However, both events are currently fully booked. Places may become available closer to the date. Please [click here](#) to check availability and to book your place.”

Channing School: Please click this [link](#) for information on admissions.

Highgate Wood School - Primary Transfer Open Evening on Thursday 12 October 2017 6-8pm and Open Mornings on Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October 2017 9.15 – 10.35am.

Archer Academy Open Events

The Archer Academy’s open evening will take place on Thursday 5th October 2017 between 6pm and 9pm at the Lower School campus on Eagans Close. Headteacher Lucy Harrison will give talks at 6.15pm, 7pm, 7.45pm and 8.30pm; visitors are asked to pre-book tickets for these talks at <http://tinyurl.com/archerevents> due to high numbers in previous years.

Year 6 students are also invited to attend taster lessons at the Archer Academy on Monday 9th October or Monday 16th October from 4.30pm. to 6pm. These fun, interesting sessions will offer the children the chance to enjoy a new and different learning experience, and feel excited about this important next stage in their lives. Year 6 parents are invited to coffee mornings at the school on Friday 13th October or Wednesday 18th October at 9.15am at our Upper School campus on Beaumont Close. Places for these events can be booked at <http://tinyurl.com/archerevents>

We are also holding a series of small group tours for Year 6 students and their parents. These will take place at 9.15am on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October. Places will need to be booked in advance by phone as numbers will be limited to give everyone the chance to ask questions; please call Filiz Wilson on 020 8365 4110 to book.

Haberdashers’ Aske’s Boys’ School – open Afternoon: Saturday 7th October 13:00 – 16:00 – no appointment required.

Aldenham - Saturday 7th October 10:00 – 12:30 – no booking required.

St Thomas More Catholic School – Tuesday 10th October 9:30 - 11:30 and 17:30 – 20:00. No booking required.

Park View – Open Morning 9th/10th October 9:00 – 11:00 and Open Evening Thursday 19th October 18:00 – 20:00. No bookings required.

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COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

The Science Museum are currently showing a new 3D IMAX film "[Dream Big: Engineering Our World](#)" - the museum is free to visit, there is a charge for IMAX.

Reminders

- You can find a copy of our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy on our school website – [click here](#).
- Please return your child's "Student Update Form" (Years 1-6) as soon as possible to assure ourselves that we hold the most up to date information.

[School Meals for Autumn Term 2017](#)

Please be aware that school meal prices remain the same at £2.60 per meal. If you feel that you are eligible for Free School Meals then please contact Mrs Khan, Finance Assistant.

Cost for the half term is £85.80

Cost for the FULL term is £187.20

[Click here](#) to see the menu for the term.

Scholastic Book Fair

[Click here](#) for the date.



Secondary School Application Deadline
31st October 2017

[Click here for further information.](#)

For Secondary School Open Events, including Fortismere – [click here](#).

Is your child missing any item of clothing???

Please label all items of clothing and check for them as soon as they go missing. Lost property is put out in the upper playground every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:40am and 3:30pm.

Parking with consideration!

If you are dropping off or picking up and have to travel by car PLEASE do not park in front of a dropped kerb. This causes real issues for residents. There is no excuse for this selfish behaviour.

As a school we are regularly contacted by frustrated and angry neighbours on this issue!

Please consider how you might feel if you were blocked in and unable to freely get in to your car and pull away.

These cars were photographed by residents:

RN04 EZH LJ05 DVW

YK12 RKY LF13 NBN

I have contacted the Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team who will be monitoring the situation in an endeavour to support our neighbours.



Would you like to hire our school hall for a private party? You can book your events using our Hall Hire Enquiry Forms on our website. [Click here](#) for a link to the booking form. The hall is not available for hire on Saturdays before 5pm.



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

Hello to everyone and welcome back to the new school year. Firstly the PSA would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined the school this term; we hope that you are all enjoying the experience so far and we look forward to meeting you throughout the year at the many social events that are planned.

Alistair McDonough is continuing as Chair.

Many thanks as always to everyone one who has agreed to be a Class Rep this year as your help in creating, organising and delivering the wide variety of events is essential for a successful PSA year. We are always keen to hear from anyone else who has an exciting plan for an event or a burning desire to join in with our work delivering the more traditional events. So, please get in contact or join us at the next PSA meeting.

Finally the PSA AGM will be held at the school at 7:00pm on Wednesday 18th October 2017 in the Hall to which everyone is invited. We will report on expenditure, financial situation and ideas for the future. This will be followed by the committee meeting.

We look forward to working with you. Please check below for upcoming events.

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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

Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore (contact weekdays after 2.00pm)
 Monday – Friday 15:30-18:00
 Phone: 07580 576 147 or
 Email: afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org
 for more information.

Click [here](#) for a list of the Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs taking place at Tetherdown

 23rd to 27th October 8.30-6 pm October Playscheme 				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Spider slime 	Carving pumpkins 	Ice skating Ally Pally £9 	Ghost bowling Yayoi Kusama pumpkins 	Skeleton/Xray hands Poke a pumpkin trick or treat game 
Lunchtime				
Halloween mummy relay 	Pipe cleaners spiders/bugs 	Spider cookies 		

and also football, tack shop, face painting, tattoos, board games and much more. Call 07904570477 or email fortisgreenkidsclub@hotmail.co.uk

