

Tetherdown News!

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Dear Parents and Carers

The PSA have been working incredibly hard to put together our Winter Fair taking place on Monday 11th December between 5.30 and 8.30pm. Thank you in advance to all those parents and families who have offered gifts for this event. Our Choir will be singing during the Fair at 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Many parents have been in this week decorating the hall in preparation for the Fair – and again a massive thank you for your continuing support. The children are very excited and I hope you are all able to join us, have fun and raise lots of money for our wonderful school. And also a big thank you to those parents who put up Christmas decorations today in the Hall.

Christmas will have well and truly arrived at Tetherdown next week and we enjoy being able to provide a whole range of activities for your child in the run up to the end of term. Please [click here](#) to see dates for the Pantomimes, Christmas Lunches, Christmas Parties which all take a lot of organising and an incredible amount of time. Please remember all of this is done in “good spirit” and that if you have any cause for concern, please be mindful of the commitment staff and parents make in organising these events.

Class Christmas Parties

Monday 18th December (pm) Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 19th December (pm) Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 20th December (pm) Year 4 and Reception

Thursday 21st December (am) Year 3



Many thanks to the parents who helped put up our lovely display in the Yellow Hub. Our children have created a “map of me” display as part of the activities from our Mapping Week. Do take a look if you are in school...

Yesterday children were sent home with TWO yellow Parent Governor Ballot papers. Due to the strict regulations around governor elections, as outlined by Haringey Local Authority we are not able to provide further copies of this. You should send your votes to school by 12 noon on Friday 15th December 2018. The results of the count will be published via email to all parents and carers at the end of the day.

I would like to say “thank you” to Ann Rogers, After School Club and SMSA for her hard work and support in the last two years. Ann moves on to take up a position in a care home looking after the elderly. We welcome Lara Davies complementing our After School Club team as play worker. I am sure you will make her feel most welcome.

Happy Hanukkah or “Chag Urim Sameach!” to all our Jewish community.

I look forward to seeing you over the course of our celebrations as we approach the end of term and thank you for your continuing support.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher



School Development Plan

For details of the School Development Plan, which was recently approved by governors, please [click here](#).

Our Adventurous Y3 Trip to the Hindu Mandir

On Tuesday 5th December, Year 3 visited Mandir Temple close to Ikea and would really like to go back there. At 10am, our coach was supposed to come for us but Ms Joseph told us that the coach had about an hour delay. So to warm us up, we played 'Hokey-Cokey' for as long as we needed to. Finally the coach turned up and after a while we got on the bus and were excitedly heading on our way. Muttering quietly, we entered the beautifully carved Mandir. As I walked in, I gasped in awe for the Mandir was just like a palace of wonder. First we had to take our shoes and coats off. Then we sensibly watched an interesting film called 'History in the Making'. It told us



about how it was made, who discovered it and lots of information about it. This was in the Function Hall. Without our shoes on, we sensibly walked up the marble staircase which lead to the Upper Sanctum. When we arrived, all the walls, ceiling and columns were carved in different patterns. For example, peacocks, elephants and Rangoli patterns. There was an Arti Ceremony which was basically a blessing.

After that we went back down to the Haveli to wait silently for them to be ready for us. When we were ready, we went to the Prayer Hall where we asked burning questions and received interesting answers. We were even told about the paintings on the wall! Sadly, we had to leave the lovely Mandir and get on the coach.

By Sophia Year 3 Parrots Class

On Friday 1st December Year children held an "India" day. The parents and children would like to mention a HUGE thank you to the RASOI Restaurant on Fortis Green who very kindly donated the delicious food for our Year 3 children to taste for their celebration of India day. Thank you so much for making this happen! The children were delighted and the food was "yummy!" The children wrote:

*Dear Indian Rasoi,
Thank you for donating delicious, scrumptious food for our India Day.
It was lovely, although we were a bit messy! We really liked the
chicken curry, the sauces and the mango cream. The Naan
and poppadum were amazing and they are all gone!
Your restaurant is the best!
From Year 3*

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 15th 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 Sibling list** kept in the office for children born between 01.09.13 – 31.08.14



Imperial War Museum Trip

On Thursday, the 30th November, Year 5 went on a spectacular trip to the Imperial War Museum. We give many thanks to the great parent helpers who made this trip happen. Did you know that the V2 bomb was called Hitler's miracle weapon and was faster than the speed of sound. We were amazed that, in the secret war section, brilliant primary sources were



just standing in front of us. Imagine that! Medals and guns from WW2 was a great experience. The family in war was one of our favourites. An atmospheric air raid shelter was put up and you could go in it and see what it was like inside. It had a bunk bed, which was very small, a bench and a single lamp. The whole experience was phenomenal and we'll never forget it. Over all, Year 5 is now packed with even more information about World War 2 Thank you!
Rosie and Clara Y5C



Pupil Premium – Additional Funding for Schools

Every term schools make a "census return" to the Local Authority providing updates on pupil numbers. This information is used to identify funding for the school in the following financial year. Tetherdown Primary is the **LOWEST FUNDED SCHOOL IN HARINGEY**. We have the fewest numbers of children on **FREE SCHOOL MEALS compared to any other school**. With January's census approaching we would like to take this opportunity to encourage parents to apply for FSMs if they are in receipt of one of the benefits shown below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your assessed annual income is below £16,190)
- Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- NASS support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (you must provide your NASS number)

Our school will benefit from a Pupil Premium allocation which can be used to purchase additional educational resources, pay for visits and support learning in the classroom. If you think you qualify for any of the above please contact Ms Caudebec for further information finance@tetherdownschool.org.

Further guidance can be obtained using these links from London Borough of Haringey:

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-application-forms/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grant-guidance-notes>

http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/free_school_meals_2017.pdf

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Visit from Sarah Shafi

On Thursday 7th December, Sarah Shafi (the creator of the Ridiculous Witches series), came to Tetherdown School to discuss her new and improved children's books with Y4, Y5 and Y6. Everybody was extremely inquisitive, and were very excited to find out more about her six new hilarious books. She let us in on a little secret and told us some top tips on how to start and end a story. In addition, she mysteriously told us that she is working on a seventh exciting novel. Sara has started to write a book about her experiences and life in general. We were able to ask questions about anything puzzling us and were interested to know more about her books. Now we were coming to the end of the interesting and inspiring talk; everybody was so eager to know more. Kindly, she gave away three copies of her books to the best questioners.

By Safia and Marco Year 6



Year 2 Visit to St James Church for the Christmas Experience

On Tuesday 5th December, Year 2 visited the wonderful St James' Church. When we arrived we went into a real time machine. This took us to 700BC. Firstly, we met a prophet who told us that one day a little, special baby will be born and he will rescue the world. Then we met an angel and Mary. The angel told Mary that one day she will have a baby, who would be the son of God. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem on a tired, thirsty donkey. When they eventually got there, there was no room at the inn. They had to stay in a hot, stinky stable. Jesus was then born. We then met one of the wise men who showed us the gifts that were taken to baby Jesus. They were gold, frankincense and myrrh. We were able to see lots of animals, which were all inside the church. There was a soft donkey, a furry dog, a smooth duck and nice sheep. We all really liked the animals and meeting the different characters around the church. At the end we sat around a table and discussed why Christians and lots of other people celebrate Christmas.

By Chloe and Lucien, Year 2 Owls



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COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

DKMS Blood Stem Cell Registration Event Saturday 9th December, 10am - 4pm at St James Church, Muswell Hill



11 year old Evie is in need of a second blood stem cell transplant to save her life. If you're aged 17-55 and in general good health, please spare a few minutes of your day to register as a potential blood stem cell donor and be on standby to give a second chance at life to those that need it. You could be the lifesaving match that Evie or someone like her is searching for. Or if you can't attend on Saturday 9th

December PLEASE register online at
<https://www.dkms.org.uk/en/donor4evie>



Haringey Language and Autism Support Team are holding a coffee morning for grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends and more.



Autism for Family & Friends

This is a session to learn about Autism and its impact on family life as well as ways to support children with Autism and their parents through the holidays and beyond.

Friday 15th December 2017
9:30–11:30 am

Hot drinks and mince pies provided!

Professional Development Centre (parking available)
Downhills Park Rd
London
N17 6AR
(sorry no crèche)

Contact: Eilika McAuley to book a place or find out more
0208 489 1408 or email lst@haringey.gov.uk

Haringey Music Service's "Music Fun Day" Click below for full details of activities on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

- [Guitar](#)
- [Strings](#)
- [Wind & Brass](#)



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Reminders

JUNIOR School Meals for Autumn Term 2017

Autumn 1
Wednesday 6 September 2017 to
Friday 20 October 2017 - £85.80

Autumn 2
Monday 30 October 2017 to Thursday
21 December 2017 - £101.40

Whole term - £187.20

Please remember last
day for PHOTOGRAPH
orders is MONDAY 11th
December.

Parking with consideration!

If you park your car in Midhurst Avenue please be aware of our neighbours driveways. Inconsiderate parking can cause offence and upset. Parking in front of a dropped kerb causes real issues for residents. Please consider how you might feel if you were blocked in and unable to freely get in to your car and pull away.



**Please!!! Park away from
school and walk.**

It's a healthy activity for all
involved and less stressful for us
at school regarding the complaints
we receive.



Cake Sale Dates for 2018

Year 2, 3 and 4 on Friday 2nd February
Year 5 and 6 on Friday 8th June
Held on the junior playground at 3.30

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Winter Fair 5.30 - 8.30pm Monday 11th December!

All the usual fun and games await at this year's Winter Fair: bouncy castles, roasted marshmallows, hot dogs and samosas. Wrap up warm to witness the real snow Snowballer game whilst the Choir sings and makes merry! Carol singing for everyone at 6.00pm and 7.00pm with Street Dancers entertaining us at 6.30pm.

See you all there!

The PSA

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



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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

Our staff team for 2017-18 consists of:

Glen Billey, Nadine McBean, Tanya Fenton,
Althea Skeete and Sylvon Linton.

Glen Billey is our ASC manager. Should you have any concerns please contact him on the above email.

If you have any concerns with payments of either club please contact the Diane Geen-Moore on breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org

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

Italian club at Tetherdown – seeking interested participants!

We are a group of parents from Year 1 Dragonflies who are seeking to set up an extra-curricular Italian language class for Tetherdown pupils – either after school at 3.30 pm or lunchtime between 12.00 - 12.30pm for infants / 12.30–1.00 pm for juniors. We have found a very reputable Italian language school, COASIT (they provide language courses on behalf of the Italian Consulate) which would be willing to organise classes at Tetherdown, but there is a small issue – they need at least 12 children to start a class. So we are wondering if other parents may be interested in their child taking an Italian language class? If so, please email Federica on fede.colley@gmail.com with your child's name, age, class, level of Italian (beginner, intermediate), and possibly any preferences in terms of day and time of the week. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Claudia, Cornelia, Evva and Federica