

Tetherdown News!

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We stayed open!!



Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to Mr Francis and the Premises Team for ensuring that our school stayed open during the snowy weather and to the staff who made it into school every day despite challenging journeys. It has been a particularly difficult time and your patience and flexibility with cancellations is very much appreciated.

Next week the weather should be back to “normal” and we hope that this will help parents and carers support all our teachers by being here promptly to pick up children at 3.30pm. Thanks again for your support.



Our revised World Book Day dressing up competition will now take place on Thursday 8th March. Every child will have received a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of the TEN special £1 World Book Day books, or be used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books on the World Book Day website as shown – [click here](#).

Following our revised World Book Day activities children will take part in our Sponsored Skipping Event to raise money for the NSPCC on Friday 9th March. We have encouraged the children to practise skipping in school with Mr Evans and Mr Reynolds providing a demonstration of their skipping abilities! We hope that you can support your child by collecting sponsors for this event. There is no need to provide consent to skip (as per NSPCC letter) but please do return your sponsor money envelopes by Wednesday 28th March, when the people from NSPCC will be back in to visit the children. If you would like to know more about the NSPCC’s work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [here](#).



Our new singing and piano teacher, Bethan Williams, is looking to take on more children on Mondays during the school timetabled day. If you would like to know more about this opportunity please contact her on bethwilliamssoprano@gmail.com

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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SEND Information

As we approach the lead up to Parents' Evening please be aware that we are again holding our Open Door Meetings for any parent who would like to share a concern relating to their child's learning. We hold these meetings on the same days as Parents' Evening: Wednesday 7th March and Thursday 15th March. Please [click here](#) if you wish to make an appointment:



Year 4 Jaguars Assembly

This has been postponed to the Summer Term. Further details will be provided nearer the time. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Year 3's extraordinary trip to the British Museum

On Tuesday we had an amazing time at the British Museum. We took the coach and had a gob-smacking day! When we were exploring around we saw the dancing dragon. It was like a 3D dragon and it had a lot of patterns... Ten or twenty minutes later we were copying dead mummies from thousands of years ago and lots of their Egyptian artefacts. (By Harriette in Year 3 Parrots).

My friend helped me for the treasure hunt and the best thing was the scarab beetle!... After playtime I went to look at the mummies and the bottles. Also, we got to draw – I drew some hieroglyphics. (By Muhammad in Year 3 Peacocks).

Can you help our children with your donations?

We ask parents, carers, wider family members and friends of Tetherdown to identify the following items:

- *Children's books in top quality condition*
- *Construction toys, e.g. Lego, in top quality condition*
- *General toys in top quality condition*
- *Board games in top quality condition*
- *Soft furnishings, e.g. cushions and rugs, again in top quality condition.*

We hope you will understand that we can only accept items that are of the highest second-hand quality because our children deserve the best. Your donations will have a huge impact on children and their classroom environment. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

We also like to celebrate your child's birthday and hope to increase the numbers of books in classrooms by asking you to purchase a lovely book and donate it to your child's class. 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 – this has recently been updated.

In order to focus our scope of books and to offer some guidance around making a worthwhile purchase we provide this useful link which has been developed by Churchfields Junior School: <http://churchfieldsjunior.com/reading-express/> We appreciate that many of these books will be more appropriate for junior age children and we are working on providing a "reading list" for our younger ones as we speak. [Click here](#) for inspiration.

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COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Please [click here](#) for information on the opportunity to take part in a free "Introduction to Cricket" with North Middlesex Cricket Club.

SCHOOL OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

Many of our Lanyards for visitors have gone missing. If you have one, please drop it back in to the office – no questions asked 😊

If your child is going for a home lunch with another child's parents (for instance for a birthday) they need to give written permission by email to the school office.

If you do drive to school and need to park outside someone else's house please remember to park with respect and not block our neighbour's access to their drive.
Thank you in advance.

The alleyway at the side of the road is not for public access. Please be reminded that parents and carers are not to drive their cars up the alleyway either for drop-off or pick-up.
Thank you.

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Dates for your diary – [click here to see the front page of the school website dates.](#)

Saturday 17th March “BIG DIG”

First up we have the school gardening morning (9.30am onwards) We are looking for as many volunteers as possible (with wheel barrows!) to help create a new slide in the lower playground. We will need to move over 20 tonnes of materials to create the new 'Mount Tetherdown' before placing the 6m tunnel. This should be an exciting morning and we will need as many helpers as possible to get the job done!!

Saturday 17th March Quiz Night

The Tetherdown Font Of Knowledge Trophy is back up for grabs so please get your teams organised and confirm your table to alistermcdonough@yahoo.com. Oonagh's Gin Palace will be returning to the bar area along with Rob Glynn's fine Whisky and all the usual favourites. Please organise your own food for the interval at approx. 9.30pm.

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Remember we are a 'NO NUTS' School

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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.

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

Tetherdown After School Club

ASC Manager: Glen Billey (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 Lara Davies.

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



'what a lovely calm and creative atmosphere, I wish I could stay' - a parent's comment

MUSICART is run by professional designers and musicians offering Primary Age children the opportunity to have creative fun in this **Art with Music Workshop**. The children will have the space and time to pursue any number of different craft techniques and art projects. There are no limits to imagination and we aim to encourage freedom of expression. We will be learning some great songs, which will be remembered long after the course has finished. The children will take home art work which they are proud of ... and a whole load of happy memories!

Monday 2nd April (Easter Monday)
- Friday 6th April 2018

Our Lady of Muswell Church Hall
1 Colney Hatch Lane
Muswell Hill, London N10 1PN

Please [click here](#) for full details and the booking form.

Easter Activity Sports Camp 2018

Are you looking for a **safe, exciting and learning based** activity camp this Easter? Well, look no further. Right here, at our very own Tetherdown Primary, Mr Holloway & Mr Reynolds will be hosting a fun filled activity camp for children aged 5-11. We will provide a huge variety of activities including **SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, DRAMA, GAMES and DANCE!!**

The camp will run between the hours of 8.30am - 4.00pm or 10.00am - 4.00pm (parental choice) from Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April 2017 & Monday 9th April to Friday 13th April. 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, or on the school website at: <http://www.tetherdownschool.org/parents/extended-services>. For any enquiries please email: activtyssportscamp@tetherdownschool.org

Click on picture to access the booking form:

