

Tetherdown news

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware of our recent request for voluntary donations to the Governors Building and Maintenance Fund made at the end of last term. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of parents and families in the short time that we have started this initiative and would like to thank all those who have made donations to date. We have received some incredible donations which will truly make a difference to our financial situation in striving to provide the very best for your children. You can find information on our school website by [clicking here](#).

Earlier this week I sent out information on the process for recruiting two parent governors to our Governing Body. The Senior Leadership Team and I are extremely proud of the work our governors do here at Tetherdown. Our Governing Body is a collection of professionally like-minded people who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge from outside of the world of education in to our school. Governors commit to a four year tenure and the time has come to revisit our organisation. Gail Mifflin, Chair of Governors, has been amazing in the last two years providing clear direction and leadership, which has enabled on-going improvement. Gail, as National Director for Blood Transfusion UK, has given everything to the role of Chair. Unfortunately, Gail has informed me that she will be stepping down from the Governing Body. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gail for all her support and guidance over the last two years and look forward to working closely with Gail for the remainder of this year. Keren Darmon, Vice Chair, also approaches the end of her term. We hope to appoint Keren continuing either as Parent Governor or as a Co-opted Governor so that we may retain her expertise and support for the School. Jon Cohen, ex-parent Governor was recently voted by the Governing Body to remain as an Associate Member, in recognition of the skills he may bring to the School in the future, particularly around communication.



Dates for your diary

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At the end of last academic year I was very proud to share that we had reached our attendance target of 97%. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children must be in school every day and on time. School starts at 8:50am – which means children need to be ready for learning. Missing the first part of the day can lead to confusion, a lack of organisation and feelings of anxiety. Please help your child to be on time every day.

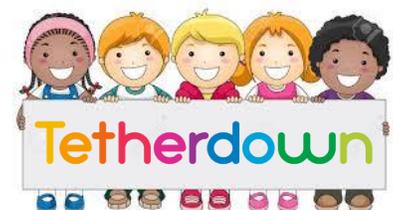
Should you have any concerns about your child please do raise these early on as we are here to help. We ask that you discuss any concerns with your child's class teacher in the first instance, thereafter, Phase Leaders will support and guide where appropriate following this meeting and may refer to Senior Leaders where necessary. As Headteacher I will maintain an overview and be involved in the most senior decision making processes.

Please make a note of upcoming events by checking our website for dates and your child's Topic Letter which was sent out last week.

I look forward to your continuing support.

Tony Woodward

Headteacher



School News



Year 5 Apollo Concert Trip

Yesterday Year 5 went on a trip to Regents Hall, Oxford Street, to see a concert held by Apollo. Apollo is the orchestra that plays classical music pieces for Tetherdown's Year 5 every term.

Regents Hall is on Oxford Street so we had to travel by tube. The tube station was not that busy as most other children were at school and most adults were at work. The train was great as most of the class were chatting away like birds in the trees and enjoying themselves.

The concert was amazing and it really inspired me. They played pieces by Handel and even the theme tune to *The Simpsons*. My favourite part was when they played a piece with two French horn solos. Then we got to talk to the musicians and ask them questions. I found it fascinating to find out how high an oboe can play, and that it is better for your instrument to be old, but how it needs to be well kept. One violinist had a violin that was 241 years old!

After the concert we headed back to school and ended the day with an art lesson. I had an extremely fun day and would love to do it all again.

Alexandra and Quinn, Year 5 Komodo Class

Pabulum Free School Meal Taster Day

In order to increase the uptake of school meals Pabulum are inviting parents to sample a meal on **Wednesday, 9th May** or **Thursday, 17th May**.

Parents/carers will be required to sign up via the school office from **Monday, 30th April** (max. 10 parents per day).

For the latest school dinner menu please [click here](#).



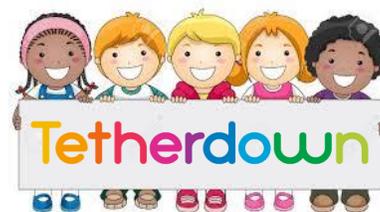
Community and Sports



Year 3&4 Haringey Mini Tennis

On Tuesday, 4 Year 3&4 children took part in the Haringey Mini Tennis Tournament, competing against 7 other schools across the borough. The day was split into 2 different qualifying groups, and the afternoon staged the finals with Tetherdown ultimately finishing second and winning the silver medal - a fantastic achievement! Some excellent tennis was played, with Rafi, Xanthe, Daniel and Zuri giving their all and doing the school proud. Congratulations to all involved and a huge thank you to the parents who offered support and transport to and from the venue, which is greatly appreciated.

Mr Reynolds, PE Leader



Office Bulletin Board



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Current Year 2 Pupils and Parents

Current Year 2 Lunch Arrangements for September 2018 (when your child will be in Year 3)

As we come to the end of the year it is necessary for Year 2 parents to now consider whether you wish your child to continue with school dinners next term or move to packed lunch. The Universal Infant Free School Meal (UFSM) scheme has covered the costs of your dinners up until the end of July but when your child starts Year 3 in September school meals will be charged at £13.00 per week or £2.60 per day. There are 2 options:

1. bring in packed lunch 5 days per week
2. have school lunch 5 days per week

The school will ASSUME you are staying on school lunch 5 days per week at a cost of £13.00 per week unless you change your dinner preference using our **Current Year 2 Transitioning into Year 3 School Dinner Preference Form** which is available on our website by [clicking here](#). Please note School dinner preference changes can only be made once every half term.

Please complete this form and return to the school office by the week ending **Friday, 12th July 2018**. Failure to return this form by the deadline will mean you will be charged for school dinners in September. Thank you for your continued support.

Thinking of Leaving us this Year?

If you are thinking of leaving Tetherdown this year, please let us know in writing, as soon as possible. Last year three children moved away at short notice resulting in a funding shortfall for the school of £10,000.

For the sake of our children and budget – please inform us immediately so that we can fill places in a timely manner. Click [here](#) to download our leavers form from our website.

Open Days

There is an Open Day at Belmont Prep School (7-13) and Mill Hill School (13-18) on Saturday 28th April, 9am-12 noon.

Register at millhill.org.uk/open-morning

Parent Governor Election – Summer Term

Please return any nomination forms by 12 noon on Wednesday, 9th May.



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Danger to Unsupervised Children at Drop Off

It has come to our attention that a number of parents are dropping off their children early (before 8:50am) with the understanding that the children are to stay in the playground until they are taken in a few minutes later. This has been reported to us as a potential problem as such unsupervised children have been going back out of the gates. So please, if you do need to drop your children off early we suggest that you either use our Breakfast Club provision or make arrangements with a fellow parent to cover those few minutes. For our part we at school have discussed, with the children in assembly, the responsibilities they have to keep themselves safe at drop off and pick up.

Summer Dress Code Reminder

As we are now in the summer term a reminder to parents/carers that children should come to school dressed for a full day of activities. In the warmer weather this will include a sun hat and a light cardigan or long sleeved top to protect children from the sun. Footwear should be suitable for physical activity including running around. Flip-flops or sliders are not suitable footwear for school. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school at all times and that their PE kits are kept in school during the term.

48 Hour Rule

Any child with a stomach related 'bug' should not attend school until 48 hours after the cessation of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Click [here](#) to go to our Health and Welfare pages on our website.

Class Photos

On Wednesday, 2nd May class photos will take place for Reception to Year 6.

End of Day Pick Up Arrangements

The office are still receiving pick up arrangement emails from parents' after 3:00pm. As you will appreciate the end of the school day is a particularly busy time. Where possible, please can parents email the school with end of day pick up arrangements **no later than 2:45pm** to guarantee the message being delivered to the class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.



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