

Tetherdown news

Where friendships thrive and
children learn to discover a world of possibilities

Dear Parents and Carers

At last it feels like summer has arrived. It certainly makes a difference around school to see happy, smiley children enjoying playtimes with their friends. Please do not forget to provide a sun hat and a water bottle during this time and on hot days it is useful to apply long lasting sun cream before school; sending in bottles of sun cream can be quite challenging for a teacher with 30 children per class!

Children are really enjoying their learning and in particular, in Years 2 and 6, children are working really hard as they approach the end of key stage tests. Year 2 tests began this week and all staff are maintaining a calm and measured approach to the testing regime which supports our children's emotional well-being. Having completed their mock tests week last week, reviewed test papers to establish targets for further revision and carried out gap analysis with their teachers Year 6 children had a short reprieve at the start of this week from the tests as auditions were weaved in to the timetable to maintain a measured approach to the pressure of exams. Final test preparations continued for the remainder of the week.

A gentle reminder that Year 6 parents must ensure their child arrives to school on time and prepared for each day of tests commencing Monday 14th May. It is a legal requirement that Year 6 children identified by the school to take the tests must participate and we at Tetherdown take our responsibilities very seriously in supporting every opportunity to ensure this happens. Should your child be absent for any reason you must call the school immediately as extraordinary arrangements will be considered.

A huge thank you to all those parents / carers who have made donations to our Building and Maintenance Fund. I am extremely grateful for your generosity and on behalf of all the children and staff would like to thank you for your continuing support. To date we have raised: £6,725.00.



Dates for your diary

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Having met with governors on the Resources Committee we plan to spend the money we have received to date on the following projects:

- Maintenance of the Hall floor: strip and reseal to maintain durability and improve the surface for PE lessons and assemblies
- Refurbishment of Year 4 classrooms to include new desks and chairs, redecoration and re-carpeting. This will be the start of a rolling programme of annual classroom maintenance.
- Redecoration of toilets on Blue and Yellow floors for boys and girls.
- Replacement and repair of blinds in 4 classrooms around the school

We will keep you informed of planned expenditure over the coming months.

Even in the short space of time we have been back since Easter there have already been a number of trips and workshops in school. Do read on for further information. In particular, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed an inspirational visit from a fifteen year old author H.G Sansostri who published his first book at the age of twelve! His published titles are:

- **The Little Dudes Skool Survival Guide (7-11 yrs.)**
- **The Chronicles of Derek Dunstable (10 -14 yrs.)**

You can find out all about H.G Sansostri by clicking on his website [here](#).

Finally, it was a pleasure to see so many parents join us on Wednesday for Pabulum's food tasting session. Our catering colleagues work extremely hard to provide a fantastic meal option for all children to enjoy and it was lovely to see children enjoying a meal with their parents and talking about their day. Don't worry Mr Widdows, your question around plastic recycling has been taken up by our Business Manager, who will challenge Pabulum to consider alternative ways of serving the home made yogurt.

Tony Woodward

Headteacher



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Dr Syzdio Science Show

Last week Tetherdown had a magnificent visitor. He showed us lots of different experiments that we are going to talk about in this article. He first explained that when he was a little boy he went to Sheperd's Bush. He saw a man at a shop with a medicine, which was the best in the world because it had no acid in it. He then showed us an example why the man was correct by mixing normal medicines up with water and it caught on fire. Then after that he moved on to the proper experiments, he showed us how you can change the colour of liquid by adding something special to it, so by pouring the same liquid into another one it created a new colour. After that he showed us a big bottle with green liquid in it he explained that magicians called it magic rainbow water because it can turn into all the colours of the rainbow by adding a special liquid then he shook it around and it became red and other colours! Other experiments created explosions and fire. He even turned a colourless liquid into a green one by playing a musical instrument and hitting a high note! After the show some children said they loved science and it was their favourite subject!

By Uday and Hugo (Y5 Chameleons)

Pabulum Free School Meal Taster Day

Our meal taster day on the 9th May was a great success. We have one more taster day on **Thursday, 17th May**, which we are inviting Parents/Carers to come and sample our school meals in order to help increase the uptake. Parents/carers will be required to sign up via the school office (max. 10 parents per day). Taster times are: Juniors at 12 noon and Infants at 12:25pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

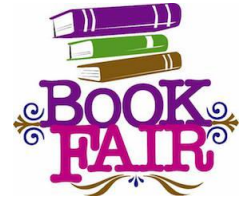


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Scholastic Book Fair News

Thank you to all the children and parents who came along to the Book Fair last week and purchased books. Once again the book fair was a great success, we bought £972.48 worth of books, earning the school £583.48 in rewards! Many thanks for your continuing support.



Tetherdown Movie Makers

You will remember that we celebrated the achievements of the winning film-makers at the end of last term. You can now download the children's movies and watch these at your leisure by [clicking here](#).

Thanks again, to Ms Delbridge, mother of Mae and Sonny for all your support and hard work.

SEND Information

SEN Open Door with Mrs McMeakin

Thursday, 7th June 2018, 9:00am – 12:00 noon

All welcome.

Please book via the office.



Community and Sports

Haringey Orange Ball Mini Tennis

On Tuesday, four Year 5&6 children took part in the Haringey Orange Ball Mini Tennis Tournament at the Pavilion Tennis Courts, competing against 6 other schools from across the borough. The day was split into 2 different qualifying groups, and the afternoon staged the finals with Tetherdown unfortunately not making the medal placing's, ultimately finishing sixth. This was a very hard fought competition in very tricky and sticky conditions, with all children battling with the heat. There was some very good tennis played throughout the tournament by Toby, Rosie, Romy and Marko, and congratulations to all involved, with a special thank you to the parents who offered support and transport to and from the venue, your support is greatly appreciated.



PSA News

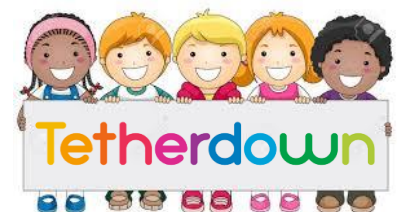


Summer Fair: Medieval Madness

This year's summer fair is coming and we will be bringing a Medieval theme to the event. Details will be coming out over the next few days to confirm stalls and plans however this year we are keen for as many children led stalls as possible and will be sending out details in the school bags next week. As always we need all the support we can get with Tasty Promises, Raffle prizes, Business Sponsorship and general skills and enthusiasm. So please get in touch if you think you can help. A full list of stalls will be going out to the reps this week so please support them in anyway you can to make the event a real success.

PSA Committee

As many of you know a significant amount of the current PSA group will be stepping down this year and we are keen to attract as many new faces as possible. This does not necessarily mean joining the committee but taking on individual events such as the film night or quiz night as a one off task could be a real help. If you are interested in finding out more please speak to myself and our PSA members. *Alister McDonough.*



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.

School Meals for Summer Term 2018

Summer 1 Tuesday 17th April 2018 to Friday 25th May 2018 = £72.80

Summer 2 Monday 4th June 2018 to Thursday 19th July 2018 = £88.40

Summer Term Total = £161.20

Please can you clear all outstanding money owed for your child/ren's school lunches. Thank you.

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 Morning

Open morning at Aldenham School on Saturday, 16th June 10:00am -12:30pm



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Parent Governor Election – Summer Term

The nominations have now been submitted and we are awaiting the nominees to provide their statement and photos by **Wednesday 16th May 2018**. Ballot papers, including candidates' statements, will be distributed on Thursday, 17th May 2018.

The votes will be counted and parents will be notified by email on Friday, 8th June 2018.

Candidates will be notified of the result by phone before informing other parents

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 parent's 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.

