

Tetherdown News!

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Dates for your diary

May		July	
Thursday 18 th	PSA Film Night 5:15 – 7:00pm (Hall) Y1-Y6 children.	Wednesday 5 th	Summer Exhibition 5-8pm (Early closure 2:00pm)
Friday 19 th	Y4 Leopards Assembly 9:00am	Monday 10 th	Y3 visit to Mountfitchet Castle
Friday 19 th	Whole School Photograph		
Monday 22 nd - Fri day 26 th	Y6 PGL School Trip	Monday 10 th	Reception classes visit to Willows Farm
Wednesday 24 th	Y3 Parrot Visit St James' Church Tea Party	Wednesday 12 th	Y5 Apollo Workshop at Hackney Empire
Thursday 25 th	Reception Mini beast walk to Highgate Woods	Wednesday 12 th	Y2 visit to Walton on the Naze
Friday 26 th	Y1 Dragonflies Assembly 9:00am	Thursday 13 th	Y6 Summer Production
Monday 29th	Half Term Holiday	Friday 14 th	End of Year Reports to Parents / Carers
June		Friday 14 th	Guitar assembly (Phil Dent's Group) 2:45pm – parents of guitar children invited
Monday 5th	Back to School	Wednesday 19 th	Y5 visit to Walton on the Naze
Wednesday 7 th	Guitar assembly (Firat's Group) 9:00am – parents of guitar children invited	Wednesday 19 th	Reception End of Year Celebration Breakfast 9-10am
Friday 9 th	Infant Sports Day	Friday 21 st	Last day of school – close at 2:00pm
Friday 16 th	Reception & Y1 Cake Sale after school		
Thursday 22 nd	Y4 Phasels Wood Activity Visit		
Thursday 29 th	Y1 visit to Natural History Museum		
Friday 30 th	Junior Sports Day		

Dear Parents / Carers

I was completely bowled over this morning as I came out to see the children – our Year 2s had grown over night into Big Friendly Giants! Ears galore, frobscottle flowing and dream catchers at the ready! Further round the corner I was faced with a multitude of super heroes from Reception classes all on the lookout for the Evil Pea!! "Supertato" and his helpers managed to recover the evil green villain by the end of the day! Well done Reception super heroes. This particular event in Reception was to raise funds for the new outdoor learning space. Ms Moffat and I would like to thank all the parents and carers for their donations which raised £135.00. Thank you!

All the children looked great in their costumes today and I know their teachers are very grateful for the support from parents and carers in dressing up; it really does bring learning to life.

This week our Year 6 children have been superheroes, too. The end of Key Stage Tests have been handled fantastically by all the children and I want to say a big well done for showing true commitment and perseverance during this week. I was delighted when Charlie in Year 6, following the Maths Test, commented that, "It was great fun! I really enjoyed it!" Such a brilliant attitude – echoed by all our children. Results for the Tests, which are externally marked, will be made available to us at the end of June and reported to parents of children in Year 6 in the End of Year Reports.

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Following the letter from Gail Miflin, Chair of Governors, explaining how we at Tetherdown are planning to combat the governments' financial cuts, it was decided that initially we at Tetherdown would appeal to parents and carers to show their support in a non-financial way until a firm decision has been made on whether or not to seek voluntary financial donations. We are asking that parents and carers "drop off" donated items of high quality, no longer required or used in the home. Governors felt that by appealing to parents in this way we might evoke a harmonious, community approach to the current financial situation in a way which all children at Tetherdown can benefit.

We therefore 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 on the same day that Lost Property is put out by the school – Wednesdays and Fridays. A special box or table will be made available.

Our next request requires a change to current birthday treats and sweets but with a positive impact for all. We would like to celebrate your child's birthday and 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.

If you have any other great ideas that we can adopt, adapt and explore, please make contact with the PSA via Alister McDonough contactable via admin@tetherdownschool.org

Thank you for your continuing support.

As we continue through the summer term, please take time to check the dates above and add to your busy diaries.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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Year 5 Hatfield Trip

Children in Year 5 are about to begin the write-ups as part of their learning activities next week – so do watch this space for feedback from the children in our next Newsletter.

Year 4 trip to Alexandra Palace

Once we had strolled to Alexandra Palace, Year 4 had a quick run around on the grassy palace grounds and ate our yummy snacks. Following that, we split up into our separate classes to do some fun, educational activities: Leopard Class would do energetic orienteering and Jaguar Class would learn about the past, present and future of Ally Pally. After settling down in a large room, Jaguars learnt about how prisoners were kept in the basement (in cells, of course) during World War 1; that Belgian refugees were also brought to Alexandra Palace and that Ally Pally has had **two** fires. After discussing what we could do at Alexandra Palace, we began our orienteering. We were given a map and told where we were on the map. We then proceeded to begin our hunt starting from the point/number Miss Essex had instructed us to. The task was to find points that were hidden in the woods and use the pictures to fill in sentences as quickly as possible. The orienteering was loads of fun and we really enjoyed it. In the afternoon, we were able to perfect our sketching skills and we drew Alexandra Palace. It was a great day!
By Clara (Year 4 Jaguars).

We are currently looking at how Alexandra Palace could be used in the future. Please click on the link below and complete our very quick survey. We will go on to put the data in bar charts and pie charts. Thank you for your help!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZBDQTB7> Miss Essex



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Year 5 Apollo Music Experience

Year 5 have been working with Apollo during the last term. Apollo is a music orchestra that comes to our school to work with us. A couple of weeks ago we went on a trip to see Apollo play in a full orchestra. It took a whole hour but we enjoyed it very much as we learnt about a whole new set of instruments. When Apollo comes to our school we learn and listen to some extraordinary pieces. We can learn a lot from Apollo and be inspired by them because not many people learn a musical instrument.

Reported by Abi and Romy

Whole School Photograph – once every four years!!

Every four years it is traditional for Tetherdown pupils to have a whole school photograph. Our last photograph together was taken in summer 2013. The children and staff will all gather together on **Friday 19th May**.

Class Photographs

Your adorable little lovelies' photographs are available to view in the playground prior to ordering. Envelopes for ordering have been sent out with children today. **Orders must be returned to your child's class teacher by Monday 22nd May.**

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS.

Orchestra places available – sign up!!

Our orchestra rehearses together every Tuesday morning for junior children (Year 3-6) before school (8.20 – 9.20) for a small weekly fee of £3.00, payable in advance via ParentMail. We have a lovely ensemble of strings, woodwind, some brass and a number of guitars. We are looking to recruit new members this term in preparation for the new academic year. Children should ideally be confident and competent in playing simple pieces in front of others; exam prep is not essential but is a bonus. If your child plays an orchestral instrument and is interested in joining the orchestra please contact the school office for further details. Playing with others is a great way to develop confidence; it provides purpose and support and is hugely rewarding and enjoyable!

Scholastic Book Fair at Tetherdown

Many thanks for your support in browsing and purchasing the books at the recent Book Fair. The children were really excited by the variety of books available, which we hope they will cherish and enjoy. Thank you to Ms Sweeney for organising this event and to all those parents and teachers who were able to help sell books.



Cake Sale

Reception and Year 1 cake sale will take place on Friday 16th June.

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REMINDERS



**Have you registered
for PARENTMAIL?
Please check your emails
and register your
NEW account.**

**Parent/Carer Clinic
Coming Soon!**

Please inform the admin team via the school office if your child's dietary requirements have recently changed so that we may support them in making the right food choices during lunchtimes.
Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers.

We are collecting for **Active Kids!** Please tell everyone you know and ask them to save their Sainsbury's vouchers handed out at the checkout. Vouchers can be placed in the box outside the office.
Please hand in your vouchers by 30th June 2017.

Leaving Tetherdown?

We are aware that, sadly, some of our families will be leaving us this term, and we thank you for letting us know well in advance so we can fill the places. If you are intending to move your child from Tetherdown this term, we ask that you inform us in writing as soon as you can, and complete the leaver form which is on our website. This will enable us to offer the place to children who are on our waiting list, while at the same time, transfer your child's records to their new school.

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PSA Dates for your diary

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Thursday 18 th	Film night (hall) 5:15 – 7:00pm	Wednesday 14 th	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)
		Saturday 24 th	Summer Fair

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

Tetherdown's Got Talent

Can you offer a dish, a service or a product? The Tasty Promises on offer at the Christmas Fair revealed delicious dishes and a mindboggling range of skills from parents and teachers alike.

Anything will do - dog walking, food, massage giving, car washing, interior design, sports coaching, language lessons... if you have a skill someone would like to use, then we would love to sell it as a **tasty promise**.

Tasty Promises is much like a mini auction with bids placed before and during the Summer Fair. It is proven to be a great fundraiser for the School. We need your promises in as soon as possible so.... wow us with your talents!

Please email Sandhya:

sandhya@planetsandhya.com

Sandhya Shyam

Film Night next week on Thursday 18th May 5:15 – 7:00pm for children in Years 1 to 6 only. The film being shown is "The Secret Life of Pets".

Don't forget Lolly Fridays are back on the Junior Playground – Lollies are 50p each.

Let us know of your great ideas for supporting the resources of the school.

Alister McDonough
Chair

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Breakfast Club

Tetherdown After School 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.

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.

Watch this space for details about our upcoming Summer Camp 2017.

Please contact us using the following details to secure your child's place

Tetherdown Multi-Sports Camp	Mon-Fri 8.00-16.00	7th - 11th August	activitysports@tetherdownschool.org
Football, cricket, rounders, arts and crafts and lots more	Hall Classrooms Playground	5 - 11 years	ALL WELCOME!
Organiser: Tom Farmer			