

Tetherdown News!

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Dates for your diary

November		December	
Friday 11 th	Upper Phase Cake Sale (Y4-6) 3:30pm	Thursday 1 st	Y3 visit to Neasden Temple
Monday 14 th	Reception Classes – Maths Workshop 2:15-3:15pm	Friday 2 nd	Y4 visit to St James' Church
Wednesday 16 th	Full Governing Body meeting 7:15pm	Tuesday 6 th	Leopard Class visit to Chinese restaurant (11:30-1:30)
Friday 18 th	Phoenix assembly 9:05	Wednesday 7 th	Jaguar Class visit to Chinese restaurant (11:30-1:30)
Tuesday 22 nd	Reception Parents' Evening (4-7pm)	Friday 9 th	Reception Nativity 9:00-10:00am
Friday 25 th	Y1 Joint Assembly 9:05		
Friday 25 th	Y3 Parrots DT Day		
Tuesday 29 th	Y6 Archery Training Session		

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is very much underway and children are working hard. Our school is looking particularly amazing at the moment, so if you do have the opportunity to come in, I think you will be impressed by the dazzling displays, not only on the walls, but the variety of three dimensional art work produced. Children have enjoyed a number of visits within our local community as part of their topic based learning including Tower Bridge, Museum of London, Highgate Woods and the British Museum. I would like to thank parents for their ongoing support by accompanying these visits.

Year 1 and Reception classes recently held Parents' Evening (one final date for Reception classes later in the term, too). It is always great to see our parents engaging with the staff, building partnerships and identifying strategies for supporting learning here at school.

Many thanks to the PSA – our volunteer group of parents who work so hard to raise funds for our children. Huge thanks to Oonagh Roy for leading on recent events such as the Film Night, Disco and the amazing 2017 Calendars. This work doesn't happen without your support – so a big thank you to parents and carers who supported Oonagh with the running of these events. However, we definitely need you to offer a little of your time for upcoming events, particularly the Christmas Fair which will take place on Monday 12th December.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you that our new Site Manager will be joining us on Monday 28th November. Elvis Francis, an experienced Assistant Site Manager at Hornsey School for Girls brings a wealth of knowledge, skills and expertise to Tetherdown, along with a passion for working with and supporting children. Governors and staff look forward to working closely with Elvis as he begins his journey with Tetherdown.

We look forward to seeing you later this evening at our Curriculum Workshop for Parents at 7.00-8.30pm in the hall. Please use this link to let us know you are coming:

<http://doodle.com/poll/bkwyefawmhtwdrpx>

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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Keep your eyes open for Year 5 and 6 children on the Victoria Derbyshire Show on Thursday 17th November at 9.00am BBC2! Ms Ashraf and her wonderful crew have been interviewed, sharing their most recent work with "Changing Faces" the charity which supports children with facial disfigurement. (We will alert you to any scheduling changes.)

I would like to take this opportunity and say a massive 'thank you' to all parents who helped sell books at the book fair and everyone who purchased a book or merchandise during the week.. We raised an amazing £730 to buy books for the school. We have just received our first book order and there is certainly a buzz around the school.

Thanks for all your help and support, Miss Sweeney.

Pabulum have been providing school meals since April 2016 and would like to invite all parents to sample a meal at lunch time on either 1st, 6th or 7th December (maximum 10 parents per day). We believe that this would be a fantastic way for you to share and understand your child's dining experience in school and sample some of our dishes. If you are able to join us, please sign up by 9.00 am Monday 28th November at the latest using the Doodle link below.

<http://doodle.com/poll/mua89mfyb4v498an>

Many thanks - Andrei Ando, Group Catering Manager

Victorian Day 2016 - On the 7th November, Year 6 travelled back in time to the year 1885 and had their classrooms transformed and so were their teachers. They experienced the life of a Victorian schoolchild; they ate a Victorian lunch, they played with Victorian toys, were taught Victorian lessons and were given Victorian punishments from Victorian teachers. [Click here to read so much more...](#)

Y5 Welly Walk - On 18th October 2016 Year 5 went on the Great African Welly Walk. They walked 3.7 miles around Highgate Woods in their wellies to raise money for a charity that provides farming equipment to countries in Africa. It was incredibly muddy and this made it hard for them not to fall over! Once they got to the park they had their snacks and played in the field. On the way back, we did one more lap around the woods. It was hard work.

We collected sponsor money and we got as much as £585. Thank you Y5 and all the parents who came on the walk with us. By Siena and Jey.



COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS.

Mr Holloway's Family Fitness classes, here at Tetherdown are great fun! We would like to extend an invitation to all families to consider joining us on Wednesdays in the school hall. It's a great way to keep fit, meet families and have fun. Please [click here](#) for details.

Netball Tournament by Daria Year 4 Leopards - It was the 18th October 2016 when Matilda, Scarlett, Lal, Selin, Mabel, Jemima and Anushka went to the netball competition. They were competing against 16 other schools... [click here for more.](#)

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Please sign this petition to save the diving pool at Barnet Coptall Sports Centre.

Barnet council are planning to remove the existing diving facilities at Barnet Coptall, as part of their £30,000,000 redevelopment of the sports centre.

The current facilities are the home of a Tom Daley Diving Academy that gives all children and adults in North London the opportunity to learn how to dive. The pool is also the home of Barnet's Diving squad who compete nationally. Divers at Barnet Coptall live across the boroughs of Barnet, Haringey and Enfield and further afield. The pool is used by more than just divers too – synchro, aqua aerobics and “mums and babies” groups also use the pool. The nearest like-for-like facilities for divers are at the Olympic park or Luton. If the current diving facilities are abolished as planned, future generations of children in North London will not have the chance to learn how to dive.

A group of parents is campaigning to save the pool and will present a petition to Barnet council on 25th of November. So far, the petition has just under 6,000 signatures, but 7,000 signatures are needed to trigger a full council debate, which may just save the diving facilities. Time is running out and every signature counts. Please sign the petition to save the diving at Barnet Coptall. Once it goes, that will be it. Please follow this link to complete the petition – it will only take you a minute:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-diving-at-barnet-coptall> or visit <https://goo.gl/lmSj3a> to sign. Many thanks – an ex-Tetherdown Parent.

Protecting Londoners is the first priority of the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan. In order to aid the work of making the city safe for all communities, he is asking Londoners for their view on policing and crime in the city.

The survey, available at www.london.gov.uk/police-plan, has had over 2,500 responses since going live last week. It is open until 16th November and seeks views on a range of topics across policing and crime including neighbourhood policing, safety on public transport, support for victims and keeping young people safe.

We would be most grateful if you could pass on this link to your network so we can continue to get a wide range of views from across the city.

The results of this survey will feed into the draft Police and Crime Plan, which will go out for formal consultation on the 29th November 2016 for twelve weeks. Your initial input, and the input of your network, is incredibly valuable to us in understanding what Londoners want the plan and delivery to focus on in the coming years.

Karl Rogers - Inspector

SNT East Cluster - Haringey BOCU - Territorial Policing

Metropolitan Police Service

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REMINDERS

Cake Sale

A Cake Sale will take place on Friday 11th November. Donations of cakes and biscuits will be made by Years 4, 5 and 6 and will be available for purchase at the end of the day in the playground weather permitting. Proceeds will go to ActionAid. Class reps please get together to help with setting up and selling of the cakes.

Thank you in advance.

Future cake sale dates:

Friday 2nd February – Middle Phase (Y2-3)

Friday 16th June – Lower Phase (Rec-Y1)

Payment of Dinner Monies

We are spending quite a lot of time each week chasing parents who are **not paying dinner money** in a timely manner. Unfortunately there are a small number of parents who **habitually do not pay on time** each month, and wait until the absolute last minute, after the office has had to send **numerous reminder emails** and letters, and make unnecessary phone calls.

This obviously takes up a **huge amount of staff time**, which could be better utilised elsewhere. Please support us by paying for school meals in advance at the start of each half term – the cost for this half term is £87.50. If you are regularly in debt, your access to this service, **may be at risk**.

[Click here to log in to ParentPay.](#)

Advice on autism

[Click here](#) to find information for parents wishing to find out more about children with autism. This is provided by Haringey Council for parents of children in Year 6.

To access the booking form [click here](#) (takes you to the school website) and for a map of the venue [click here](#).

Parking

Please help us to maintain positive relations with our neighbours by parking safely in our immediate locality. Car registration numbers will be published in support of our local neighbours!

Tissues

Please help us as we approach the colder weather by sending in a box of tissues as requested in the recent Topic Letters. A big thank you from all the teachers!



Spare clothes

If you have any spare "bottoms" please let us know!! We are, of course, talking about clothing, which will help our children when they find themselves in a bit of a fix ☺ Please send in to the office - many thanks.

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PSA NEWS

Children have really enjoyed the latest events put on by members of the PSA and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped Oonagh Roy with the Film Night showing "Zootropolis" and the superbly well-attended Halloween Disco; both events were very popular – the children (and adults) came in great costumes for the Disco! Well done.

This year's Christmas Fair will be on Monday 12th December between 5.30pm - 8.30pm. Final stall plans will be going out this week to all Class Reps so please help where ever and however you can to ensure it's a fun and successful event.

On Wednesday we launched the PSA 2017 Tetherdown school calendar which is on sale in the main playground. All of the children, teachers, teaching assistants and support staff look very beautiful and it is an object sure to arouse both curiosity and intrigue within your home.

It can be the gift for the child that has realised £4 for a packet of ten Pokemon cards is a bit steep, a wee pick-me-up in times of geopolitical turmoil or simply a way of donating some money to Tetherdown. Every penny of profit will be reinvested back into the school and used to enhance our children's educational experiences.

As well as the calendar we are selling T-shirts, Tea-towels and a shopping bag all printed with the calendar cover design, created by our very own graphic design genius Anita Mangan.

Please do come and take a look. Each item is £10 and order forms will be in the playground.
Thanks very much for all your support
Your PSA



The Giving Machine™

We'd like to encourage everyone to shop online using TheGivingMachine to help raise more money for Tetherdown. There's a free app called Shop&Give or you can use TheGivingMachine website. You simply create an account and select Tetherdown PSA as your charity. All you have to do then is use it (leave yourself logged in to ensure you support Tetherdown). Encourage Tetherdown grandparents to use it too! Currently we have 200 registered supporters but only about 20 regular users and we still raise about £1000 a year - just think what we could achieve. So please become a regular user of the app to shop at your usual stores (John Lewis, Amazon etc...) and raise money for the school. Happy shopping as the festive season approaches!

We're happy to help with any questions you have about using the website or app, contact David Kirk at davidkirk2@gmail.com.

Dates for your diary:

- Christmas Fair Monday 12th December 2016 All welcome 5.00 – 8.00pm

Dates of our next meetings:

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

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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

Manager: Louis Frederick (contact weekdays after 2.00pm)
Monday – Friday 15:30-18:00
Phone: 07580 576 147 or
Email: afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org
for more information.

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

Zumba with Eliza

Our season comes to an end on Thursday 17th November.

Family Fitness

Family Fitness Activity – New to Tetherdown

Each week the activity will combine having fun with a healthy level of family activity. Activities to be delivered will include Yoga, Pilates, Zumba and Circuits, all lead by a qualified instructor.

Venue: School Hall (via the Reception Playground)

Date: Wednesdays (21/09/16 – 07/12/16) Term time only.

Time: 6pm – 6:45pm

Cost: £55.00 per term – 1 pupil with 1 adult free £88.00 per term - Family of 4 (must include 1 adult per family of 4; max 2 adults)

FAMILY FITNESS
FAMILY FITNESS CLASS
Variety of activities
Including: Circuits, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Dance
Every Wednesday from 6pm – 6:45pm (term time only)
Session cost: £5 per child (1 adult free)
£8 for 2 children (2 adults free)
Location: Tetherdown Primary School, Grand Avenue, Musell Hill, NI0 3BP
Ages 5 to 11 years only
To book your place email Greg at gholloway@tetherdownschool.org