

Tetherdown news

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– challenged and supported to be the best they can be

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am really pleased with how things are going under the current COVID climate here at Tetherdown. I think it is safe to say that we have great systems in place to ensure that the children are supported, guided and provided a safe environment. This has enabled us to remain open all term! But we are not complacent; we are aware that things may change very quickly, which is why it is extremely important that your child participates in every opportunity to access home learning on-line and upload and turn in their work. By participating in this way, we can feel assured that should there be a change to our provision, meaning working at home, then children are fully briefed and aware of the expectations. If you have any issues with accessing a device or the Teams platform, please let us know immediately, via email to your child's class teacher.

In addition, if your child develops symptoms of COVID over the half term break please follow Public Health England guidelines. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing which can be arranged via the NHS by clicking [here](#) or by calling 119. Please advise the school if you test positive by emailing admin@tetherdownschool.org.

Many thanks to those parents who have elected to take a Tatlers "For Sale" sign for their front garden – it's such an easy way to support the Friends of Tetherdown as they continue to think of creative and more unusual ways of raising funds for your child's school. All our monies go towards enhancing the learning children experience within the curriculum including playtimes and communal areas. Schools nationally are struggling to maintain normal financial income – your support is essential, and we thank you in advance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support and to celebrate our staff and their enormous efforts over the last few months to continue to provide a happy, harmonious and exciting place to be. I wish you all a well-deserved and restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you again in the new half term on Monday 2nd November. Please take care over the holiday – have fun and stay safe; particularly at Halloween, "witch" falls at the end of the holiday!

Kind regards

Tony Woodward
Headteacher





DISTANCE LEARNING



Should your family need to self-isolate during term time we have set up a system for continuing learning in the home. This arrangement is part of our Remote Learning Plan which you can access by clicking [here](#). All children are expected to engage with Oak National Academy and must make every effort to continue their learning. Your child's class teacher will make contact with you to check on progress and provide any helpful support or advice on topic choices.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Parent Governor Election

I was delighted to learn that following the first round of nominations for Parent Governor we have had six parents apply and take part in the ballot and I now take pleasure in announcing the results of our ballot:

Congratulations to Mrs Juliet Natali and Ms Andrea Ledward.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken part, for putting themselves forward and declaring their support for Tetherdown School – it demonstrates to us an appreciation and willingness to commit to the ongoing strategic development of our school community. If you have not been successfully appointed today there may well be an opportunity in the future where we might engage with you in order to collaborate and engage your expertise on a specific project or area of school development, as we have in the past.

Film Competition Results!

As you may recall last year we ran a Short Film Competition with the winners announced in our 1st April Newsletter. We had more entries than ever with a fabulous mix of animation, comedy, drama and the most innovative ideas imaginable. The judges were so impressed by the enormous amount of hard work that every entrant had put in and feel proud that Tetherdown is home to so many creative children.

As you can imagine it was an extraordinarily difficult task in choosing the winners but did. We are thrilled to let you know that this week trophies and medals were presented to the winners and runners up in class while we all enjoyed watching the entries again!

We would encourage you to watch all of the entries which are available to view on Vimeo. <https://vimeo.com/user93969209>

Y4 Lunch in the Dining Hall

Following our recent risk assessment review, which takes into account current COVID guidelines, we are delighted to have been able to accommodate Year 4 into the dining hall rota along with Reception, Y1 and Y2.





Moving to ParentPay Early Next Year!

We are delighted to announce to parents/carers, Tetherdown School will be moving to ParentPay early in the new year for communications and payments therefore it is essential that any families with outstanding balances on their ParentMail account clear them in a timely manner. All families should aim to have **zero** debt by the end of the Autumn term as our ParentMail system will be deactivated early in the new year (you will be advised when).

Dinner, BFC and ASC Debt

Many parents have not paid their dinner balance for Autumn 1 in advance. This must be settled by half term (23 October) in order for Autumn 2 payments to be credited to your account.

- Ensure you pay Autumn 2 dinner before you return after half term.
- Ensure you start to clear all outstanding balances from your ParentMail account (i.e ASC, BFC, dinner money) as we will be moving over to ParentPay in the new year.

LOOKING AHEAD

School Photos - November

Make a note for your diary - we have a school photographer coming to take individual pupil photo's on **Thursday, 19th November**. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances we will not be taking sibling photos.

Reminder – Immunisation

Following on from our ParentMail on 13th and 20th October.

Send consent form by 4th November to:

consent.haringeyandislington@nhs.net

Dates booked:

- KS1 – Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be on Friday 13th November.
- KS2 – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be 4th December.

Reception Parents' Consultation Diary Dates

Tuesday, 10th November – 4pm-5pm
Thursday, 12th November – 4pm-7pm
Wednesday, 18th November - 4pm-7pm

Y3 Book bags

Please can children use a suitable and sensible sized bookbag so we can easily accommodate storing them during the school day.

Reminder – Proof of Official Appointments Required

Parents must provide proof of **any** official appointment (e.g. medical, visa, secondary interviews) and ensure that they change their clothes if they are returning to school after an external appointment.

