

# The Tufnell Park School Bulletin

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Hello everyone,

Firstly, I'd really like to say thank you to everyone for your kind wishes and words for Kasper, Rebecca and I. Your warm welcome back has made things much easier. They're both doing very well – K's back up to his (considerable) birth weight, and is bright, alert and a lot of fun. Thanks too to Mr Gulliford and the team for stepping up and covering so well in my absence.

I can't believe it's December tomorrow! We are already looking forward to the upcoming festivities – the tree arrived today, and much to Andrea's relief we can officially get the decorations up. As usual, we have so much going on over the next few weeks. We are especially pleased with our calendar this year - a collection of beautiful portraits by the children themselves. Thanks to Daisy (mum of Wren in Andromeda) for sterling work in pulling it all together. I know we are already selling briskly on pre-order, and could well run out if you don't get in quickly.

Have a lovely weekend,

Martin Scarborough

Despite warnings, double parking is getting worse. **DO NOT** double park or stop on the zig-zag markings outside school.  
**You are putting lives at risk!**



## Sports News

Fresh from their efforts in the finals of the Islington Primary Schools Cup, our football teams kicked off the new season with some great results against St Joseph's. The boys turned on the style, romping to a 10-1 victory, but even more pleasing in its own way was witnessing our girls coming back from 2-0 down at half time to win 3-2. Great half-time team-talking from super Sam Carr, and fantastic resilience and effort shown by our glorious girls.

Our Year 5/6 swim team did us proud at the Islington heats. We are pretty certain we did enough to earn a few places in the finals. Big thanks to Sarah John for her support - technical, practical and moral!



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We are **super** excited about the upcoming Boogie Wonderland events to be held next week. On Thursday 6th December the Early Years and Infant children get the chance to dance with us from 3:45 to 4:45pm. On Friday 7th December the Juniors can get their boogie on to the sounds of DJ Teddy Lewis from 3.45-5pm. For a suggested donation of £2, each child will gain entrance to the disco, and receive a small packet of sweets and a small toy. The Juniors can bring their pocket money, as they will have the added opportunity to buy something from the tuck shop and glowstick store, or try their hands at the lucky dip.

**Due to space restrictions we are unable to invite parents, carers or siblings from other year groups.**

A big thank you to the class teachers, who have volunteered to oversee the event and have offered to chaperone the children in the handover from classes to disco. They will circulate a permission form to be signed and will collect the £2 donations from parents next week.

For those we are despairing at the loss of Winter Wonderland this year, fear not! We all know how much you love a Jolly Jar, so on Friday 14th December we'll be holding a 'Christmas Fairlet' in the playground straight after school. As well as Jolly Jars, there'll be cakes and candy floss on sale, plus a chance to purchase tickets for the raffle. If you are able to help with set up or manning the stalls, please get in touch with your class rep.

The Shaw Theatre in Camden have donated a family ticket (2 adults 2 children) to see their panto 'Beauty and the Beast' at the 4:30 pm showing on Sunday December 16th as a raffle prize. As we are not drawing the raffle until Monday 17th, we have decided to hold a silent auction - offering the tickets to the highest bidder. If you fancy a chance of winning this awesome prize, send us an email with your bid, name and phone number - auction closes at midday on Monday 10th December!!!

Dates for your diary; 6th December 3:45-4:45 Boogie Wonderland Disco for Early Years and Infants;  
7th December 3:45-5:00 Boogie Wonderland Disco for Juniors; 14th December 3:30 Christmas Fairlet.

# Our New School

Wow! Over the course of the last two weeks, we've seen real progress with the new building. We now have three storeys in parts, most of the footprint is in place and we're getting a sense of what the new site will feel like. We are still ahead of schedule, even though the high winds have restricted some of the crane action, both in Hull and at our end.

I hope you are as excited as we are - we really like the large windows, and the feeling of space - the new rooms are at least 10m<sup>2</sup> larger than the temporary classrooms. If you look carefully, you can see the electrical cables and trunking, and the heating/ventilation systems already installed. The current shell as we see it will not remain black, but will be clad in heritage brick to reflect local housing within the conservation area south of Carleton Road.

## Secret Art Auction at Acland Burghley School, NW5

Thursday 6 December 6:30 – 8:00pm

Come and take a look at the stunning art works donated by creatives from our local community – incl. Noel Fielding, Anish Kapoor, Karl Pilkington, Dame Joan Bakewell, Jeff McMillan, Gavin Turk, Adam Zoltowski, plus Artist in Residence and Turner prize winner Mark Wallinger. Catalogue and bidding online at:

[www.jumblebee.co.uk/aclandburghleysecretartauction](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/aclandburghleysecretartauction)

Our Christmas tree arrives on Monday, courtesy of **PINES AND NEEDLES**. They are based at St John's Church on Holloway Road, N19, 3JF



They are open on **weekdays 8am - 10pm** and **weekends 8am to 9pm, until 23<sup>rd</sup> December** - and they deliver too. Their trees come from sustainable Scottish stocks, and for every tree sold, they make a donation to the Human Development and Language Foundation, supporting teacher scholarships and education in rural Cambodia.

They have everything you need decorations-wise, not just trees. Quote '**Festive18**' for a free gift!

[www.pinesandneedles.com](http://www.pinesandneedles.com)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018/19

As usual we have lots planned for this term, so keep up to date with our dates here, or by using the website calendar.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Infants Disco – 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Orion Class Assembly

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Juniors Disco – 3:45pm-5pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day/Wear something Christmassy

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fairlet after school

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Heracles Class Assembly

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - Last day of term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – First Day of Spring Term

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Half Term

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – First Day of Summer Term

## School Attendance

Lots of illness about this week, so our average falls below the 'line' of 96% for the first time this year. Well done to Orion and Columba who still managed an impressive 99%+!

Orion	99.3
Columba	99.0
<b>National average</b>	<b>96.0</b>
Draco	95.9
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>95.5</b>
Ursa	95.3
Perseus	95.0
Heracles	95.0
Aquila	93.7
Andromeda	93.0
Delphinus	93.0

Unless accompanied by a fever - a cold or a cough shouldn't keep you off

## Big Think Big Talk – How do you like your stories?

With most of us writing our own versions and twists on stories this half term, how about we think about what makes a good story.? Does a story need a beginning a middle and an end? Or a happy ending? Could an unhappy ending to a story be the best ending?