



Maths Assessments Years 1 to 6

There is a letter attached to this edition of the Herald from Holder Education. They produce the tests for schools to use as part of their overall assessment of children's learning. We do some of these tests during the school year so that the teachers can plan appropriate learning for each child.

This year the school has agreed to trial new test papers in maths and the letter attached explains more about the trial.

Congratulations Shanice

We were delighted to hear that Shanice (Senior EYE) had a gorgeous baby boy on 6th September Reemo-Reign was 6lbs 4oz and everyone is doing well. We send our congratulations to the new parents.



School Reminders

If your child is absent, you will need to contact the office by 9am. You can call and leave a message on 020 8769 8428 or email admin@hitherfield.co.uk

If your child arrives to school after 8:55am they will need to come in via the main school gate and register in late at the office.

If your child has vomiting or has diarrhoea then they must stay at home for 48 hours since the last episode.

If you need to request time off school then you will need to complete and absence request form which you can find on our website or in the main office.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th (7am) – Friday 20th
September – Year 6 School
Journey to PGL

Monday 16th September - 5
Hedgehog Swimming starts

Tuesday 17th September - 5
Kingfisher Swimming starts

Thursday 19th September - 5
Otter Swimming starts

Friday 27th September – PTA
MacMillian Coffee Morning.
After drop off in the main school
hall

Wednesday 2nd October - Early
Reading Workshop for
Reception Parents/Carers in the
Reception Hall 9:15am -
10:00am

Friday 4th October – **BIG
WELCOME FRIDAY!** 3:30pm –
5pm
(see flyer below)

Wednesday 9th October - Year
2 trip to Sports Festival of Fun



GOOD NEWS CARDS

Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their Teachers this week.

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Idris and Rosalie	Romelia and Abu	Yannis Zanairo
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Malaika and Zach	Blake and Isla	Lilah and Daniel
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Shaban and Shayla	Leonor and Hannah	Weza and Key
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Tasmiah and Amira	Isaiah and Lisl	Finlay and Nora
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Eden and Fia	Michael & Zoe	Rosie M & Adam
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Maceo and Isaac	Zhara and Kemuel	Amelia A and Santi

To Our Wonderful Reception Parents, Carers and Adults,

We will be holding a **Phonics and Early Reading Workshop** on **Wednesday 2nd October** at **9:15 - 10:00am** in the **Infant Hall**.

It would be great to see as many of you there as possible! In the workshop, we will introduce the methods we use to teach reading at Hitherfield, specifically focusing on the Little Wandle phonics scheme implemented by the school. The workshop will explore what phonics is and how it supports early literacy development. We will also provide guidance on how you can assist your child with phonics and wider reading at home and also ensure we give time for any questions you may have!

If you would like to attend please complete this short form so we are able to have an awareness of numbers: <https://forms.gle/fGdbt8NkCHtvWwCe6>

Thank you again, and we hope to see you there!

Lauren and Laura.

Spring Bulb Competition

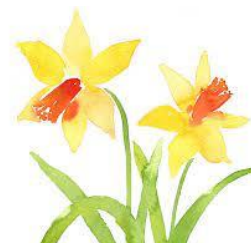
We will be entering The London Children's Flower Society Spring Bulb Competition again this year. We had fun growing them last year and achieved Gold overall for our fabulous display.

You can order a Hyacinth Bulb, Carlton (large) Daffodil Bulb or a Tete a Tete (miniature) Daffodil Bulb, which are all £1 each on ParentPay.

Deadline to place orders is today (Friday 27th September)

Each kit includes a Spring bulb of your choice, a pot, compost, instructions and a label. You can order as many kits as you like by using **ParentPay**.

Orders CANNOT be accepted after this date.





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NTS Assessments in Mathematics Standardisation Trials, academic year 2024-25

Parent/Carer Information Sheet

13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers (Years 1 to 6),

Each year, your school conducts maths tests with their pupils to assess progress and to see whether their pupils are achieving at a similar level to other schools relevant to the pupils' ages. More importantly, these tests help teachers to see where there are gaps in their pupils' knowledge that need addressing in their teaching. During this school year, your school is taking part in a trial of the new edition of the assessments they use for this – the assessments are called 'NTS Assessments in Mathematics'.

What is the purpose of the trialling? The Hodder Education Group is the business division of Hodder & Stoughton Limited, part of the Hachette UK Group of companies, and publishes the 'NTS Assessments in Mathematics' tests. At Hodder Education, we will use the test scores from pupils at schools taking part in the trial to create standardised scores that will be made available with the new assessment papers after the trial to help schools across the country to measure their pupils' progress. In order to create the standardised scores, age-standardised scores and maths ages, we need a sample of at least 1000 pupils to sit every paper. Their results are aggregated (gathered together as a group) and anonymised (all names removed) and analysed to create these benchmarks. If we didn't trial the papers, we wouldn't be able to provide any of the standardisation data that schools use to measure progress.

Why is my school being asked to take part? Lots of schools across the country have been asked to take part so that we can be sure of a spread of schools that is representative of schools nationally.

How frequently will pupils sit the papers? Pupils will sit one NTS Assessments in Mathematics Second Edition paper each term in the academic year 2024-25.

What about pupils with special needs who cannot access their year group's usual test papers? We ask that schools make any necessary arrangements for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities, as they would for any tests, at the school's discretion. Schools may choose for a child not to sit the test if they feel that it would discomfort the child in any way.



What personal data will be required and for what purpose? The school will provide their list of pupils who sit the tests, giving the pupils' forenames, surnames, their dates of birth, their year groups and sex. On the front of the test paper, pupils will fill in their forename and surname, date of birth and year group. This information is required in order for the markers to correctly allocate pupil scores and for us to report these back to your school. We then use the data to standardise and age-standardise the tests, and to provide aggregated male/female-specific data. Your school will also share with us the pupils' Mathematics National Test raw (ie total) scores at the end of the year in order for the scores from all the schools in the trials to be correlated with the NTS Assessments in Mathematics test scores to provide performance indicators for schools when they use these tests going forward. This data collection and processing is in our legitimate interest of undertaking the analysis required to produce the standardised scores that will be available to schools using these tests in the future. Should you wish your school to withdraw your child's data from the study, please inform the main school office by email within two weeks of receiving this letter.

Who will be handling the data? Hodder & Stoughton Limited (on behalf of its business division, *Hodder Education*) will process your child's data solely for the purposes of this project as outlined above. Our research partners are AlphaPlus (part of the AQA Group). AlphaPlus will provide us with services in respect of marking the test papers, collating the scores, data cleansing and question stats. We will share the data collected from your child with AlphaPlus for the purposes of this project, but we will not share the name of your child's school with AlphaPlus so your child will not be identifiable. The aggregated data from all the schools, with numeric codes instead of school names, will then be used by Hodder Education for statistical analysis and to produce the standardised measures and benchmarks. Following the finalised data analysis, AlphaPlus will delete all data and AlphaPlus will securely destroy the test papers. The data will not be used for any other purposes than those detailed here, and we will not share

the data with any other third parties. Hodder & Stoughton Limited will retain anonymised data (i.e. pupil names removed) – pupil numeric code, date of birth and sex – for administration purposes after the trial for as long as the new assessment papers are published by us. The data will be deleted by Hodder & Stoughton Limited when the assessment papers are no longer available. We will ensure that all the data that is submitted to us remains secure.

Will pupils' data/school data be published anywhere following the trial? All data will be aggregated and anonymised so that when information is published about the standardisation process, no school or individual child will be identifiable. The information published will be charts of scores to help schools to measure their pupils' progress.

***We are very grateful to your school and its pupils for helping with this project.
If you have any further questions, please discuss these with your school.***



HITHERFIELD PTA PRESENTS

BIG WELCOME FRIDAY

After School, Friday 4th October

Hot Drinks &
Doughnuts

Popcorn,
Snacks & Cold
drinks

Hot Dogs

Pre-loved uniform sale

**FREE CRAFTS,
TEMP TATTOOS,
BISCUITS & DRINKS
FOR THE KIDS**

We need your help!

If you can help on one of our stalls
please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com
or message Paola on 07450 241892
or Rosie on 07929 484012



Hitherfield's Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September
After drop off in the Main Hall

Join us for a delicious slice of cake and a cuppa, meet some other parents and raise money for a great cause



CAKE DONATIONS - we need donations of any and all delicious treats - homemade or shop bought, just please remember - no nuts. Many thanks!!

Please bring donations directly to the hall on the day



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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required.
0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833.
Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30/11/24



Free Film Screening in Hillside Gardens Park

When?

7.30 pm,
Sunday, 15th September 24

Where?

Hillside Gardens Park
(in case of rain:
Saints Simon and Jude Catholic
Church)

What?

