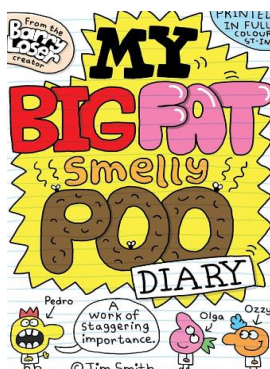




## Jim Smith – Author Visit

On Monday our Year 3,4,5, and 6 classes had a visit from the author of My Big Fat Smelly Poo Diary - Jim Smith. He discussed his inspiration and introduced the children to the three main characters; Pedro, Ozzy and Olga. The children had a tutorial on how to draw graphic novel characters by Jim Smith and he even drew some of the children! At the end of the day there was an opportunity to have books signed! If you did order a book and haven't yet collected it, these are still in the office.



## Dates for the Diary

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

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

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** - 2 Mongoose and 2 Hummingbird trip to South London Botanical Institute

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents' Evening Reception - Year 6

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – 2 Manatee trip to South London Botanical Institute

Flu vaccinations 2024-2025 – Reception to Year 6

Please complete the form by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Please find below the e-consent link - <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2024/lambeth>

Deadline for ordering your Spring Bulbs is **today Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. Please login to ParentPay to purchase them

A reminder that the deadline to get your nomination in for the role of Parent Governor is 3rd October. If you have any questions about the role or about nominating, contact [katybyrne@hitherfield.co.uk](mailto:katybyrne@hitherfield.co.uk).



## GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Emme and Janayah	Miah & Keylor	Nyriyah and Vithun
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Rowan and Eva	Fraser and Willow	Destiny and Mabel
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Ida and Indie	Arya and Franklin	Scarlett and Melissa
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Arwa and Ayse	Keira-Lee and Albie	Douglas and Lola
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Maya and Tezari	Elijah, Beth and Isabelle	Idrees and Larry
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Fatmire and Mia	Javiar and Ryder	Shanel and Hashim

### Edible Garden Sessions

The children have been enjoying the fruits of their labour, quite literally! They've been able to snack on the tomatoes, cucamelons, golden raspberries, sorrel, strawberries and the plentiful apples around the garden. They've learnt that the apples don't need to look perfect to be delicious. They've harvested young tromboncino squash (there's an absolutely huge, mature one in the garden still), beans and sweetcorn, which we have simply steamed in the microwave. They've been surprised by the sweetness of the sweetcorn, tomatoes and fresh green beans - all of which were the same ones that were sold as plants in the summer fair.





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## HITHERFIELD'S CHOIR OF FRIENDS!

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF HITHERFIELD

- NO CHOIR EXPERIENCE NEEDED -
- ALL SONGS LEARNT BY EAR (NO SHEET MUSIC) -
- SING FOLK, POP, ROUNDS AND SHANTIES -
- AUDIO LEARNING TRACKS PROVIDED -
- A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER HITHERFIELD PARENTS/CARERS -
- FUN, RELAXED AND INCLUSIVE -
- BABIES/TODDLERS WELCOME -

AUTUMN TERM STARTS 7TH OCT  
NOT SURE IF ITS FOR YOU?  
FREE TASTER SESSION 7TH OCT!

EVERY MONDAY 9:15AM TO 10:15AM  
IN THE STUDIO (UPSTAIRS HALL)

£70 PER 10-WEEK TERM

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE TO  
THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

Email choir leader Ian Bennett  
if you'd like a place or free taster session:  
[ibmuso@gmail.com](mailto:ibmuso@gmail.com)





## Apply for a Reception primary school place for 2025-26

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for a primary or infant school place for September 2025.

You will need to apply online. The deadline for applications is midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025.

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/primary-school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place-2025-26>

[https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/102834\\_PrimarySchool\\_AdmissionBrochure\\_2025-26\\_acc.pdf](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/102834_PrimarySchool_AdmissionBrochure_2025-26_acc.pdf)

## The Hitherfield Dads Run Club



Join us for a local 5km ish run, leaving from the school gates after drop off every Friday at 9am, heading towards either Dulwich, Brockwell or Streatham Common.

Pace will vary but we'll aim to cover 5km in 27 to 30 minutes.



Join the WhatsApp group to find out more:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GFpU0BIIToY1eo3J8cdIHX>



## **PTA Annual General Meeting**

**This year the PTA's Annual General Meeting will be held on  
Friday 11th October, at 9am  
in the staff room.**

**As well as voting in a new committee we'll be taking a quick look at our events over the last year, what was raised and what has been funded. As always, everyone is welcome, including little ones**

**The funds raised by the PTA are more important to the school than they've ever been and the events run by the PTA have an important part to play in building the amazing community we have here at Hitherfield. If you're interested in getting involved in any way please email**

**[hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com)**

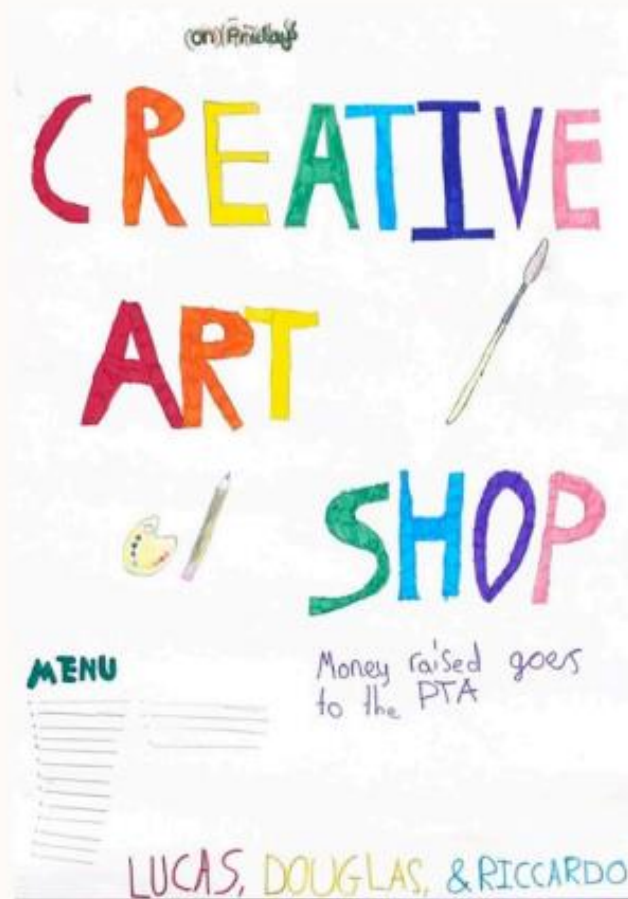
**Please remember - you will only ever be expected to do what you really can do...  
and you're comfortable doing!**

**Many thanks, The PTA**



## FRIDAY - CREATIVE ART SHOP

We're very proud to introduce this brilliant initiative from some of our Year 4 kids - Lucas, Douglas and Riccardo - who have come up with the fantastic idea of our kids doing a bit of art on a Friday after school to raise funds for the PTA!



Please come along to support them after school today, and take home your arty creation! They will be outside the office



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](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com)  
or message Paola on 07450 241892  
or Rosie on 07929 484012**



## The BiG Half-term 2024 Holiday Camp!

Engage in.....

*Arts & Crafts*


*Board games*



Register now for the BiG 2024 Half Term Camp at Hitherfield Primary School, Leigham Vale, Streatham SW16 2JQ - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024, 5 days in total (excluding weekends). **For all children between 5 and 13 years-old!**

**..... and just £80 per week!**

*Multi-sports games*

Places will be limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis so book now - <https://www.bigcic.org/big-2024-halfterm-camp-registration> - and arrange payment through scan and pay  and pay entering your child's name as the description. You can also scan & pay by copying this link - <https://url.atoa.me/pay/o6SbvMQN> - into your browser.

All enquiries to Lionel Best on 020 8676 3480 / 07957 208 930 / [lionel.best@bigcic.org](mailto:lionel.best@bigcic.org)



  
**Think BiG**





## Be the difference.

Could you **foster**?

Children in our community are in need of stable, loving homes to achieve their best future and fulfil their potential.



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Our foster  
mum makes  
sure we do our  
homework”

[www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster)

  
Lambeth

Every day in Lambeth a new child comes into our care, and we urgently need more foster carers to give them the love and support they deserve.

Fostering means looking after someone else's child because their birth family are unable to. That can vary from short-term foster care to having a child or young people with you for a long time. As a foster carer, you'll look after children as if they were your own – in a loving home environment. You'll need to be sensitive to the challenges they'll face after separation from their families and any additional trauma they may have been through, such as abuse or neglect.

There are many different types of foster care, and we're sure there's one that works for you. For example, you could provide short-term respite care to children with disabilities to allow their parents a break. Or, if you have the space, you could help us keep a family together by caring for siblings. If you work 9 to 5, you may find it easier to foster older children who are more independent.

### When you foster for Lambeth, you get:

- a **rebate of your council tax** if you are actively fostering for us
- **24-7 out-of-hours support** from a dedicated social worker and our team, 365 days of the year
- two weeks' (14 days) paid respite each year
- a **£500 referral bonus** if you refer a friend who becomes an approved, active foster carer for Lambeth
- among the **most competitive fees and allowances** in London
- Fostering Network membership and the opportunity to join our active fostering support group
- **priority** (before a private fostering agency) when a child is looking for a placement
- a thorough induction programme
- your own dedicated supervising social worker (SSW)
- ongoing training and development opportunities throughout the year
- peer mentorship to newly approved carers run by our most experienced foster carers.

# HITHERFIELD HERALD

[www.hitherfield.co.uk](http://www.hitherfield.co.uk)



## Why do we need foster carers like you?

Lambeth is a diverse borough. Our children come from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures and ethnic groups. And so we need carers who are diverse too. Your sexuality, marital status, age, religion, disability and whether or not you own your home will not determine your ability to become a foster carer. However, there are a few criteria you must meet.

You need to:

- be over 21 years old
- have a spare bedroom
- be a full-time resident in the UK or have indefinite leave to remain
- have good spoken and written English

We consider applications from people who are working, but you will need to have some flexibility to meet all the needs of any child in your care.

**We would love to hear from you!**

If you have any questions about fostering, please contact us today for an informal chat and more information:

Call: **020 7926 8710**

Email: [fosteringduty@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringduty@lambeth.gov.uk)

Find out more: [www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster)



If you would prefer to speak to someone in person, come along to one of our events. See when the next one is at [www.lambeth.gov.uk/fosteringevent](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/fosteringevent)

## The fostering process

