



MP Visit

We had the pleasure of welcoming Rt Hon. Steve Reed (MP), Deputy Leader Cllr Rezina Chowdhury and the local councillor from Streatham Hill East, Cllr Liz Atkins to Hitherfield last week. Some of our Year 6 school councillors got a chance to meet them and tell them about the role of the school council and all the amazing things we do here at Hitherfield.



Lockdown and Fire Drills

Your children may well have told you that we regularly practice Fire Drills at the school so that everyone knows exactly what to do in the event of a real emergency. This week we have practiced our lockdown procedures, which, unlike a fire drill where everyone leaves the buildings, we all enter the classrooms and/or offices and lock ourselves in. We practice this so that we would all know what to do if there was an intruder on the site or another type of emergency in the area. We always try not to alarm the children when we practice these drills, but your child may want to discuss it at home.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 3rd December - LMS Music Concert 4 Cheetah & 4 Hippo
11:15am – 11:45am

Wednesday 4th December - LMS Music Concert 3 Anaconda & 3 Macaw 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Wednesday 4th December –Year 6 Trip - Junior Citizenship Scheme

Friday 6th December - Y1-3 Panto
9:25am – 10:25am (Children only)

Friday 6th December Y4-6 Panto
11am -12pm (Children only)

Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 10th December – Flu Vaccination catch up

Friday 13th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation

Monday 16th December - Year 4 trip to Science Museum

Friday 20th December – Last Day of Term



GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Ocean and Tabitha	Nyla and Leo	Thea and Ze'Nierah
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Hanan and Maeva	Aihem and Ruth	Viola and Rhea
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Daniel and Telaya	Rita and Lily	Mia and Finley
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Kateryn and Ellis	Gariela and Christian	Kylah and Riccardo
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Joseph W and Amy	Davina, Zechariah, Tamar and Kafiya	Oliver and Arlo C
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Roseanna and Sade	Amelia and Arlo	Sonny and Micah M

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Thank you for all your donations in the run up to the Christmas Fair 🎄 We had a great turn out last Friday. We are still accepting a few more donations.



3. Cakes

We will need cakes and bakes to sell at the Christmas Fair. Please drop off your donations on the 5th or 6th December at the main office. Donations can be home made or shop bought (nut free).



1. Teddies

If you have any pre-loved soft toys or teddies that you are happy to donate, please drop them off to the office.

4. GOODY BAGS

There are spare goody bags in the main office. Please ask at reception if you need more bags to fill. These are always popular at the fair and would appreciate a few more.





Year 6 Faith Trail Trip.

This week, Puffin and Orca class in Year 6 had a fantastic day exploring the local area on their faith trail. The children visited a temple, synagogue, church and mosque. Year 6 were able to meet members of the community who follow different religions and it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore new faiths and learn more about different places of worship!

Wolverine class will be completing their faith trail in the new year.





SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Smartphone Free Childhood at Hitherfield

The Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) campaign is a parent led movement aimed at highlighting the risks of smartphone use for young people and reducing pressure to give children their first smartphone prior to, or at the point of, secondary school entry. Our aim at Hitherfield is to enable parents to feel confident that their children can enter secondary school with [a phone that cannot access the internet/social media](#) and not be the odd one out!

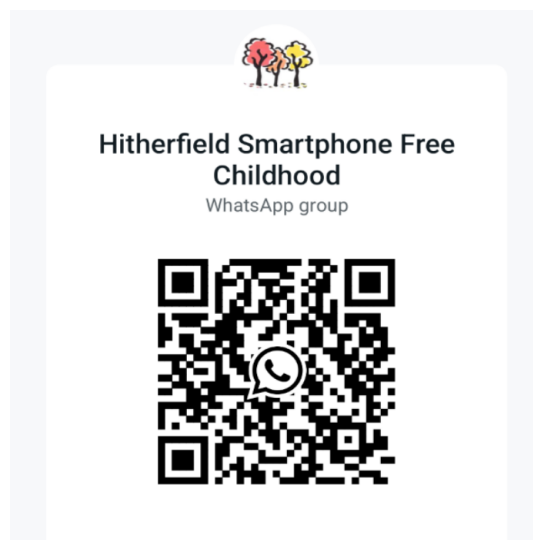
At the end of last year we sent out a survey on this topic: of 186 responses, 87.1% were concerned about children having their own smartphones and 79.6% were in favour of a collective deferral strategy. We also had many (82) additional comments with addiction, distraction and mental-health being common themes.

If you are interested in hearing more about this topic:

- There will be an event at school in early 2025 with talks from Tom O'Flynn (parent, Assistant Headteacher) and Dr Anna Hutchinson (parent, Clinical Psychologist)
- Join the Hitherfield SFC WhatsApp group (QR code below)

If you have already decided that your children will not have a smartphone until they are 14 (or older) then please sign the SFC parent pact and help us get Hitherfield up the [local league table](#):

- <https://parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>
- Select "LondonSouthEast" to find Hitherfield Primary School





CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DATES

Tuesday 10th December – Reception Concert 10am–11am

Wednesday 11th December – Nursery Concert 10am–11am

Tuesday 17th December – 1 Cobra, 2 Manatee and 3 Anaconda Concert
10am–11am

Tuesday 17th December – 4 Cheetah, 5 Otter and 6 Orca Concert
2pm–3pm

Wednesday 18th December – 1 Dugong, 2 Hummingbird and 3 Macaw
Concert 10am–11am

Wednesday 18th December – 4 Flamingo, 5 Kingfisher and 6 Wolverine
Concert 2pm–3pm

Thursday 19th December – 1 Sunbird, 2 Mongoose and 3 Jaguar Concert
10am–11am

Thursday 19th December – 4 Hippo, 5 Hedgehog and 6 Puffin Concert
2pm–3pm

All performances will take place in the Studio. Spaces are limited so
we ask that only two adults per child attend, Thank you



Hitherfield Family to Family Winter 2024

Are you in need of a bag of groceries for your family over the holidays? If you need help or are able to help please email hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com or Whatsapp 07936672890 by Friday 6th December.

Avez-vous besoin d'un sac d'épicerie pour votre famille pendant les vacances ? Si vous avez besoin d'aide ou si vous êtes en mesure d'aider, veuillez envoyer un e-mail à herefieldfamily@gmail.com ou à Whatsapp 07936672890 avant le vendredi 6 Decembre.

¿Necesita una bolsa de provisiones para su familia durante las vacaciones? Si necesita ayuda o puede ayudar, envíe un correo electrónico a hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com o Whatsapp 07936672890 antes del viernes 6 de Diciembre.

Czy potrzebujesz torby z zakupami dla swojej rodziny na święta? Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy lub możesz pomóc, wyślij e-mail na adres hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com lub Whatsapp 07936672890 do piątek 6 grudnia

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ديسمبر 6 الجمعة بحلول Whatsapp 07936672890 أو hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com إلى

Você está precisando de uma sacola de compras para sua família durante as férias? Se você precisar de ajuda ou puder ajudar, envie um e-mail para hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com ou Whatsapp 07936672890 até sexta-feira, 6 de dezembro.

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Who are we?

This is an initiative, run voluntarily, by Hitherfield parents with support from the School.

Why?

To support our Hitherfield friends and their families to bring food to the table over the holidays.

If you are a family in need:

Please send us your name, how many children you have, their age and a list of items you need to value of £30. We will then give that list, without your identity, to a family to purchase and it will be at the Leigham Vale school gates for you to collect between after 9.30am until 11am Wednesday 18th December. If collection at this time is an issue do mention that in your email. There will also be second hand uniform available.

If you are able to support a family or more:

Thank you. We will send you an email by you with a bag of groceries to purchase on or before Friday 13th December, the value of which should not exceed £30. Please then bring the groceries to the Leigham vale school gate at drop off, on Wednesday, 18th December. If you are unable to buy the groceries you can also leave a donation in cash in an envelope marked Family to Family at the school office or donate by clicking [here](#)

All requests and sponsors will be kept private and confidential.



The Big Gig

The PTA can now announce that we raised an amazing £1308.90!!

We want to say a huge thank you to all of our performers who donated their time for free, Bekah and Tanya on the bar, Paola for her cooking skills (the curry was a huge hit with everyone), all of our volunteers and guests that came along on the night.

THANK YOU
SO MUCH



LOVE TO SING?

WHY NOT JOIN

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 -

SPRING TERM STARTS 20TH JAN
NOT SURE IF ITS FOR YOU?
TRY A DROP IN SESSION!

EVERY MONDAY 9:15AM TO 10:15AM
IN THE DOWNSTAIRS 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





The Hitherfield Christmas Fair is nearly here! Take a look at the event map and plan your visit for **NEXT FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER.**

We will be accepting cash and card at all stalls. The PTA have been working incredibly hard to pull it all together but they still need your help!

- Donations for tombola and cake stall – see flyer for details.
- Buy raffle tickets – amazing prizes this year include a brand new Google phone and three nights in Devon. Buy them before they sell out!
 - Donate your TIME – we still need a few more volunteers for stalls and to help clear up afterwards. Please sign up so we don't have to shut down stalls and our fabulous fair can continue in full swing!

Sign up using the link below:

<https://volunteersignup.org/LC4RE>

Thank You!





HITHERFIELD CHRISTMAS FAIR MAP



Friday December 6th
3:15pm - 5:30pm





2024 Hitherfield PTA discounted
Mistletoe & Pine
Christmas Trees

- Premium Grade 'non-drop' Nordmann Fir Trees
- **Special Hitherfield Prices (discounted from 2023!)**
(savings up to 22% vs direct from M&P)
- **Flexible collection** between Friday 29th November and Friday 13th December, inc. Saturday mornings

Approximate sizes:

• 3ft - £28 £44.99	• 6ft - £55 £69.99
• 4ft - £34 £49.99	• 7ft - £65 £89.99
• 5ft - £45 £59.99	• 8ft - £77 £99.99

Hitherfield Staff - to place your order please scan the QR code to the right to pay and complete the order form. Please email hitherfieldchristmas@gmail.com to confirm you've paid. Many thanks!

SumUp



Order Form



All Parents - please complete the order form and make payment through ParentPay. Many thanks!



HITHERFIELD PTA INVITE YOU
TO OUR

Christmas FAIR

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024
3.15PM - 5.30PM

JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS FESTIVE FOOD
AND DRINKS, SANTA'S GROTTTO, RAFFLE,
GAMES, CAKES, FACEPAINTING, ARTS &
CRAFTS, TOMBOLA, LIVE MUSIC AND SO
MUCH MORE.
EVERYONE WELCOME!





Sanctuary seeking children Christmas wish list

Lambeth Sanctuary Services coordinate support and welcome sanctuary seekers (asylum-seekers, refugees and others affected by forced migration) to our borough.

Both in 2022 and 2023 thanks to the support of residents, charities and colleagues, the Lambeth Sanctuary Services (LSS) team were able to receive almost 800 Christmas gifts for all our Sanctuary Seeking Children in the borough.

This year we need to raise 330 gifts for all our children under the: Homes for Ukraine, Resettlement, No Recourse to Public Fund, and Asylum Seekers schemes and we hope you will be able to help us reach this goal once again.

We have 3 different events planned for our children and they will be receiving a gift from Father Christmas and will get to spend some fun time with other children in their cohort.

We have compiled an Amazon 'Christmas Wishlist' and any gift purchased will be delivered directly to us in the Town Hall: Karl Livingston, Sanctuary Services, Lambeth Town Hall, 2 Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW.

Here is the [link to our Wishlist](#) or you can use our QR code



Any little help will be very appreciated. For further details contact us on sanctuary@lambeth.gov.uk



Ready Steady Go!



**Free Healthy
Lifestyle Programme
for children aged 4-
12 years,**

**New programmes start
January 2025**

**12 weeks- holding once a week 90-minute
afterschool sessions.**

Some of the topics covered:

Eatwell plate

Fats and sugars

Food Label reading & understanding

Servings and portions

Fun games and physical activity in every session

If you are interested in finding out more

Call: 07961 591849

Email: readysteadygo@lambeth.gov.uk

Online referral: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/ready-steady-go>



Join trained florist Emily Andrews as she shows you how to make your very own Christmas wreath. You will be provided with a fir and moss wreath, to which you can add foliage, dried fruits, glitter, baubles and feathers to get into the festive spirit. You can be as creative as you like! The mulled wine may help too. The price includes supporting our school gardener with wreath-making classes for the pupils, mulled wine & mince pies! All funds raised go to the PTA.

December *03* Start 7 PM



PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
Spaces are very limited, book your spot on ParentPay now!





HITHERFIELD PTA PRESENTS

Santa's Grotto!

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5th & 6th
December

Meet Santa and his elf!

THIS YEAR, YOU WILL HAVE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO
MEET SANTA.

JOIN US ON THE 5TH & 6TH DECEMBER FROM 3.40PM AT
SANTAS CHRISTMASSY CABIN.

TICKETS WILL ONLY BE SOLD VIA PARENTPAY SO PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT SET UP IN
ADVANCE. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING WALK-INS.

TICKETS WILL GO LIVE ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AT
6PM, AT £3.50 PER CHILD. TICKETS ARE LIMITED SO BE
QUICK!



Children's Winter Clothes & Toys Swap



Free new and pre-loved items giving back to help families through the cost of living crisis.

Monday 16th - Friday 20th December
10:00 - 3:00pm (Last entry 2:30pm)

Location: Get Rid of and Donate Community Hub
St Faith's Community Centre, Red Post Hill, SE24 9JQ

Transportation: Bus P4 (from Brixton or Lewisham) or Bus 42 (from Camberwell)
brings you outside the community centre to Sunray avenue



Contact us
07944 102 112

info@getridofit-donate.com
www.getridofit-donate.com

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Maths Exploring fun!

Join us for **family** maths exploring fun at **West Norwood library**, **FREE** on **Friday 29th Nov, 4.30pm.**

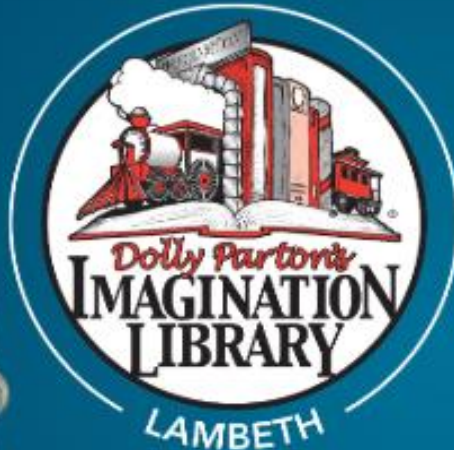
Maths Explorers actively blurs the line between maths work and maths play - join us to experience how joyful it can be to think like a **real** mathematician!

Ages 6 - 8yrs, 8 - 12yrs & 13yrst+
West Norwood Library
4.30pm to 5.30pm

Contact Rita:

maths@roots2grow.org





Inspire a
LOVE
of Reading

**Available to all children
under 5 living in Lambeth**

Enrol your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and receive a FREE BOOK every month from birth to their 5th birthday.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Republic of Ireland.



Register
Your Child For

FREE BOOKS!

Contact us at fis@lambeth.gov.uk

If you need support with completing the online registration form, please visit your local children's centre or library.



ImaginationLibrary.com



CHARLA VIRTUAL SOBRE LAS NECESIDADES EDUCATIVAS ESPECIALES

¿Te preocupa el desarrollo educativo de tu niña/o?
¿Tu niña/o tiene necesidades educativas especiales?
¿Te gustaría saber cuál es el sistema de apoyo en el UK para
niña/os con necesidades educativas especiales?

**Si es así, no te pierdas esta charla virtual por los expertos de
Lambeth IAS Service.**

Día: Jueves, 5 de Diciembre
Hora: 6.30pm- 8.00pm
Lugar: Virtual (Zoom)

[Regístrate aquí](#)



AGENDA

Apoyo en la escuela: Identificación de necesidades, papel del SENDCO, y financiamiento.

Opciones post-16: Educación, formación y apoyo disponible para jóvenes de 16 a 25 años.

Cómo solicitar un EHCP: Proceso, requisitos legales y plazos.

Cómo se ve un buen Plan: Elementos esenciales como descripción de necesidades, provisiones específicas y nombramiento de instituciones.