



## Zip card applications now open

TfL have reopened applications for Zip photocards after the recent cyber attack.

You can now apply for Zip photocards for ages 5-10, 11-15 and 16+ at [Free and discounted travel - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://www.tfl.gov.uk/zip)The

TfL services will continue to accept expired 5-10 and 11-15 Zip photocards until **31 December 2024**. After that date customers will need a valid pass.

Please make sure you apply in time as the Post Office is often busier around Christmas. The last posting dates is 18 December.

## Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 13th December

On Friday 13th December we will be enjoying a wonderful Christmas lunch in school. We will also be celebrating Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children. Everyone can wear Christmas jumpers, outfits or colours. If possible, please donate £1 on the day to Save the Children. Collection box in the main school office.



## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Flu  
Vaccination catch up

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas  
Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day £1  
donation

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4 trip  
to Science Museum

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of  
Term

A big Thank You to everyone who came to the Hitherfield Book Fair on last Friday and Wednesday! You helped raise £471 for new books for our school library.



## 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)



## GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

<b>1 COBRA</b>	<b>1 DUGONG</b>	<b>1 SUNBIRD</b>
Anatole and Logan	Theo and Nella	Sadie & Dominik
<b>2 MANATEE</b>	<b>2 MONGOOSE</b>	<b>2 HUMMINGBIRD</b>
Remiel and Malaika	Asia and Savanah	Ada and Zenaya
<b>3 JAGUAR</b>	<b>3 MACAW</b>	<b>3 ANACONDA</b>
Luxhanha and Nyruby	Haram and Henry	Prezley and Marwa
<b>4 HIPPOPOTAMUS</b>	<b>4 FLAMINGO</b>	<b>4 CHEETAH</b>
Athena and Jacqueline	Audrey and Jonah	Arthur and Oona
<b>5 KINGFISHER</b>	<b>5 HEDGEHOG</b>	<b>5 OTTER</b>
Tezari, Penny, Eden, and Sahara	Nellie and Hania	Grayson and Robert
<b>6 ORCA</b>	<b>6 PUFFIN</b>	<b>6 WOLVERINE</b>
Elsie and Leo	Jacob and Elsie	Jack and Olivia

### Support for parents to access their child's UK eVisa

The UK Government is replacing physical immigration documents with eVisas, a digital proof of immigration status.

Parents and guardians of children who are not British or Irish citizens, and whose children have either a biometric residence permit (BRP) card expiring on 31 December 2024, or a passport with an indefinite leave to remain ink stamp or vignette sticker, should take action to [access their eVisa now](#), and do so on behalf of their children too.

An eVisa cannot be lost or stolen and can be accessed online by visa holders at any time to prove their rights in the UK. It's free and their immigration status won't be affected.

This lovely self made Platypus got lost! It carries a sentimental value and the 4 year old owner is very sad to have lost it. If you can look for it, that would be highly appreciated.

If found, please return it to the office, or to Platypus class.

Thank you





**Thank you to all that have signed up to StudyBugs already. If you haven't already done so, please register your child/ren on the app, it only takes a couple of minutes.**

Hopefully you will find this to be a much easier and more efficient way of letting us know that your child won't be at school.

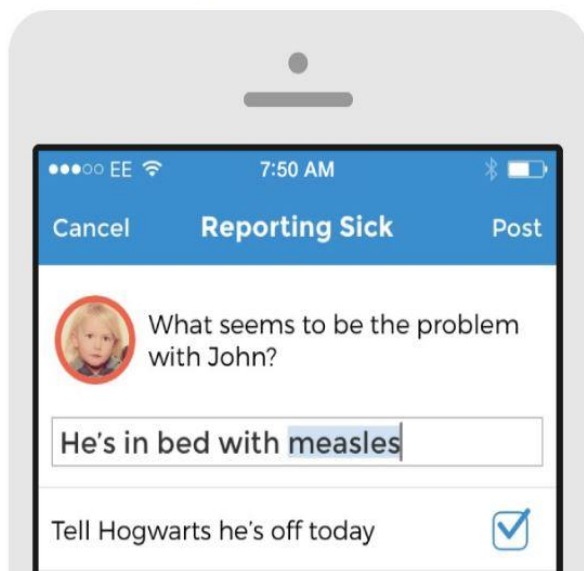
The automated messages regarding your child's attendance figures and now being sent. You will receive an initial message if your child's attendance drops below 95%. You will then receive a second message if your child's attendance drops below 93%. If your child's attendance then drops below 90% your child will be classed as persistently absent and you will receive a third warning message. At this point you may have to attend a School Attendance Support meeting with a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

We understand that every case is different and we will take into account family circumstances when monitoring your child's attendance. Please understand that the new system works purely off the data that it has available to it and we will be in contact in person if we feel any further action is required.

Please also note that an automated message will be sent to you if your child is late on any given day.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Studybugs for Parents and Carers



### A better, safer way to report when your child is sick and off school.

With a few quick taps or clicks, you can give your child's school all they need to record absence due to illness.

Get the free mobile app now...



...or register online to use via your web browser:

[Register Free!](#)

Already a user? [Sign in here.](#)



## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

### **DATES**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Concert 10am– 11am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Concert 10am– 11am

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) or Whatsapp 07936672890 by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) lub Whatsapp 07936672890 do piątek 6 grudnia

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ديسمبر 6 الجمعة بحلول Whatsapp 07936672890 أو [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com)

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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.*



## Supporting the Local Foodbank

This Christmas the Children's Centres in Streatham and Norwood Better Start are making an extra effort to support the work of the Norwood Foodbank and we would like your help.

### What is a Foodbank?

More and more families are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet and provide the daily essentials they need, such as food. Norwood Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis by providing sensitive support, advice and emergency food supplies for free.

If you would like more information about the Foodbank and their services please speak with a member of the Better Start team at your nearest Children's Centre or call Hitherfield 0208 835 9569, Sunnyhill 0204 548 2561, Bentons Lane 0204 542 3520.

### How you can help

You can support the work of the Foodbank too by donating non-perishable, in-date food items at the Children's Centre.

We shall be collecting your donations every day in the Children's Centre until Monday 16 December. We will then take your donations to the local Foodbank for distribution to families who will really need it, especially during the school term break.

The following items would be appreciated:

Drinking Chocolate	Washing Up Liquid	Tinned Vegetables
Instant Coffee	Shampoo	Tinned Fruit
Biscuits and Crackers	Shower Gel	Tinned Meat/Fish
UHT Milk	Body Spray	Tinned Meat Pies
UHT Juice	Toothpaste	Tinned Tomatoes
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Nappies	Tinned Custard
Breakfast Cereal	Sanitary Protection	Tinned Rice Pudding
Jams, Sweet, Savoury Spreads	Toilet Rolls	Cooking Sauces
Baby Food	Cleaning Spray	Flour
Laundry Detergent	Chocolate/Sweet Treats	Cooking Oil

Thank you for your support!

Streatham and Norwood Better Start



# 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](mailto:ibmuso@gmail.com)





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## Lambeth's Holiday Activities & Food

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that this winter Lambeth Council will be hosting our Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

We are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related school meals.

The programme will run from **Monday 23 December, 2024 to Friday 3 January, 2025** and is designed to give local families on benefits-related free school meals access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays. Each programme will provide:

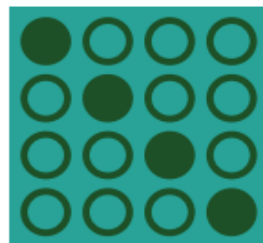
- Free, healthy, and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit the web address below. I hope your family can take full advantage of the winter programme.

If you'd like to learn more about what Lambeth Council has on offer to support with the increased cost of living, such as food vouchers, free childcare and access to pre-loved school uniform, visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving)

Yours faithfully,

**Councillor Dr. Mahamed Hashi**  
Cabinet Member for Safer Communities



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## Being a Parent

**Parenting programme for parents of children aged 2-11**

*Delivered by trained Parent Group Leaders from Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC), part of South London & Maudsley NHS Trust, in partnership with Lambeth*



A FREE 9 week course to help parents learn practical skills for everyday life such as:

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognising and managing your child's emotions
- Learning positive parenting strategies

**Hitherfield Children's Centre**

Hitherfield Road, SW16 2LW

**Thursdays 1.00-3.00pm**

**23 January—27 March 2025**

(no session 20 Feb—half term)

***Free creche provided***

Sign up and find out more at  
[www.lambeth.gov.uk/Parenting](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Parenting)  
or scan the QR code



*"I absolutely loved this course. I would recommend it to anyone. It has helped me out so much as a parent"*

*"The leaders were amazing, made me feel so much more confident and feel like people actually do care."*

Feedback from Lambeth parents



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