

HITHERFIELD HERALD

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Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a peaceful and fun school Christmas holiday and I wish you all a wonderful 2025. This six week half term always brings with it the challenges of cold weather and dark mornings and evenings, so wrap the children up in warm and bright clothes and send them in!

Our extra-curricular clubs start back next week and we are once again pleased to be able to offer so many. Our indoor hall spaces are fully booked up, but we may be able to use some classrooms, so if parents know of a good provider who can offer something new that can be held in a classroom, then please put us in contact with them. We appreciate that children will not always get the club they want every term, but we hope to be able to offer every child at least one term's worth of a club if they want it.

Pupil Mobile Phones: Only children who need a mobile phone for their walk to and from school should be bringing them onto site. Once they get to school they must hand them in at the main school office and only collect them when they are about to leave the site to go home. Please remind your children of this rule.

School Grounds: We continue to be the only school we know that encourages our families to use the school grounds until 5pm every day. This only works if everyone does their bit to play sensibly, which means parents ensuring their children are not damaging the grounds (parents are responsible for their children after school). Thank you for your help with this.

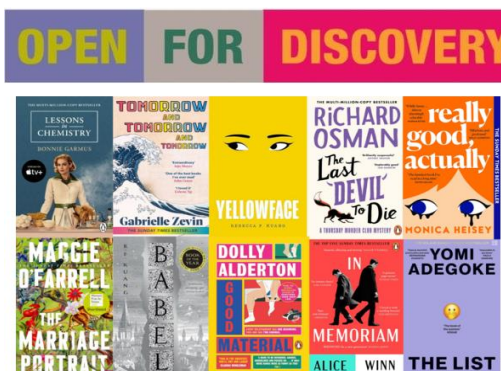
Toys and Sweets: Christmas is a time when many children receive lots of gifts. We ask that they do not bring toys into the school, as they can get lost or damaged which leads to great upset. All children have access to fresh fruit at playtimes, or they can bring a piece in from home, so they do not need to have sweets in school.

Best wishes,
Chris
Executive Headteacher

Lambeth Libraries

Please see the latest Libraries newsletter filled with so many interesting and fun activities for Children and Adults.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 15th January – Year 5 trip to the British Museum

Wednesday 15th January – Reception Admissions Deadline

Wednesday 15th January – Supporting Positive Behaviours meeting for EYFS and KS1 families 9:20am – 10:20am in the Infant Hall

Thursday 16th January – 6 Wolverine trip to Streatham Faith Trail

Wednesday 22nd January –
Reception to Year 6 Parents' Evening
2pm -7pm

<https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk>

GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Kaliyah and Musab	Kit and Evans	Charlotte and Diar
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
George and Rowan	Reem and Romy	Adriel and Arthur
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Vincent and Kit	To be announced next week	Tymek and Dion
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Alastair and Ellis	Salimatou and Acacia	Finlay and Noura
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Sami and Sahara	To be announced next week	Faye and Pablo
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Cerys and Oscar	Alessia and Tamar	Isaac and Mela

Thursday Morning Guardian Gardening 9am -10am (Parent sessions)

It may be a little chilly these days but there's still plenty we can do. You could learn about our winter veggies and see what we can still grow and tend. This term we're still building planters out of old pallets. You could learn about composting to save money and help the environment. You could help to, and learn about, pruning the apples, pears, currants, gooseberries and raspberries. Learn about propagation as we use the pruned branches as cuttings to make new gooseberry and currant plants.



Inappropriate use of Roblox (Year 4)

It has been brought to our attention that some children (mainly in Year 4) have been using Roblox inappropriately outside of school. It is possible to create characters that are naked. Please check the types of characters your child is creating.

There are few guides for parents to keep their child safe using Roblox. The best is from the NSPCC and includes 'Six tips to help keep your child safe on Roblox'. The link to it is: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/>

This guide from Internet Matters provides more detail and has an informative video too: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/>

New Building Under Construction

You may have noticed various trucks and vans in the main playground and some work happening near to the pond this week. These are the groundworks for the new building that will be installed over the next fortnight. This new addition to the school will become a multi-learning environment once we have fitted it all out. We successfully bid for funding from the Special Educational Needs department of the local authority to construct this building.





Early Years and KS1

Supporting Positive Behaviours

Join us for a workshop exploring some strategies and techniques that can encourage positive behaviours in children

We will be talking about:

- Understanding positive behaviour
- Enhancing positive behaviours through play
 - Building routines
- Using praise and rewards to promote positive behaviours



Date:15/01/2025

Time:9:20-10:20

In the Infant Hall



TAKE PART IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH

HELP US TO EXPLORE EMOTIONAL REGULATION AND SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Anxiety and depression are common in children and adolescents. The impact of anxiety and depression is linked to emotional regulation i.e. identifying, understanding and managing emotions. Sibling relationships can affect how children manage emotions. However, we don't know much about what parts of the relationship affect this. This research will explore sibling relationships, how the siblings manage their emotions/cope and how both of these things affect how they feel overall.



Who can take part?

Sibling pairs both aged between **7-18** years.

At least one of the siblings must have received support for their **mental health**

What will it involve?

Each child/young person will be **interviewed once, 30-60 minutes** in length.

Interviews can be in-person or online, to suit your preference.

Your name will not be used anywhere in the study. All data will be stored meeting **GDPR standards**.

What are the benefits of taking part?

You will help us to understand the link between sibling relationships and emotional regulation.

Each sibling pair will have a chance to **win a £50 voucher**.

INTERESTED?

Contact Nessa at

**Nessa.Sweeney.2022
@live.rhul.ac.uk**

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





Primary School and Children's Centre



BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB WORKERS REQUIRED TO JOIN OUR SUCCESSFUL TEAM

We would like to appoint Breakfast and Afterschool Club Worker

Scale 2 point 3 – 4 (£27,711 - £28,128) FTE

22.5 hours per week (Mornings 7.30 to 9am – Afternoons 3pm to 6pm)

Term time only (including 'school closure' days). This is a 'split shift' position but we will also consider applicants looking to work 5 mornings (7.5 hours) OR 5 afternoons (15 hours) per week.



Hitherfield is a popular, happy and diverse school. Every child matters at Hitherfield School and this is demonstrated in all that we do.

We are looking for individuals who are caring, reliable and have the ability to make sure that our club activities are fun and engaging for children!

You will:

- Enjoy working with children and interact in a happy and positive manner around the school.
- Be a team player by working with your colleagues and supporting children.
- Be proactive, energetic and efficient and flexible
- Show initiative and be able to work efficiently on your own
- the ability to deliver a range of play opportunities for children
- a commitment to being reliable, punctual and organised;
- a collaborative approach; demonstrating that you are a 'team player' through working with your colleagues and supporting Hitherfield's values.

We can offer:

- An attractive salary
- Final salary pension scheme,
- Training and development opportunities,
- A very friendly and supportive staff team.
- Happy and enthusiastic children

To obtain a recruitment pack please download a pack on

www.hitherfield.co.uk

Closing Date: 17th January 2025 at 9am

Interviews w/c 20th January 2025

Please email applications to recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk

Tammy Wallace, Hitherfield Primary School, Leigham Vale, London SW16 2JQ

Lambeth Council is committed to safer recruitment

Successful candidates will be asked to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. Further information about the disclosure can be found at www.crb.gov.uk and in the recruitment pack. www.lambeth.gov.uk. Lambeth aims for quality services and equal opportunities for all.

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Sunnyhill Children's Centre
Streatham & Norwood Better Start

Time Out For Poetry



Creative Writing Course for Parents.

- Time to enjoy the written work of other writers and practice your own creative writing skills.
- Opportunity to reflect and express your thoughts and feelings through creative writing and discussion
- Meet with others who have similar interests to motivate or inspire your writing habits.
- Have fun, make new friends, build confidence and self-esteem in a warm, supportive environment.

Tuesdays 14th January - 18th March

9:30am - 11:30am

**Sunnyhill Children's Centre,
Harborough Road SW16 2XW**

To book your place, please call 020 4548 2561

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Hitherfield Children's Centre Streatham & Norwood Better Start Sing for Wellness



Singing Group for New Parents with
their Babies Under 5 Months Old

- Meet new people and make new friends
- Learn new creative skills and build on existing skills
- Improve physical and emotional well being.
- Increase confidence and self esteem.
- Create a soothing environment for babies and new parents.
- Strengthen the bond with your baby

Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 pm.
22nd January - 2nd April

Hitherfield Children's Centre
Hitherfield Road, SW16 2LW

To book your place, please call 020 8835 9569



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Get ready for work

Hitherfield

ARE YOU BRINGING UP KIDS AND WANT TO WORK?

Grow is here to help you get a job, start training, build confidence and give you the support you need to succeed.

We specialise in supporting mums just like you, who want to train, retrain, and get into work.

Join us: make new friends and a fresh start in the Grow Community.

We are an award winning London project that makes a difference.



Welcome & registration
16th Jan 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Please bring proof of right to work and address

Session 1 - 23rd Jan 1.00 pm - 3.00pm

Session 2 - 30th Jan 1.00 pm - 3.00pm

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