**Dates for the Diary**

Monday 9th January – 2 Hummngbird trip to Transport Museum

Wednesday 11th January - Parents' Evening - Reception to Year 6 – (Not 4 Hippo or 5 Otter)

Monday 16th January - 2 Manatee trip to Transport Museum

Tuesday 17th January - 1 Cobra Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 19th January – 4 Flamingo Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Tuesday 24th January – 2 Manatee Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 26th January 5 Kingfisher Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Monday 30th January – 2 Mongoose trip to Transport Museum

Tuesday 31st January – 3 Jaguar Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

**Happy New Year and Welcome Back**

It has been my pleasure to welcome you all back to Hitherfield this week and I hope everyone had a wonderful festive break. The children certainly returned to school refreshed and ready to learn and our staff team are excited about the term ahead.

Luke takes up his new role as Head of School, so expect to see him at the school gates and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team, including myself, will be at the gates and around the school grounds as usual.

Lots of children (and adults) across the country were unwell in the last few weeks before the Christmas holiday. Nationally, school attendance levels dropped significantly. It is our duty to report to you if your child’s attendance is lower than expected even if they have been unwell. Hopefully we have got over the worst and there will be less sickness this term.

I look forward to another exciting and hard working term.

Best wishes,

Chris ashley-Jones, Executive Headteacher

**Hunger and Nutrition - We STILL Need Your Help (please)**

Thank you for your wonderful support with bringing in fruit or giving donations. The older children have really enjoyed the fruit – which is a win, win!

Therefore we are still requesting that if parents have any spare fruit, or would like to buy some extra fruit, they continue to donate it to the school.

Please drop of any fruit at the main school office or donate money via Parent Pay.

Please do  to drop off any other food, just fruit, as some children have dietary requirements.

Thank you.

Check out what is going on at your local Libraries this month by clicking on the link below:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKLAMBETH/bulletins/34012b7>



SPRING Term Clubs 2023

**We still have some spaces available for our clubs which are taking place from Monday 9th January and finish the week ending Friday 24th March.**

When making the booking on ParentPay, there is a mandatory field where you will have to write either:  A)walking home alone  B) attending ASC or  C) being collected at the end of the club

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| **Club Name** | **When** | **Time** | **Year group** | **Cost for parents per 10 sessions** | **Collection /Drop Off  point** |
| Netball | Monday | 3:30-4:30 | Years 4, 5&6 | £40 | Main Playground |
| Musical Theatre | Monday | 4:30-5:30 | Years 1 -6 | £50 | Outside Main Office |
| DJ Club | Monday | 3:30-4:30 | Years 5&6 | £60 | Outside Main Office |
| DJ Club | Monday | 4:30-5.30 | Years 3-4 | £60 | Outside Main Office |
| Girls Football | Monday | 3:30-4:30 | Year 2-3 Girls | £40 | Ball Court |
| French | Tuesday | 3:30-4:30 | Years 3- 4 | £40 | Outside Main Office |
| Ukulele | Tuesday | 4:15 – 5:00 | Years 1-6 | £90 | Music Room |
| Football | Tuesday | 3:30-4:30 | Year 4 | £40 | Astroturf |
| Choir | Tuesday | 3:30-4:30 | Years 3-6 | £40 | Outside Main Office |
| Football | Tuesday | 3:30-4:30 | Year 1 | £40 | Ball Court |
| Dance Club | Wednesday | 3:30-4:30 | Years 2-3 | £40 | Studio |
| Dance Club | Wednesday | 4.30-5.30 | Years 4-6 | £40 | Studio |
| French | Wednesday | 3:30-4:30 | Years 5-6 | £40 | Outside Main Office |
| Football | Thursday | 3:30-4:30 | Yr 3 | £40 | Ball Court |
| Martial Arts | Thursday | 3:30-4:30 | Year 1 | £40 | Studio |
| Martial Arts | Thursday | 4.30-5.30 | Year 3 | £40 | Studio |
| Drumming | Thursday | 3:30 - 4:30 | Year 6 | £40 | Outside Main Office |
| STEM | Thursday | 3:30 - 4:30 | Years 5&6 | £40 | Outside Main Office |
| Martial Arts | Friday | 3:30-4:30 | Year 2 | £40 | Studio |
| Martial Arts | Friday | 4.30-5.30 | Years 4-6 | £40 | Outside Main Office |

Ukulele Club – additional ses sion (first session full) STEM Club – Year 5 now invited











