



Industrial Action by the National Education Union – Wednesday 1st February 2023

Nearly every teacher at Hitherfield will be taking Wednesday 1st February 2023 and therefore the school will be closed to ALL pupils on that day.

Whilst the school will be open to non-striking staff, they are not permitted to undertake duties that they would normally not do, such as covering for colleagues who are on strike. It is therefore not possible to provide a safe environment for any children on that day.

If your child usually attends the Breakfast and/or After School Club that day you will not be charged as the service will not be operating.

If your child usually attends an extra-curricular club, such as dance, football, French, tennis or storytelling band, they will not be operating and we will either run an additional session or refund you for that session.

If you wish for your child to undertake learning activities at home you may wish to explore the following:

- BBC Bitesize has a range of primary age learning activities
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>
- The National Academy <https://classroom.thenational.academy>
- Any activities on their Seesaw account that they have not yet engaged with or completed

The other proposed dates of strike action that will impact Hitherfield and other London schools if they go ahead are:

- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

I appreciate that this closure will impact families and I am sorry for the inconvenience caused. However, as a longstanding headteacher, I will add that the financial situation for schools is more challenging than at any time in my experience and I hope that any pay increases awarded are fully funded, which has not been the case so far.

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher

Strike Day Information

Some parents have asked for information about the Strike Day. For those of you who are interested the timings are:

8:30 am - Picket Line at Hitherfield Primary School

10:00 am - Rally at Windrush Square in Brixton

11:00 am - BBC Portland Place for national demonstration



Good news cards

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

1 COBRA Louie and Arlo	1 DUGONG Rita and Indie	1 SUNBIRD Tymek and Leonor
2 MANATEE Eddie and Isla	2 MONGOOSE Enzo and Nora	2 HUMMINGBIRD Amarachi and James
3 JAGUAR Niam and Felix	3 MACAW Artem and Arlo	3 ANACONDA Robert and Penelope
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS Theo and Amelia	4 FLAMINGO Kavali & Daniel J	4 CHEETAH Tyrese and Fin
5 KINGFISHER Fairouz and Cassius	5 HEDGEHOG Isata and Karol	5 OTTER Esme, Sidney, Theo and Shani
6 ORCA Anastasia and Amarah	6 PUFFIN Gene and Filip	6 WOLVERINE Ry and George

Dates for the Diary

Monday 30th January – 2 Mongoose trip to Transport Museum

Monday 30th January - 4 Cheetah and 4 Flamingo Trip to New Cross Gate

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

Wednesday 1st February – SCHOOL CLOSED - Industrial Action by the National Education Union

Thursday 2nd February - 4 Hippo Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 2nd February – Year 3 trip to National Maritime Museum

Thursday 2nd February – Year 6 trip to Thames Walk

Friday 3rd February – 4 Hippo Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Wednesday 8th February – Year 5 trip to Tate Britain

Wednesday 8th February - Nursery Parents' Evening

Nursery Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8th February 1.00-6.00pm
<https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Reminder: there is no afternoon nursery on this day and nursery will close at 12.15. All fulltime children will need to be collected.

The booking system will open at 6.00pm this evening



Hitherfield NEU Strike Day!

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PARENTS SUPPORTING THE STRIKES **WEDS 1ST FEB**

We won't let the Government pit parents against teachers

We're organising a parents bloc at the upcoming national NEU demonstration

Join this WhatsApp broadcast group for updates:





Free Learning Unlimited
online training course



Welcome Walks Volunteer Training course

A **FREE** practical training course for adults interested in
volunteering in Lambeth and Southwark



Plan walks for asylum seekers/refugees.
Have fun leading groups on walks around the local area.
Learn to work with others and keep them safe.
Keep fit while you volunteer!

This course will take place
online using Zoom.
There will also be a practical
face-to-face session
trying out a walk.

Alternate Mondays
12.30pm-2.30pm
from 23rd January to
13th March 2023

To find out more or book a place call **020 3700 1162** or send an email
to foufou.savitzky@learningunlimited.co



Let's Get Active Free local workshops



Come
along!

Have fun while
you discover the
benefits of activity
for you and your
little ones

**Come along and try out some fun ways to
get the whole family up and moving together
– at home and when out and about.**

Come along to discover the benefits of being active:

- Being active is great for your child's physical development and health
- It helps build their confidence and social skills
- Active children are more likely to enjoy life and sleep well

Venue:

Hitherfield Children's
Centre

Date:

9.30-11am
Friday 3rd February

Contact:

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