## HITHERFIELD HERALD





#### Welcome to the Summer Term

It was my pleasure to welcome everyone back to school on Monday. This is a busy half term, but it is also going to be a bit strange with the additional Bank Holiday (Monday 8th May) and the two strike days (27th April and 2nd May). This is going to be rather disruptive, but I do support the teachers striking, as school funding is the worst I have experienced and unfunded pay increases are inevitably going to result in even more cuts to services/staff.

On a happier note, our wonderful school grounds are likely to become more popular with families after school, which is great. Please remember that you are responsible for keeping watch on your children and please ensure they use the grounds sensibly. Children can only remain on the school grounds if supervised by and adult. Thank you for your help with this.

Chris Ashley-Jones Exeutive Headteacher

#### Happy Eid-ul-Fitr

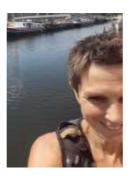
Wishing our families a very happy Eid celebration this weekend.



I'm running the London Marathon on Sunday as part of #Team Autism and am raising money for the National Autistic Society. As the SENDco at school, I work with many of our neuro-diverse students, so it seemed fitting for me to take this opportunity to join a team that is committed to making a change to the lives of autistic people and their families.

I appreciate that the current climate is putting increased financial pressure on all of us right now, but if you are able to sponsor me, please do click the link - your support will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Julia





### **Dates for the Diary**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Class Photo's

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Parents' Evening for Reception – Year 6 ( 1Cobra Postponed new date 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023) <u>https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/</u>

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Strike Action (School Closed)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – EID FAIR CELEBRATIONS Children can wear bright colourful clothes for a 50p donation.

Friday 29th April – Icecream Friday Returns

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Hoiday School Closed

Wednesday 3rd May – Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum

> Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III

Tuesday 9th May - Year 3 Outdoor Adventure Experience 3:30 - 8pm (New Date)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 trip to Hampton Court Palace

Below is the link for our School Meal Menu April – October

School Meal Menu April - October 2023

#### Swimming

Normally Year 2 go swimming for the Summer term, but unfortunately West Norwood pool is still closed for roof repairs. Therefore, Year 4 are swimming this term - it is easier for them to catch the bus to Brixton Leisure Centre each week and they will swim in the Autumn term too. The current Year 2 classes will swim in the Spring term 2024 and then the current Year 1 classes will swim in Summer 2024. That way, we will be back to the normal schedule by Summer 2024. It sounds complicated, but it does make sense!

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Thank you PTA

A big thank you to the PTA who have paid for the new shelter in the Year 1 outdoor area. All Year 1 children use this space during the school day and now it will be dry and a little less hot when the sun really comes out.

#### Year 5 Cycling Proficiency

Year 5 children have enjoyed improving their cycling skills this week. They have been learning how to keep themselves and others safe cycling on the roads around the school.



## Help needed!

We are developing some of our play spaces in Nursery and Reception. We would be grateful for any donations of the following:

Baby clinic:

- realistic play dolls
- toy prams
- real baby bottles, small nappies, slings, changing mat, play gym etc
- weighing scales large enough for a small baby

Hairdressers role play

- hair dressing head
- styling tools
- good quality wigs
- hair accessories

Mud kitchen

- wide range of cooking utensils e.g. pestle and mortar, cupcake tray, flat plan, serving pots

General - toy minibeasts









Thank you so much for your support.

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Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their / * Teachers this week.		
1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Prezley and Oscar	Afiifah and Telaya	Franklin and Clara
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Alistair and Mariam	Ayana and Elena	Arthur and Christian
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Lords and Khallah	Grayson and Theo	Theo and Sophia
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Kemuel, Amelia and Bodhi	William and Millie	Sade and Gabriel
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Elias, Jacob and Olive	Lily and Daniel	Jamelia and Shekinah
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Walter and Francesca	Millie and Olive	Emira and Chloe

# Hitherfield Eid Fair

Friday 28th April
3:15 - 5:00pm
We need your help!

Food, Drinks, Cakes, Ice Cream, Uniform & Toy Stalls, Bouncy Castle and Games please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com if you can spare a little time to help us make this year's fair extra wonderful, and raise as much as possible for school and this brilliant charity

Half of all money raised will go to School and half to the Ummah Welfare Trust Turkey and Syria Appeal

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