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Neurodiversity Working Group Update

Last academic year we set up a neurodiversity working group to see how we can improve the experiences for our children, families and staff. The group continues to meet and plan for the future and this year they are focusing on several areas including - holding further parent forum meetings to share expertise and to support families, to increase the amount of good quality support and guidance on our website, develop staff expertise and seek to enhance our school resources. So look out for more information soon. If you have any questions or comments please email neurodiversity@hitherfield.co.uk

Celebrating different minds



AUTUMN Term Clubs 2023

All clubs will run from w/c 18th September for 5 weeks, then half term 23rd to 27th October, and then for 5 weeks from w/c 30th October to w/c 27th November.

Please add these dates to your calendars



Save the Astroturf (Magic Carpet)

We are politely reminding everyone that bicycles, pushchairs and other objects with wheels should not be on the astroturf, as they damage it. Please also check that your children are not pulling the green turf off it. Thank you.



Whether you joined us for the cause, the chatter or the tasty treats, your generosity helped raise a fabulous

£ 361.40

to help support people living with cancer.



Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate to your host's Coffee Morning. It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.



Hitherfield Road - School Street

Whilst we have been delighted in the way that the School Street on Hitherfield Road has worked over the last few years, we still need to be aware that the road is never completely closed to traffic. Residents of Hitherfield Road are permitted to drive along the road at any time. Parents not living on Hitherfield Road are not permitted to drive along it at morning drop off and afternoon collection times.

We understand that families feel confident to walk in the middle of the road, but please do this with care, as a resident could pull out and drive along it. We recommend that the road is only used by pedestrians when the road closure signs are in place and a member of staff is present.



GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Vienna and Daniel	Liyana and Amir	Phoebe and Amelia
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Marwa and Arlo	Isabelle and Shaban	Thamiel and Haram
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Daisy and Christian	Alastair and Sofia	Finlay and Cleo
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Dorry, Felix, Janosch, Beth and Elijah	Abbie and Idrees	To be announced next week
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
William and Amelia A	Salihe and Elsie	Finlay and Amira
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Gabriel N and Kaiden	Thierry and Lola	Beatrice, Naomi and Ridwan



Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 18th October 2:00-7:00pm

Please sign up

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

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th October - 2 Hummingbird Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

Wednesday 11th October - Individual and sibling photos

Thursday 12th October - 6 Orca Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

Friday 13th October – Year 4 Notting Hill Carnival Workshop

Friday 13th October – PTA AGM 9:15am in the staff room

Tuesday 17th October - 1 Sunbird Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

Wednesday 18th October - Parents' Evening Reception to Year 6 2pm – 7pm

Thursday 19th October - 6 Wolverine Class Assembly and Open Morning

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Can you be a reading Hitherfield Hero?

Last year we had incredible success with our Hitherfield Hero reading programme, ensuring every class in the school had a volunteer reader from the community at least once a week! This had an incredible impact on our readers and we want to do that again this year!

We are calling on anyone who is able to donate at least 30 minutes a week of their time to the school (either 9-9.30am or 3-3.30pm) to help target children learn to read.

In each class, from Reception to Year 6, there are children who need YOUR help to maximise their progress.

You would be assigned a class, and listen to three children read once a week on a day to suit you. This one-to-one reading has an incredible impact- just five minutes reading a day can make a huge difference to fluency!

Sadly, with the cuts to education funding, the school has less and less staff in order to achieve this targeted, often one-on-one, support. This is why we need **YOU!**

As the school has to pay for DBS checks, we would ask for a minimum 6-month commitment. Please contact admin@hitherfield.co.uk with your: **Contact details and day/time you can do**

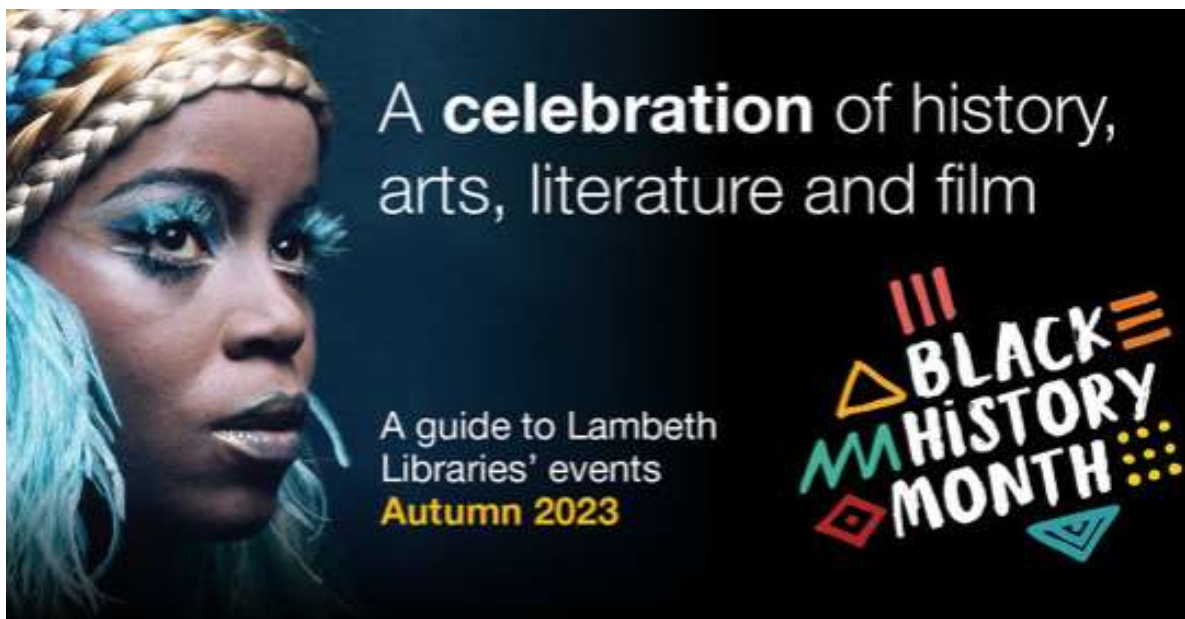
Thank you, thank you... THANK YOU!





Lambeth Libraries celebrate Black History Month

October is **Black History month** and Lambeth Libraries have an amazing line up of writers, artists, film makers and historians. The programme is headlined with **soul legend P P Arnold** discussing her life in music with writer **Lloyd Bradley** - a life that has included singing as an Ikettes with Tina Turner in the 1960s through a major solo career and appearances with everyone from Rod Stewart, the Small Faces, Steel Pulse and Barry Gibb to name a few - a who's who of music greats. There are so many highlights including authors **Alex Wheatle**, **Jacqueline Crooks** and acclaimed actor **Paterson Joseph**, educationalist **Gus John** and historian **Robin Walker**. Do check out the [brochure](#) as there really is an unbelievable number of events for everyone.



In Lambeth we are lucky that people from around the world have for centuries made this their home. Black History Month is a time we come together to share and enjoy the culture of communities that have enriched our lives in Lambeth. In Lambeth Libraries we have partnered with many local organisations and brilliant writers and artists, to deliver a fantastic programme of events. We hope you find something to enlighten and enjoy.

For a full programme you can pick up a brochure from any Lambeth Library or visit the [Black History Month website](#).



Parents/Carers of children in Reception to Year 6

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. The NHS Immunisation Team will be visiting Hitherfield on Friday 3rd November.

Please use the link provided to access the electronic consent form: <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/lambeth>

Please make sure you only complete the form once. The office does not have a copy of consent forms so please make a note of whether or not you have completed this form. We will send reminders to ALL families up until 72 hours before the immunisation date as the booking system will then close.

If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team below.

Lambeth Schools: Hrch.ImmunisationTeamMailboxLambeth@nhs.net Tel: 0208 614 5496

Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu this year. Completion of the consent form is not mandatory if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. However, as providers of the school age vaccinations, NHSE requires that we provide numbers of parents that do not consent to their child being vaccinated. Therefore, we will only use this information to provide numbers of parents declining consent, no other details will be shared. If consent forms are not completed, you may be contacted by phone or text. If you have returned a no consent, we will not make any further contact this year. Please see our privacy notice if you require further details [Privacy: Hounslow & Richmond Community Healthcare \(hrch.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hrch.nhs.uk/privacy)

New Breastfeeding Peer Helper Course
Starts 2 November 2023
FREE!
Join our team!
Breastfeeding Network Lambeth
apply at tinyurl.com/tupnwdeu
LEAP

This is a **FREE 12-week OCN accredited course** (equivalent to a GCSE qualification), open to any Lambeth women who have breastfed and are interested in training as BfN Helper volunteers who want to support breastfeeding in their community and learn new skills at the same time.

We really want to have a diverse cohort of trainees, who reflect the wonderful local community, please share with any local parents that are breastfeeding or have breastfed, if they need more information please ask them to get in touch.

<https://www.breastfeedingnetwork.org.uk/training/helper2024-27/>

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Hitherfield PTA Annual General Meeting

**Friday 13th October
9:15 - staff room**



The PTA warmly invite you to our AGM, where we'll be reviewing our achievements over the past year and voting in a new committee.

As school budgets are squeezed even further the support of the PTA is more important to Hitherfield than ever, and we'd love to be able to run as many of our fundraising events as possible but we really do need your help.

Most of the current committee are working parents, so please don't be put off from joining if you are working and can't commit to every meeting or event - we only expect people to do what they can and are happy to do.

If you'd like to know more about the PTA please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com, or feel free to grab any of us whenever you see us at school

Many thanks, the PTA



Hitherfield is so proud of our pupil (pictured) who defeated a string of contestants, including an adult, to become Yoyo champion.

It was a close call because he'd made a mistake with one of the routines, but his overall performance impressed the judges so much that he was handed the championship. Congratulations, and well done!

Dear Parents/Carers of current Years 3-6,

The London Mayor has announced that he will fund free school meals for all KS2 children in community schools for 1 year as an emergency cost of living support measure. Therefore, children in KS2 will not have to pay for school dinners for the Academic year 2023-2024. Please complete this form if your child/ren are currently having packed lunches and you would like to move them to school dinners. If your child/ren are already having school dinners, you do not need to complete this form but you can stop paying for dinners from September 2023-July 2024.

<https://forms.gle/2oyhKLuEre9yfoP4A>

Rose VOUCHERS for fruit & veg

Rose Vouchers for Fruit & Veg are available for families on low-incomes to spend on fruit & veg at stalls on Brixton Market and Chestnut Road, West Norwood

Eligible families (including pregnant women) in Lambeth could receive between £4 and £6 of Rose Vouchers per week, per child under 5 years old and older siblings up to 11 years old

To find out if you are eligible for Rose Vouchers, please contact:
Hitherfield Children's Centre
Hitherfield Road, SW16 2LW
on: 020 8835 9569

Logos for Alexandra Rose Charity, Esmée Fairbairn Lottery Fund, and Lambeth are also present.

Reception Admissions

Applying for a primary school place for 2024-25

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you must apply for a primary or infant school place for September 2024.

The deadline for on-time applications was midnight on Monday 15 January 2024. If you have not applied already, you still need to do so online for your child to start primary school in September 2024.

[Click here to apply](#)



THIS IS AN AMAZING TOTAL OF £20106!

Thank you Hitherfield for all of your incredible support!



It is hard to believe that the school needs to turn to the PTA to fund books but that is how things currently are. We have pledged to purchase a further £6000 worth of reading books this academic year. We'd love to be able to run the events needed to offer this support to Chris and the Team for the foreseeable future, but we need people on the PTA to do it.

If you can help please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com. Thank you!