



Hitherfield Library

We are fortunate at Hitherfield to have a lovely school library which is well stocked with fiction and non-fiction. We run it as a Community Library and welcome parents and carers who want to enrol and borrow books. We know that children who read at home or are read to at home often make better progress in their schooling and we are keen to encourage this.

The Library is open after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays for anyone in our school community to use. Please pop in and have a look around.

If you have any questions about the library you can email library@hitherfield.co.uk

Lunch boxes

We have a large number of lunch boxes left at the end of the week. After school today, the premises team will collect them and they will be left outside by lost property on Monday 30th October. Any lunch boxes not collected will be thrown away.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 30th October – Children return to school

Tuesday 31st October - Deadline for Secondary School Applications

Correction Thursday 2nd November – 6 Wolverine Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

Friday 3rd November – Flu vaccination for Reception – Year 6

Tuesday 7th November – 2 Mongoose Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

Wednesday 8th November - Nursery Parents' Evening 1pm – 6pm

Thursday 9th November - 6 Puffin Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

Secondary School Applications

The closing date for parents to submit an on-time Secondary transfer application is on Tuesday 31st October 2023, leaving parents with 14 calendar days to complete this stage of the process.

Lambeth have received so far, a low number of applications this year for the secondary transfer process.

Please visit Lambeth's website [How to apply for school place before deadline — 31 October 2023 | Lambeth Council](#)



GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Zahara and Rickari	Cruz and Romy	Reggie and Alice C
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Leonardo & Scarlett	Leonor and Muhammad	Amar and Iason
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Kiera-Lee and Tia-May	Ellis and Stevie	Jamarley and Oona
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Adam, Marla and Amy	Joe and Maryam	To be announced next week
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Isaac and Bodhi	Yasmina and Alexandre	Amelia and Javier
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Varniga and Esme	Liliana, Vanessa, Trequan, Isaiah, Sara, Si'Ava	Aisha and Elias

International Day of the Girl

In celebration of International Day of the Girl last week we wanted to share with you about Festival of The Girl, a nonprofit created to break down harmful gender stereotypes for 7-11 year old girls and their parents / carers.

Our annual festival is this weekend in Islington, North London. We want as many families from in and around London to join us as possible which is why we have created a 50% discount for the students and families at your school. Can you please share on your newsletter to help us spread the word?

There will be everything from coding and robotics to art and sustainability, F1 motorsports and rugby to aviation and gaming, body confidence and music to podcasting and leadership and so much more.

Although aimed at 7-11 year old girls, everyone is welcome. For further details and tickets (discount code: ISL50) please [click here](#).

Thank you so much,
Abi, Jen and Laura (Festival of The Girl Founders)





PTA AGM Report October 2023

Rosie Baskerville (Committee Member)

Hello and welcome to the 2023 PTA AGM. We're going to be taking a look at our fundraisers over the past year and what we believe are some fantastic achievements, but I'd like to start first with saying a huge thanks to this year's committee. Lucia & Melissa - our Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, Paola - our Secretary, and our other committee members, Helen and Lucy. We thank you so much for all of your support in making our events and fundraisers so successful. Thanks also to Ria who spent 6 months on our committee before outside commitments meant she had to step down. After 2 years on the committee Helen has decided it's time to stand down and we'd like to say thank you for all of her time and support but in particular her amazing efforts on the raffles at our Summer and Christmas fairs! The other person who will be standing down after a lengthy 3 years on the committee is our Chair of the last 2 years, Keela – a massive thanks to her for the huge amount of time and effort she's put in over the last 2 years and the brilliant job she's done getting us back onto a full non-Covid schedule with the many fantastic events that have been run. We'd like to take a quick look at our events and fundraisers over the last year starting with the International Food Festival in October, an event which hadn't been run for some time and thanks to some amazing contributions from Paola and Frank, Rachel Dobson, Azy and many others was a lovely after school event - a total sell-out. We used this event to trial a voucher system as oppose to cash and cards which had its positives, but after feedback we decided to go back to the old system for future events to offer more flexibility for our families. We've decided not to run the festival in October this year as it's already a busy term but will keep it in mind for a later point in the year or next year.

Moving on to the festive season Keela and Paola smoothly managed the always popular Christmas Cards. We worked again with Mistletoe & Pine Christmas Trees, and offered more flexibility with collection dates which proved to be popular so we sold more than ever before. Jade Koch put together another offering of wine to purchase for Christmas which again sold well so many thanks to Jade for her time and support. Warm Up Fridays were hugely welcomed once again, helping us through the November and December months with Hot Chocolates and an always devoured mountain of doughnuts! This year's Christmas Fair was very cold but still brilliantly festive and well-attended. A Hitherfield pupil's Grandad saved Santa's Grotto at the last minute after Covid hit the North Pole! The BBQ goodies flew off the grill and our new cheese toastie stall went down well too. And despite the chilly temperatures our kids and amazing volunteers stuck it out in style with all the usual favourite games and funfair rides and we raised over £4000. Clare Butler and myself ran the annual Quiz night in March, as always very kindly hosted by the brilliant Alex and Emma, and this year's was another great evening helped by the excellent addition of Paola's very popular veggie curry! Many thanks to Clare, Paola, Mary and all involved for their time and support.

Azy's final Eid Fair (at least as a Hitherfield parent!) was held in April this year, so that it was closer to Eid, and Azy finished with a bang describing it as the best ever and raising an incredible £3342, split equally between the PTA and the Syria and Turkey Earthquake appeal.

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Ice Cream Fridays returned, still much loved though somewhat dampened by a bit of a soggy summer! This year we were helped by the purchase of a big chest freezer in the staff room and ran ICF from the main playground to make it easier for those running it on the day. We had a lovely team of regular volunteers so huge thanks to them for all of their help. In June Jolene Butler and Meryl O'Rourke ran our first ever in-person Comedy and Curry Night with some outstanding comedic talents and another brilliant curry and rice from Paola, assisted by Azy. We were super lucky to be holding it on a beautiful sunny evening so everyone could enjoy food and drinks on the plaza before the Comedians started their sets. The event received brilliant feedback and made almost £1000 so massive thanks to Jolene, Meryl, Paola, Azy, the brilliant Comedians and all involved. Also in June we held a very full summer fair, adding a couple of new games and an extra bouncy castle. We were super lucky to be holding it on another rare hot day so got as much as we could under the shade of the trim trail, which proved to be a great spot for our lovely Facepainting team and many of our games and the Tombola. Paola brilliantly found a new estate agent (Oaks) to sponsor the Summer Fair and over £5000 was raised in total. Throughout the year Paola has also worked her magic with many a uniform sale, which are hugely important in keeping the cost of uniform down for all of our Hitherfield families and being one of the most important ways in which we can improve in our efforts to take a more eco-friendly and sustainable approach as a school and an organisation. We'd very much like to look at how we could make uniform sales easier to run so this can be done more often.

We're very excited to welcome in some new members to the 23/24 PTA committee. The committee is of course absolutely essential for organising and running our fundraisers but it's also very important that we have a range of opinions and ideas contributing to the decisions made by the PTA. However, as the PTA committee is now generally smaller than in the past, and more of its members are working parents it has also been hugely helpful to have 2 significant events in the quiz and comedy night brilliantly organised in the main by non-PTA people. Going forward we'd love to be able to support parents and carers not on the committee in organising and running fundraisers as a project so that they can be more flexibly involved in the PTA. Lucia will talk more about our what we've been able to fund this year but these include reading books, handwriting books, the Christmas Panto, the Y5 Shakespeare performance, Y1 outdoor play equipment and canopy, PE equipment and Trim Trail equipment. With facebook a little less popular than it used to be, this year we set up a PTA messages whatsapp group with a rep from each class sending on messages to their individual classes which has been incredibly helpful for promoting our events and recruiting volunteers. Many thanks to our brilliant reps! Massive thanks to Chris and the Hitherfield Team for their continued and complete support. The Office and Premises staff are always lovely and available to help with all of our last minute requests, making our job so much easier. A huge thank you also to the Hitherfield families and local businesses for all of the generous prize donations to our 2 raffles. The funds raised from the raffles are a very significant part of the total raised by our fairs. We are, as always, so grateful to the Hitherfield community for their support - volunteering, coming to our events and coping so well with our constant marketing – thank you all!

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YOUR NEW COMMITTEE



We held our very well-attended AGM last week (many thanks to all who came) and 12 lovely people put their names forward to be your 23/24 PTA Committee

Please welcome:

Paola Barbieri-Iesini (Secretary) - Y3 & Y4

Lucia Moore (Treasurer) - Nursery & Y1

Melissa Kenyon (Deputy Treasurer) - Y4 & Y6

Rosie Baskerville - Y2 & Y5

Lucy Williams - Y1

Ian Bennett - Y1

Amy Brown - Y4 & Y6

Antoni Banev - Y1

Nermine Zeyn - Y2 & Y5

Marta Kruzel Facey - Reception

Tahirah Francis - Reception, Y1, Y3 & Y4

Sebastian Day - Reception

As you can see, the committee will run without a Chair for now due to the external commitments of our current members, old and new. Therefore, things will be a little different and as always we will need the support of you, our wonderful Hitherfield Community, to make it all happen. We are very excited about the year ahead!



Uniform Donations



The PTA very much appreciate your uniform donations, which can be dropped off at the office any time.

Please can we ask that any donations are first washed, and that if the uniform is badly stained or torn you donate it to the one of the charity shops who accept imperfect clothing (such as St Christophers on Streatham High Road) or one of the clothes donation banks instead. Many thanks, the PTA

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Lambeth Cross Country Trials

On a bright and sunny Tuesday morning 16 pupils from Years 5 and 6 attended Lambeth Cross Country Trials. The trials were held at Brockwell Park over a 1.5km course and many schools were in attendance.

All the Hitherfield pupils put in a spectacular effort. For Year 5 boys race Bodhi lead from the very beginning of the race, never faltered and finished in first place. Year 6 Hitherfield girls began competing against each other for 3rd and 4th place, often swapping positions. Eventually Feyruth came in 3rd and Tabby in 4th place. Year 6 boys race was also extremely close and tense Jacob made a monumental sprint finish from second place causing a photo finish. On lookers could not tell easily but Jacob came in 2nd place.

A huge well done to all those that took part.





IQ CARDS DESIGN FORM REMINDER



Please place all IQ Card Design Forms in the drop off box at the school Office by

Thursday the 2nd of November

We will send the design forms back to IQ Cards who will send us unique order numbers so you can place your orders online in plenty of time for the upcoming festive season!

Products	Number of packs required	Cost per pack	Total
12 x A6 Cards with envelopes		£5.00	£
24 x A6 Cards with envelopes		£9.00	£
36 x A6 Cards with envelopes		£12.00	£
A6 Postcards x 16		£3.00	£
Sticky Gift Labels x 20		£3.00	£
Wrapping Paper x 6 sheets (size 520 x 360mm)		£5.00	£
Value Pack (12 Cards with envelopes, 16 Postcards, 6 sheets Wrapping Paper & 20 Sticky Gift Labels)		£13.00	£
Fridge Magnet - approx 5cm x 8cm		£2.50	£
Chocolate Bar - 90g		£3.50	£
Keyring - approx 5cm x 8cm		£2.50	£
A5 Notebook		£4.50	£

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Free Children's Cycling Training

We are running free children's cycle training courses at Clapham Common this half term and there is a limited number of spaces left so please do pass the following on to your families:

FREE cycle training courses are taking place on Clapham Common this half term, run by Cycle Confident and sponsored by Lambeth Council. There are courses for beginners and also more advanced on-road courses for the over-9s. Bikes are available to borrow for those who can't bring one and training is in small groups with fully qualified instructors. For more information and to book a place, please see the *Child Group Training* page of the Cycle Confident [website](#) and scroll through to find Lambeth courses.



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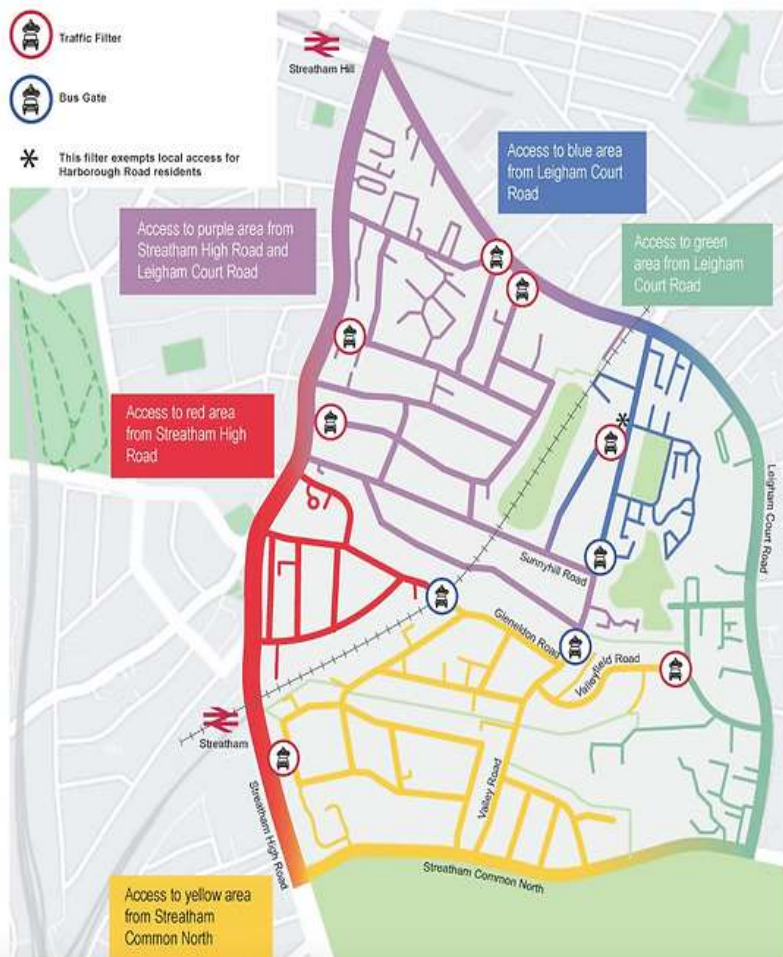


Traffic Filter



Bus Gate

* This filter exempts local access for Harborough Road residents



Parents/Carers may like to be reminded that the Streatham Wells Low Traffic Neighbourhood trial starts on Monday 23 October.

The trial aims to reduce motor traffic on streets around Streatham Wells, including Valley Road and Culverhouse Gardens. It is designed to make the neighbourhood safer, healthier and more climate resilient. As well as reducing through traffic, it is designed to improve walking, wheeling and cycling conditions for children travelling to school. It is also hoped the trial will lead to a reduction in the motor traffic on Leigham Vale outside the school's main entrance.

For more information, see <https://streathamwells.commonplace.is>

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Evelina London is providing **free** local HENRY sessions for Lambeth & Southwark families with children under 5.

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- Healthy Teeth
- Eating Well for Less
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For full information, upcoming dates, locations and how to **book** your place, please visit our page on the Evelina London website:

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