

A huge thank you to the Hitherfield community & PTA for their donations of books and stationery for our school in Ghana. We collected 885 books and still counting. Many thanks once again on behalf of Zhara Yr 5 & Remiel Yr 1.



School closes at normal time on Thursday 21st December and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 9th January 2024. Have a lovely Christmas Holiday!

Thank you PTA

A massive thank you to the PTA (and all of you who have supported their events and fundraising) as this week the children in Years 1 to 6 enjoyed Dib and Dab's Christmas Panto.

Nursery and Reception children will watch The Littlest Christmas Elf on Tuesday of next week.



Punctuality

We are area of many children arriving late to school and, as per Department for Education guidance, have to inform you of this. Many families have received letters this week informing them that their children are regularly late for school. Everyone starts the school day with reading and it is vitally important that children are in school on time. Arriving late not only impacts on the child who is late, but it interrupts the learning of others. Missing 10 minutes a day results in over 31 hours of missed learning, usually reading, across the academic year.

Whilst we appreciate that there are emergencies and traffic issues on occasion, including the various LTNs, children really do need to be here on time. We open the playgrounds at 8:45am and ring the bell at 8:55am in order that the children can be in class and learning at 9am. Perhaps some families can make this a New Year's resolution!

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GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Amira and Hazel	Willow and Fraser	Flossy and Lauren
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Prezley and Roberto	Emmeline and Kit	Eva and Lily
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Mufeeth and Lisl	Amaratchi and Stevie	Nora, Douglas, Jackson & Riccardo
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Esme	Jules and Arlo	Fred, Tezari
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Micah M	Fatmire & Mia	Jakayla and A'zari
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Ugo and Nelly	Hannah and Lily	Reuben and Mia

Dates for the Diary

DECEMBER

Monday 18th - Christmas Concert 2.00pm
4 Cheetah, 5 Hedgehog and 6 Wolverine

Tuesday 19th - Christmas Concert 10:00am
4 Cheetah, 5 Hedgehog and 6 Wolverine

Tuesday 19th - Christmas Concert 2:00pm
4 Flamingo, 5 Kingfisher and 6 Puffin

Wednesday 20th - Christmas Concert 10:00am
1 Sunbird, 2 Hummingbird and 3 Macaw

Wednesday 20th - Christmas Concert 2:00pm
4 Hippopotamus, 5 Otter and 6 Orca

Thursday 21st - Christmas Concert 10:00am
1 Cobra, 2 Mongoose and 3 Jaguar

Thursday 21st - Last Day of Term
School finishes at normal time

JANUARY

Monday 8th January - Inset Day
Tuesday 9th January - Children Return to School

No Sweets Please

While this time of year is often full of sweet treats and chocolates, sweets are not permitted in school. The children can have fruit for break time - we provide most of this - but please do not send in sweets.



Thank you.



Spring bulbs have gone home!

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The hyacinths, carlton daffodils and tete a tete bulbs have all been sent home with pots, compost and instructions. Please note that tête-à-tête bulbs can be planted up to 4 to a pot but if you would like extra pots and soil to separate the bulbs, or if you haven't received a kit that you ordered please email the office and let us know.

IQ CARD INFORMATION

On Thursday we received the IQ Cards orders, and we distributed your orders to all of the classes. Please check with your child's Teacher if you haven't received them.

If you have any queries/ problems, please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com

MAYOR OF LONDON

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of term approaches, I wanted to write to you to let you know how successful our Universal Free School Meals programme has been. I'm pleased to say I've now provided more than 10 million free lunches to primary school pupils in state-funded schools across our city since September. As part of our emergency intervention to help with the cost of living crisis, I'll continue to fund millions more free school meals until at least the end of this academic year, ensuring children don't go hungry and saving families hundreds of pounds.

I'm doing this because I know many parents and carers are desperately struggling with the cost of living right now. As someone who received free school meals myself growing up, I know they can be a lifeline to people who are finding it hard to make ends meet and that they can also help children concentrate in the classroom and reach their full potential.

As Mayor of London, I also fundamentally believe that feeding our children shouldn't be an optional luxury but should rank as one of our society's top priorities. Making sure our children are properly fed and healthy is vital to building a better London for everyone – a city that is fairer, safer, more inclusive and more prosperous for all.

I've been deeply touched by the heartfelt messages I've received from both parents and pupils, who've told me what these free school meals mean to them. I know times are still tough for many families across London, so I sincerely hope this programme will continue to make a meaningful difference to you and your children, particularly as the days get colder and energy bills remain high.

Even though your child is receiving their free school meals automatically, it is still vitally important – if you have not already done so – to complete your school or borough's registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school, worth over £1,300 per year, plus any wider benefits for your family. For more information about this and anything else about the scheme, please visit our online hub: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Families having difficulties with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost of living hub here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living>. I wish your family a happy and healthy winter break, and I hope your children are looking forward to their school meals when they return in the New Year.

Yours sincerely, Sadiq Khan Mayor of London



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Christmas Fair 2023

Thank you to everyone who came to this year's Christmas Fair. we hope you had a brilliant time! We'll let everyone know how much we were able to raise in next week's Herald. Many thanks for your wonderful donations - cakes, tombola, toys and more - we needed them all! The biggest thanks to our incredible team of volunteers - we absolutely couldn't have done it without you!

Wreaths Workshop

A whopping thank you to Emily Andrews for running a fantastic wreaths workshop, assisted by the lovely Fiorella. It was a wonderful evening and everyone went home with a beautiful unique christmas wreath. All monies raised will go towards our Astroturf campaign, and we'll update everyone with the totals next week.

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- Under 10 (11-12pm)
- Under 11 (12-1pm)
- Under 12 (1-2pm)
- Under 14 (2-3pm)



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19th of December

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WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's & children's)
- Paired shoes
- Accessories, bags, belts
- Swimwear
- Lingerie
- Clean underwear & socks
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T
ACCEPT

- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Single shoes
- Duvets & pillows
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Toys, stationery
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear & uniforms
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Stationery
- Hygiene items, diapers
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ELEVATE Lambeth schools newsletter

As we draw to the end of 2023, we have been reflecting on the last five years.

We recently published “[Creative Ways We’ve Grown: Lambeth’s Creative and Digital Industries Strategy Five Years On](#)” to highlight the inspirational individuals and institutions who have contributed to the creative growth of the borough since 2018 and begin thinking about how we might move forward with our work.

As well as highlighting the progress made over the last five years, we also premiered the new [ELEVATE promo film](#).

We want to thank partners, contributors, collaborators, funders, and champions who have played a pivotal role in the success of Creative and Digital Industries in Lambeth to date, and we invite anyone who wants to join us on our future journey to get in touch.

For more information about ELEVATE and how you can get involved please email ELEVATE@Lambeth.gov.uk.