



## Happy Christmas and New Year

It has been my pleasure to have seen most of you at the concerts over the last 10 days and what wonderful performances the children have entertained us with. A big thank you to the children, the parents for helping learn lines and songs and to all the staff who have worked tirelessly on getting the children and the stage set for the shows. I am sure you have all enjoyed them as much as I have.

It has been a busy and hard-working term and I thank you for all your ongoing support not just for the school, but the support you give to each other through wonderful initiatives like Family to Family and to the wider world, through fundraising for the Israel/Palestine crisis. Hitherfield has a very special community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. The children all return on Tuesday 9th January and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Take care,

Chris Ashley-Jones,  
Executive Headteacher



## Breakfast and Afterschool Club News

Seasons greetings and a Happy New year in advance to everyone from all of us at the Breakfast and After School Clubs! (BASC)!

We continually strive to improve the service we offer to the children and with increasing numbers of younger children attending the clubs we will be making some changes next term. From January 2024 onwards there is a change in location for two year groups, and they will be as follows;

The Breakfast and Afterschool Club for children in Reception will move to the Reception/Infant hall where they will join Year 1 children.

The Breakfast and Afterschool Club for children in Year 2 will move to the Main School Hall where they will join children in Years 3 to 6.

There'll be no changes for children in Nursery who will remain in the Children's Centre for both services. There'll also be no changes for children in Years 3 - 6, as both services will still be held in the main Hall.

Please see me or another member of staff should you have any queries.

Thank you and happy holidays!

Derek Tejan – Sie  
BASC Manager





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## Thank You For Entertaining Us!

A huge thank you to all the children and staff for putting on such wonderful Christmas shows. Everyone has been delighted and entertained by the excellent singing, acting (over acting!) and general sense of fun.





**Father Christmas' Annual visit to the children at Hitherfield took place this afternoon. There were lots of screams and cheers!**





**LOVE TO SING?**  
Join THE  
**HITHERFIELD PARENTS' POP CHOIR!**  
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED  
ALL SONGS LEARNT BY EAR  
(NO SHEET MUSIC)  
AUDIO LEARNING TRACKS PROVIDED

**SPRING TERM STARTS  
15TH JANUARY**

MONDAYS 9:15AM TO 10:15AM IN  
'THE STUDIO' AT HITHERFIELD  
**£70 PER TERM**  
FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE TO  
THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Email or message choir leader Ian Bennett  
with questions or to confirm your place  
[ibmuso@gmail.com](mailto:ibmuso@gmail.com) / 07901 166 905

The Gaia Centre provides support for Lambeth residents affected by gender-based violence, including domestic abuse. It's closed on Dec 25th, 26th, and Jan 1st, 2024, but has an out-of-hours on-call service: 07725245779. Normal hours are 8am-6pm Monday – Friday.

Helpline support is available:

- [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#), 24/7
- [Women's Aid live chat](#), daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- [Men's Advice Line](#), weekdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- [Samaritans Helpline](#), 24/7
- [Childline](#) 24/7
- In emergencies, call 999

## Dates for the Diary

### JANUARY

Monday 8th January – Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January – Children Return to School

Thursday 11th January - 3 Jaguar and 3 Macaw Horniman Museum

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January – 3 Anaconda Horniman Museum

Thursday 18th January - 4 Flamingo Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am in the main hall

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - 2 Manatee Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am in the main hall

Thursday 25th January - 5 Kingfisher Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am in the main hall

Tuesday 30th January – 3 Jaguar Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am in the main hall





## Thank you



Family to Family ran this week on Wednesday morning.

Family to Family is a parent run initiative to collect and coordinate the donating and receiving of groceries during the holiday period for Hitherfield families confidentially.

Thank you so much to all Hitherfield families who donated groceries and money to families who really needed support this holidays. Also, thank you to Sainsburys in Streatham who, through a Hitherfield parent that manages the store, were able to donate £150 of groceries.

In total we were able to support over 45 families.

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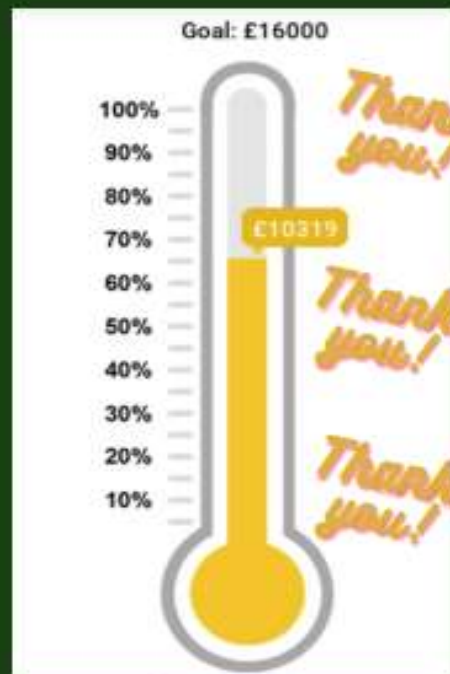
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## PTA CHRISTMAS & THE ASTROTURF CAMPAIGN

To our wonderful Hitherfield community - thank you for all of your support this festive season. In total for all of our events we've managed to raise a fantastic **£7842!!**

-  **Christmas Fair & Raffle**  
**£4015**
-  **Wreaths Workshop**  
**£500**
-  **Warm-Up Fridays**  
**£997**
-  **Estate Agent Boards**  
**£1125**
-  **Christmas Trees**  
**£925**
-  **Clothes Collection**  
**£280**



This means we have now raised a total of **£10,319**

and are well over half way to achieving our target...  
Hitherfield, you are **AMAZING!!**



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## Job Advertisement – Head of School

**Job Advertisement**  
Head of School

**Post Title:**  
Head of School

**School:**  
Hitherfield Primary School

**Start Date:**  
September 2024

**Contract:**  
Permanent/full time

**Pay range:**  
L18 – L22 with Inner London Weighting

**Line manager:**  
Executive Headteacher

**Supervisory Responsibilities:**  
Curriculum, Standards and Assessment

**Website:**  
[Hitherfield.co.uk](http://Hitherfield.co.uk)

### Are you a dynamic, innovative and experienced leader ready to take up a new exciting challenge?

If so, the Executive Headteacher and Governors of Hitherfield Primary School are seeking to appoint an exceptional leader to join our Leadership Team.

Our Head of school is someone who:

- Is an excellent classroom practitioner
- Has experience of middle or senior leadership across the primary phase
- Has excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Has a passion for an innovative curriculum and can confidently lead teaching and learning
- Can inspire and lead a creative and committed staff team
- Can support and drive high expectations, the ethos, aims and values of the school

**Key timings:**

**School visit days:**  
Wednesday 17 January  
Friday 19 January  
(Contact Tammy Wallace for alternative dates)

**Closing date:**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9am

**Shortlisting:**  
31<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February

**Interviews:**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**How to apply:**  
Please read the documentation and complete the application form.

All contact with the school, for school visits and applications, will be managed through our Human Resources Officer:

Tammy Wallace

Phone: 020 8769 8428

Email: [recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk)



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## Stronger Relationships Online Course

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent ?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

### TOPICS COVERED

- Healthy adult relationships
- Identifying and managing disagreements
- Understanding how conflict affects your children
- Enhancing parent-child relationships
- Managing stress, anger and emotions
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you
- Address other difficulties relating to your relationships
- Hear from others about what works for them

Find out more or register for the course:

[sfscparent@racefound.org.uk](mailto:sfscparent@racefound.org.uk)  
[www.strengthening-families.net](http://www.strengthening-families.net)




**STEP 01** Go to <https://strengthening-families.net/reducing-parental-conflict/>

**STEP 02** Select a course, either:

- parenting and living together
- parenting and living apart

**STEP 03** Select a day of the week and select a time for your group discussion

-  Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments
-  Hear from other parents and carers
-  Downloadable worksheets and handouts
-  Videos, quizzes and interactive activities
-  Do sessions at a time that works for you
-  Weekly support from our course experts

**STEP 04** Complete your contact details 

**STEP 05** Answer a short questionnaire 

**STEP 06** Click on 'your profile' and you can start your course 

If you need any help, email us at [sfscparent@racefound.org.uk](mailto:sfscparent@racefound.org.uk) or call us on 07708360561






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## EarlyBird Programme

*A programme to support parents with children with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)*

EarlyBird is for Lambeth families with children up to 5 years old with a diagnosis of Autism.

*This programme covers:*

- Understanding your child's autism
- Structure interactions to develop communications
- Developing strategies to anticipate and manage problem behaviours

The EarlyBird programme is run by the Early Years Autism officers from the Early Years SEN team at Lambeth Council.

This programme runs for 3 months with parent-only group sessions and home visits to support the child at home.

**Pop along to the taster session to sign up!**

**When:** Thursday 7th March 2024

**Time:** 10am -11:30am

**Where:** Stockwell Children's Centre, Burgoyne Road, London, SW9 9QJ

*No need to book; just show up!*

For other enquiries: [earlybird@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:earlybird@lambeth.gov.uk)



## Lambeth Parent Workshop- Understanding Autism in Under 5's

**When:** Tuesday 13th February 2024

**Time:** 1:30pm till 2:30pm

**Where:** Benton's Lane Children's centre, SE27 9UD

**This workshop is for families in Lambeth who have an autistic child, or those who are on the pathway to obtaining a diagnosis.**

**The session will cover the following areas:**

- Understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
  - Learn how children with Autism learn and play
- Strategies to support their development through play

Parent only workshop, no children please.

To book a place please email [rdeacon@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:rdeacon@lambeth.gov.uk)

Or text 07708106571



### Transport links

Bus: 432 & 322

Nearest station: West Norwood, Gypsy Hill

Early Years SEN team, Civic Centre, Brixton, [Earlyyears@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:Earlyyears@lambeth.gov.uk)