

HITHERFIELD HERALD

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Happy New Year

Welcome back to a chilly start to the Spring Term. At least we have had sunny days and blue skies to help us get out of bed and to get to school!

I am looking forward to another productive school term. Some classes have already been on school trips this week and the curriculum is in full swing. Clubs start back next week, the days are beginning to show signs of lengthening and we have parents' evening coming up soon.

We are always here to help meet and answer questions, or even just for a quick chat.

Best wishes,

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher

PTA meeting - Friday 19th January, after drop off, in the Staff Room.

Help us plan this term's events to raise funds for the Astroturf campaign.

Everyone welcome, including little ones

Termly Overview Plans for this term will be uploaded to the School website at the start of next week for families to view

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 24th January 14:00 - 19:00

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Moved to Wednesday 31st January 14:00 - 19:00

Nursery Parents' Evening
Wednesday 7th February 1300 - 18:00 **(there will be no afternoon Nursery on this day or after school club)**

Booking system will open on Friday 12th January at 18:00

Please book your appointment slot here: <https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

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Universal Free School Meals

The Mayor of London has extended funding for Universal Free School Meals for another academic school year between September 2024 and July 2025. This means that primary school aged children who attend a state funded school in London will continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal so that no child goes hungry in the classroom, and all pupils can better concentrate on their studies.

If your child/ren are currently having a packed lunch but you would like them to have a free school meal, please pick up a school meal contract from the school office.

Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday 18th January - 6 Puffin and 6
Wolverine trip to Streatham Faith Trail

Tuesday 23rd 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

Thursday 1st February – 6 Orca trip to
Streatham Faith Trail

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 / 07901 166 905

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Little Wandle Reading Practice Sessions

We are very excited to announce that next week Year One will be starting our new Reading Practise Sessions!

Reading practice sessions are:

- timetabled three times a week.
- taught by specially trained members of staff.
 - taught in small groups.
- designed to improve children's fluency in reading.

Your child will read the same book over the course of the three sessions, with each session focussing on a different element of reading: **decoding, prosody and comprehension.**

Find more information here: [Little Wandle For Parents: Books Coming Home](#)

The decodable home reading texts that your child will bring home each week will be the text that they have shared and read in class as their group text, so please do not be alarmed that the book is familiar to your child. This is intentional as research shows that children enjoy re-reading texts, it helps to build their fluency levels and improves their pace when reading as well as their confidence. They will bring this book home after their last reading session of the week. Children will also bring home an additional decodable reading practice book at their level, which they will not have read before.

Book return day will be **WEDNESDAY** for all year one classes.

The school has spent a huge amount of money and time investing in these Reading Sessions, and the books are the key element, with all children relying on the same books. This means that it is **ESSENTIAL** that the books are returned every Wednesday so the sessions can run. The school does not have the money to replace lost books, and all children rely on them to learn to read, so we all need to play our part here!

If a book is lost or not returned, or is returned damaged, you will be issued with an invoice for £5.75 to cover the cost of the book, or sent an Amazon link so you are able to order the book directly for the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or a member of the English team if you have any questions about this!

Thank you so much as always for your support!

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Calling all edible gardening enthusiasts!

...Or even those who are mildly interested or curious. For the spring term we've extended our Thursday morning edible gardening parent sessions to be 9-10am (back to 9-9:30 in the Summer term).

Jessi is eager to introduce you to the food that the kids grow in the edible garden and around the school. You might find yourself getting involved in pruning, hole composting, recognising which weeds are edible, sawing old branches to make borders, experimenting with edible flowers, getting involved in repurposing, finding new food plants to grow, grabbing cuttings for your own garden, picking up ideas or influencing what we grow here.

If you're waiting with a nursery child till 9:15am after the 8:55am drop off feel free to bring them with you, or you can join after you've dropped them off too. Do as much of the session and as many of them as you like.

Just wear weather appropriate clothing and shoes that you don't mind getting a little dirty.



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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024/2025

Autumn 2024

Inset
Inset
Children Start
End of Term

Term One

Monday 2nd September 2024
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Wednesday 4th September 2024
Friday 25th October 2024

38 Teaching Days

Children start
End of Term

Term Two

Monday 4th November 2024
Friday 20th December 2024

35 Teaching Days

Spring 2025

Inset
Children start
End of term

Term Three

Monday 6th January 2025
Tuesday 7th January 2025
Friday 14th February 2025

29 Teaching Days

Children Start
End of term

Term Four

Monday 24th February 2025
Friday 4th April 2025

30 Teaching Days

Summer 2025

Inset
Children start
Bank Holiday
End of term

Term Five

Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Wednesday 23rd April 2025
Monday 5th May 2025
Friday 23rd May 2025

22 Teaching Days

Inset
Children start
End of term

Term Six

Monday 2nd June 2025
Tuesday 3rd June 2025
Tuesday 22nd July 2025

36 Teaching Days

Total Teaching Days 190

Bank and public holidays

- Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day
- Thursday 26th December – Boxing Day
- Wednesday 1st January – New Year Bank Holiday
- Friday 18th April – Good Friday
- Monday 21st April – Bank Holiday Monday
- Monday 5th May – May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 26th May – Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 31st August – Summer Bank Holiday



Volunteers needed for The Welcome Project

Supporting asylum seekers with children under 5

Sessions will take place in Streatham & Norwood and Clapham & Brixton Hill Children's Centres

- Would you like to help support asylum seeking families?
- Are you free on **Wednesdays** or **Thursdays** 10.30am-2.30pm? (term-time only)
- Sessions will take place in **Streatham** and **Clapham South**
- **FREE** training will take place on **Mon 22 Jan 24** 12pm-2.30pm
- **FREE** DBS checks will be provided



To find out more, contact us on **07949 603968** or email
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Hounslow and Richmond
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

presents



Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Lambeth 2023

School aged children from
Reception to Year 11



CLINIC DATE: Thursday 11th January 15.15-17.30
Thursday 18th January 15.15-17.30
Thursday 25th January 15.15-17.30

ADDRESS: Akerman Health Centre (Room R2.034)
60 Patmos Rd
London
SW9 6AF

- No Appointment just turn up and wait
- Consent on the day or via the QR code before you arrive



For more information, visit
<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/Lambeth> or call or
office on 0208 614 5495

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Adorable Blessings
BABY BANK
Pre-loved items for babies and
children



**Saturday 27th January
12.00pm - 2.00pm**

📍 65 Effra Road, Brixton SW2 1BZ

**To avoid disappointment please book a
slot between 12pm - 1pm
Book by contacting Beverley on
07832235721 or email b.randall@mosaic-clubhouse.org**

Drop in is between 1pm - 2pm



THE CARE CARD LAUNCH

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY FROM 2PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Morleys Department Store
472-488 Brixton Rd, London,
SW9 8EH

Please join us for an afternoon of live music, DJ's, special guests, free drinks and nibbles to celebrate the launch of healthy mission to boost the health of our community.

- 1 in 4 Black men will get prostate cancer
- Prostate cancer has no symptoms in early stages
- Black women are twice as likely to get a late Breast cancer diagnosis.
- We have the lowest rate of early stage diagnosis of Breast cancer in England.

Regular screenings can change these figures for our community.

The Care Card - a handy, wallet sized reminder of screening milestones so we can share, support and encourage each other to get up to date with screening as a vital collective community action.

The card is supported by a wider communications - billboards, social media and high street campaign produced by the Multi-cultural Marketing Agency on behalf of the South East London Cancer Alliance.

We would love you to come along, pick up a card and spread the word - knowledge is power!

[Click here](#) to RSVP via eventbrite.

Join us via Zoom on Wednesday 10 January from 11:00-12:00 for an online briefing to learn how you can best utilise The Care Card amongst your networks.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83596076727?pwd=RlhEN1RLRkF6c3pxVCttZ09vbUJlHQT09#success>