



## Eggstravaganza - Wednesday 27th March

We are delighted to announce that the Eggstravaganza time has come again! The rules are the same as always. You need to boil one egg (Get a parent to do this for you. You are not allowed to do it yourself). Only use a chicken's egg, as ostrich eggs are very expensive and quail's eggs are too small! Then the fun part starts. You can paint and decorate your egg, or you can put it in a box and create a scene.

Bring your entries straight to the Studio on Wednesday 27th March. Each class will get the opportunity to visit the Studio to see all of the eggs. Adults can see the eggs after school on the Wednesday or before school on Thursday 28th March.

The prize winners will be announced at the Eggstravaganza assemblies on Thursday 28th March

Children will take their eggs home on Thursday 28th March.

**Every entry is rewarded with a cream egg.**

**Here's are some photos of last year's entries:**





## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception Koala Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - 4 Cheetah and Hippo Music Concert Assembly 11:15am-11:30am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - 3 Jaguar and 4 Flamingo Music Concert 2:45pm - 3pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - 3 Anaconda and 3 Macaw Music Concert 2:45pm - 3pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - 3 Macaw Lambeth Bee Project @ Palace Road Gardens 9:30am – 11am

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - 3 Jaguar Lambeth Bee Project @ Palace Road Gardens 11:10am – 12:30pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - 3 Anaconda Lambeth Bee Project @ Palace Road Gardens 12:40pm – 2pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Hitherfield Choir Performing at Lambeth Music Festival

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Parent Workshop - Anti-racist curriculum - Main Hall 9am – 10:30am

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Eggstravaganza - children to drop off entries straight to the studio

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – All children to collect their Eggstravaganza entry at the end of the school day

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Polling Day - May 2nd 2024 - London Mayor and Assembly**

**Advanced Notice - School Closure**

We have been informed that the polling station will be on the main school site on Thursday May 2nd 2024. Therefore the school and nursery will be closed to all children and staff that day. The Children's Centre will remain open as usual.

## **Next Week is Neurodiversity Week 2024**

Now is the perfect time to register for the many events taking place throughout the week, and to start planning your participation in what is set to be an amazing week of celebrating different minds.

Click here to find out more

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

## **Fasting In Ramadan**

We know that Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr (Id-ul-Fitr) are very important times for many of our families. We wish to support you and the children as much as possible, so please do inform the school if your child is fasting, so that we can ensure they remain safe and healthy. We would advise young children to only fast at weekends, if that is their wish. We will not stop a child from eating in school if they wish to, but we will want to watch them more carefully than usual to ensure they are healthy and that they can rest if needed. Please do inform the main school office if your child is thinking about fasting and of any other requirements. Thank you.

## **Easter Holiday Camp Cancellation**

Unfortunately, due to only 5 children being signed up for the Easter Holiday, the organisers have had to cancel the club. They should have informed those who had booked directly.



## World Book Day 2024!

World Book Day was a huge success this year! The children all looked amazing, and had a brilliant day celebrating books and the joy of reading. Thank you, as always, for the enthusiasm and support of the whole Hitherfield community! Without you days like these would not be possible!

### Costume Parades!



### Paired Reading!



### The Big Book Swap!



### Costume prizes coming soon!





**Well Done to everyone who entered this years Spring Bulb Competition below is a picture of all of the lovely entries! The studio smelt amazing.**



## GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

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| <b>1 COBRA</b><br>Lilah and Destiny              | <b>1 DUGONG</b><br>Willow, Joe, Nia-Marie and Kritika | <b>1 SUNBIRD</b><br>Maeva and Zach              |
| <b>2 MANATEE</b><br>Leonaldo and Ariadne         | <b>2 MONGOOSE</b><br>Clara and Shaban                 | <b>2 HUMMINGBIRD</b><br>Ely and Amar            |
| <b>3 JAGUAR</b><br>Acacia and Esme               | <b>3 MACAW</b><br>Amarachi and Kateryn                | <b>3 ANACONDA</b><br>Dexter and Jemima          |
| <b>4 HIPPOPOTAMUS</b><br>Adam and Zechariah      | <b>4 FLAMINGO</b><br>Camille and Gilbert              | <b>4 CHEETAH</b><br>Arlo and Laurence           |
| <b>5 KINGFISHER</b><br>To be announced next week | <b>5 HEDGEHOG</b><br>To be announced next week        | <b>5 OTTER</b><br>To be announced next week     |
| <b>6 ORCA</b><br>To be announced next week       | <b>6 PUFFIN</b><br>To be announced next week          | <b>6 WOLVERINE</b><br>To be announced next week |



## The Great British Spring Clean

This year we have signed up to the Great British Spring Clean and pledged that we would pick up 80 bags of litter across all the year groups (10 bags for each year group). Starting on 15th March children in the school will be doing some litter picking in the school grounds and the local community to keep the spaces that we live and work in clean and tidy.

We have litter pickers, hi-vis jackets and gloves for the children to use when out keeping Britain clean.



## THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

### 15 - 31 MARCH 2024

This Spring, join **Keep Britain Tidy** as the **Great British Spring Clean** returns for its ninth year.

And as we mark our 70th anniversary in 2024, we're highlighting that the environment belongs to everyone, and encouraging everyone to play their part in tackling litter.

We're calling on communities and individuals across the country to join us and take action to protect the neighbourhoods, parks, and open spaces around us, making them places to be proud of.

Last year, thousands of **#LitterHeroes** pulled on their gloves, grabbed their litter-pickers, and pledged to join our **#BigBagChallenge**. Together, we removed more than 400,000 bags of rubbish from the environment.

When we all join forces and take the same action at the same time, the difference we can make is huge. That's a difference to our planet, to the wildlife we share it with, to our communities, and to our own health and wellbeing.

Please visit [keepbritaintidy.org](http://keepbritaintidy.org) from 23 February to make your pledge.

### THE PERKS OF GETTING INVOLVED

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| <b>91%</b><br>of participants felt they were part of a national movement, taking action to tackle litter | <b>81%</b><br>of participants agreed that taking part helped to improve their mood. | <b>80%</b><br>of participants felt empowered to make a change for good. |
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## PARENT FORUM

26TH MARCH  
MAIN HALL  
9-10



**ANTI-RACISM  
EDUCATION**

Calling all parents to come learn more about Hitherfield's new Term 5 PSHE curriculum. The learning aims to empower students and teachers to explore the ways in which learning about 'race' and racism can help us to challenge the unequal systems in society achieve through age appropriate and engaging lessons.

- IN THE MEETING YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT:
- WHAT WILL BE TAUGHT IN EACH YEAR GROUP
- KEY VOCABULARY
- THE RESOURCES THAT WILL SUPPORT THE LEARNING



**sustrans**  
**BIG WALK**  
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS  
**AND WHEEL**  
11-22 March 2024

**Join in the celebration  
and discover how you  
can change your world by  
changing your journey**

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help your school win some fantastic prizes

**Are you taking part  
in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling,  
scooting and cycling to school competition?**

**[www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk](http://www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk)**

Headline sponsor:  
**SCHWALBE\***

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## **CAN YOU DONATE A TREAT?**

**ON THE 22ND MARCH, WE ARE HOLDING OUR BIG EASTER FRIDAY. ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR STALLS AT EVERY EVENT, IS OUR CAKE STALL. CAN YOU HELP US BY DONATING A TREAT?**

**IT CAN BE A WHOLE CAKE, CUPCAKES, BROWNIES, RICE CRISPIE TREATS, COOKIES, MUFFINS, DOUGHNUTS, ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING! THEY CAN BE HOME MADE OR SHOP BOUGHT, BUT PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE NOT FREE!**

**DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS ON 21ST MARCH AT DROP OFF OR PICK UP AND ON THE MORNING OF 22ND MARCH.**



**Thank you in  
advance from  
the PTA!**





 HITHERFIELD PTA PRESENTS

## BIG EASTER FRIDAY

- Beat the Goalie
- Facepainting
- Hot Dogs
- Cakes, Doughnuts & Popcorn
- Hot & Cold Drinks
- Free Easter crafts
- Free temp tattoos
- Free biscuits & squash
- Uniform Sale

**PLUS!**

Win a Goldet Ticket with a  
Wonderlicious Chocolate Bar!



**3:15 - 5pm**  
**friday 22nd march**



**Ends: 22 March**

# Wonderlicious

**WIN A GOLDEN TICKET**

**30 GOLDEN TICKETS  
must be found**

**£2.50** per 100g  
chocolate bar

**Amazing prizes to be won:**

- Adventure golf vouchers
- Tenpin bowling vouchers
- Sole Luna voucher
- Doughnuts for the class
- And lots, lots more!



**DON'T MISS OUT!** For your chance to win, grab a bar or two at pick up and drop off on 20th, 21st & 22nd March!!



## Hitherfield Family to Family Spring 2024

Are you in need of a bag of groceries for your family over the holidays? If you need help or are able to help please email [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) or Whatsapp 07936672890 by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Avez-vous besoin d'un sac d'épicerie pour votre famille pendant les vacances ? Si vous avez besoin d'aide ou si vous êtes en mesure d'aider, veuillez envoyer un e-mail à [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) ou à Whatsapp 07936672890 avant le vendredi 16 mars.

¿Necesita una bolsa de provisiones para su familia durante las vacaciones? Si necesita ayuda o puede ayudar, envíe un correo electrónico a [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) o Whatsapp 07936672890 antes del viernes 16 de Marzo.

Czy potrzebujesz torby z zakupami dla swojej rodziny na święta? Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy lub możesz pomóc, wyślij e-mail na adres [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) lub Whatsapp 07936672890 do piątku 16 marca.

هل أنت في حاجة إلى حقيبة من البقالة لعائلتك خلال العطلات؟ إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة أو كنت قادرًا على المساعدة، فيرجى إرسال بريد إلكتروني إلى [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) أو Whatsapp 07936672890 بحلول يوم الجمعة 16 مارس.

Precisa de uma sacola de mantimentos para sua família durante as férias? Se precisar de ajuda ou puder ajudar, envie um e-mail para [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) ou Whatsapp 07936672890 até sexta-feira, 16 de Marchar.

Ma u baahan tahay bac raashin ah qoyskaaga maalmaha ciidaha? Haddii aad u baahan tahay caawimo ama aad awoodid inaad ku caawiso fadlan ku soo dir email [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) ama Whatsapp 07936672890 ugu dambayn Jimcaha 16ka Maarso.



Who are we?

This is an initiative run voluntarily by a group of Hitherfield parents with support from the School.

Why?

To support our Hitherfield friends and their families to bring food to the table over the holidays.

**If you are a family in need:**

Please send us your name, how many children you have, their age and a list of items you need to value of £30. We will then give that list, without your identity, to a family to purchase and it will be at the Leigham Vale school gates for you to collect between 10am and 11am on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. If collection at this time is an issue do mention that in your email.

**If you are able to support a family or more:**

Thank you. We will send you an email by you with a bag of groceries to purchase by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the value of which should not exceed £30. Please then bring the groceries to the Leigham vale school gate at drop off on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to buy the groceries you can also leave a donation in cash in an envelope marked Family to Family at the school office or donate here: <https://pav.collectiv.com/hitherfield-family-to-family-spring-2024-78508>

*All requests and sponsors will be kept private and confidential.*



## LOVE TO SING?

WHY NOT JOIN THE

## HITHERFIELD PARENTS' CHOIR!

- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED -
- ALL SONGS LEARNT BY EAR (NO SHEET MUSIC) -
- AUDIO LEARNING TRACKS PROVIDED -
- A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER PARENTS -
- FUN, RELAXED AND INCLUSIVE -

**SUMMER TERM STARTS  
22ND APRIL**

**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



## Maths Through Stories

**Free books!**

Free 6-week course for parents of children aged 3-5



### Sign up to the course to:

- Find out how to give your child a great start with maths.
- Get the most out of sharing books and telling stories.
- Take part in important research to develop a national project.



**Every Wednesday for 6 weeks from 1.30pm – 3pm**

**Starting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024** (term-time only)

**At Hitherfield Children's Centre**

Hitherfield Road, Streatham, London SW16 2LW

To book your place, please call 0208 835 9569 or ask at the Children's Centre Office.

For more information contact [mary.devlin@learningunlimited.co](mailto:mary.devlin@learningunlimited.co)



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**Every Tuesday for 6 weeks from 9am – 10:30am**

**Starting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024** (term-time only)

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