



## Welcome Back

I hope you have had a good holiday and a belated Eid Mubarak. As always, it was a real pleasure to welcome all the children back to school on Tuesday and I look forward to a busy summer term. We have our Sports' Days (on the school site), our Outside Learning (including camping), the Year 5 Shakespeare Project and, of course a variety of events linked to our Year 6 children's final term at Hitherfield. We kick off the term with this afternoon's Eid Fair and I hope to see many of you at the event. Thank you to the PTA once more, as you are such a valued part of the school community.

Best wishes,  
Chris (Executive Headteacher)

### Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – St George's Day

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Class Photos  
Please ensure children are wearing full school uniform

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – May Bank Holiday

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 trip to Horniman Museum

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Year 3 trip to British Museum

**Parents' Evening - Reception to Year 6 (not including 5 Kingfisher)**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

5 Kingfisher will have parents' evening next half term, date to be confirmed.

**The online booking system will be available to book from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm.**

Please visit <https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

## Polling Day - May 2nd 2024 - London Mayor and Assembly Elections

### 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.



## GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
To be announced next week	To be announced next week	To be announced next week
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
To be announced next week	To be announced next week	To be announced next week
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
To be announced next week	To be announced next week	To be announced next week
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Joseph K and Amy	Maryam and Eleanor	Isaac and Laurene
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
William and Khaira	Javaun and Mia	Kemuel and Mumtaz
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Sid and Zoe	Lola, Dior and Sara	Elias and Africa

### Sport's Day Dates

**All sports' Days will be held on school site**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery and Reception 9:30am – 11:30am

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 1 and 2 9:30am – 11:30am

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 3 and 4 9:30am – 2pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 and 6 9:30am – 2pm

### Calling any eager or curious edible gardeners

Thursday parent/guardian sessions are back to 9-9:30am. The weather's getting better, the edible garden got a bit wild over Easter and it's the perfect time to start seedlings and begin planting out. It's the perfect opportunity to drop in, roll your sleeves up and learn more about what we grow and how we get the kids involved.





## Term 5 - PSHE



PSHE (personal, social, health and economics) focuses on strengthening the knowledge, skills, and connections to keep children and young people healthy and safe and prepare them for life and work.

This term all children will explore topics around respect for self and others as well as race, racism and antiracism.

The learning aims to empower students and teachers to explore the ways in which learning about these topics can help us to challenge unequal systems in society in age appropriate and engaging lessons. If you'd like to find out more, a copy of all lessons are available to view - please ask at the office.



Children will be encouraged to speak with adults they feel comfortable with in school should they need and it may be that conversations on these topics are continued at home.

Here's some definitions of words that you may find useful - please be aware, not all these words will be explored in all year groups.



### Key vocabulary

Race	Grouping people together based on visible features, most commonly skin
Racism	When someone treats a person or group of people unfairly or thinks they are inferior because of their skin colour
Antiracism	An ongoing active effort to challenge racism within society
Systemic racism	When racist ideas and notions are embedded into laws and rules of our government or major institutions
Unconscious bias	Unconscious bias refers to a prejudice or stereotype an individual may hold about a particular group of people that they aren't fully aware of.
Stereotype	A stereotype means assuming that a group of people who share characteristics also share certain attributes.





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### News from The Farm

Easter has been a really busy time for us, here at The Farm and we have lots more in store for May too.

Over the **Easter** half-term we saw over 100 children collecting Easter eggs, and it was fantastic.

We welcomed families to **Conservation Club**, where we discovered the importance of wildlife through crafts, games and pond dipping!

Also this holiday we hosted our free **Film Club**, where many children enjoyed their popcorn whilst getting cosy on our bean bags.

**Young Farmers** Summer Term 1 kicked off to a great start this April as well, with 10 young farmers keen to learn how we care for our animals and how we maintain the welfare of all our furry friends.



Easter Egg Hunting in  
our Community Garden

### Upcoming Events



Sustainable Easter Crafts  
at Conservation Club

Take a look at our **range of workshops**, that are designed specifically to complement your syllabus and can be tailored to any key stage. Our full list of workshops are [here](#).

Alternatively, we can bring the farm to you! If you are interested in a **mobile farm** please take a look at [our website](#).

Celebrate **Earth Day 2024** on The Farm on Sunday 21st April! We will be hosting games, films, book corner, face painting and more. For more information please look at [our website](#).

Over May half-term we will be hosting **Young Farmers week!** If you would like to learn more or register your interest, please contact the Education Team.

Find out more about us on our website [Vauxhallcityfarm.org](http://Vauxhallcityfarm.org)  
To sign-up to our workshops or learn more about our programmes [email us](#).



## Ice Cream Fridays

Starting on Friday 26th  
April, and running most  
Fridays during the  
summer term!

Join us after school on the main playground  
for a fantastic selection of frozen treats



## PTA Uniform Donations



We are currently accepting and would very much appreciate uniform donations, which can be left at the office any time.

Please can we ask that all donated items are:

- in **good condition** (not stained or torn)
- **washed**

Many thanks for your support,  
the PTA



## Clothes, Shoes, Linen & Accessories

### Re-use & Recycle Bank (opposite the office)

Donate your no longer needed items and raise much needed funds for school. Good quality items will be re-used and items that can't will be recycled



- ✓ Clothing (washed but any condition)
- ✓ Shoes
- ✓ Accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, belts etc)
- ✓ Bed linen
- ✓ Soft toys

Please put all of your donated items **in a bag** before putting them into the bank. Bags are available from the office

Please continue to give **Uniform** that is in **good condition** to **the office** - **do not put it in the bank** as the PTA do not have access to it. Thanks for your support, the PTA

*Please note, it is NOT possible to donate Duvets, Pillows, Curtains or Carpet*



FARM FAMILIES



## SUNDAY, 21ST APRIL EARTH DAY

Join us for a **FREE** Earth Day event at The Farm  
for a great day of nature education!

All ages are welcome!

### Conservation Club:

Story-telling	10:30am - 11:00am
Earth Day Crafts	11:00am - 11:30am
Minibeast Hotels	12:00pm - 12:30pm
Story-telling	1:30pm - 2:00pm
Our Plastic Planet	2:00pm - 2:30pm
Creating Spaces: Pond Life	3:30pm - 4:00pm

### From 11:00am - 3:30pm:

Activity Sheets  
Wild Face Painting - From £5  
Tombola - £1

Plus, enjoy Earth Day inspired sweet treat in our café!



To book Conservation Club & Story-telling, scan the QR code.





Lambeth's Family Hub Network  
Lambeth's Start for Life offer



## Hitherfield Children's Centre Streatham & Norwood Better Start **Time Out For Poetry**



**8 week creative writing course for parents.**

**Tuesdays 23rd April - 25th June**

**1pm - 3pm**

**All are welcome. No previous experience necessary.**

**Free crèche and light refreshments. Places are limited, please book early to avoid disappointment.**

Hitherfield Children's Centre,  
Hitherfield Road, SW16 2LW

**To book your place, please call 020 8835 9569**



## 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 -
- BABIES/TODDLERS WELCOME -

SUMMER TERM STARTS 22ND APRIL  
NOT SURE IF ITS FOR YOU?  
FREE TASTER SESSION 22ND APR!

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  
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