



## 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.

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

**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.

### 5 Kingfisher Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11th June and Wednesday 12th June.  
from 2:30pm to 4pm and 4:30pm to 5:20pm on both days.

Please visit <https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

## Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Parents' Evening

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

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Walk to School Week

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

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

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

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Nursery Parents' Evening **No afternoon Nursery session. All children must be collected by 12:15pm**

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

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Last day of term

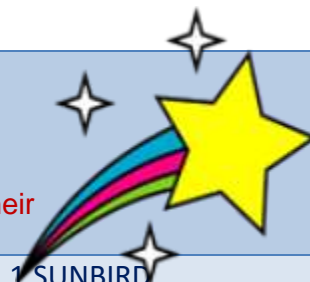
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Inset Day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Children return to School

## ADHD Support

If you have a child with ADHD you may be interested in the course being run by Lambeth Parenting Hub:

Lambeth Parenting Hub – Being a Parent ADHD <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/parenting-support-service/being-parent-adhd/> / link to register is here: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/parenting-support-service> Parents can self-refer.



## GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Max and Cole	Matteo and Fraser	Hanan and Luca
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Luxhanha and Rio	Wilf and Zara	Gabriel and Mia
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Rubi and Tia-May	Matteo and Sofia	To be announced next week
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Rosie and Mason	Davina and Robert	Fred and Sahara
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Amelia A and Sonny	Younes and Etta	Za'Leeyah and Elsie
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Varniga, Fiyin and Nelly	Ruby and Maya	Kayla and Charis

### Missing Scooter

A very close match to the scooter pictured below has gone missing from the round scooter stand closest to the exit last Friday. If you have accidentally taken the wrong scooter home, please can you return it back to the scooter park of hand it into the school office.

Thank you.



### Outdoor Adventure Dates Years 1 - 5

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 Outdoor Adventure 3:30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Outdoor Adventure 3:30pm – 7pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Outdoor Adventure 3:30pm – 6pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Year 4 Outdoor Adventure (sleepover in school) Children to be collect Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 8am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 Outdoor Adventure (Camping on school site) Children to be collect Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 8am

### **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



**At Parents' Evening your class teacher will inform you of your child's percentage.**

### ***What does it all mean and why is school attendance so important?***

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. Schools can facilitate positive peer relationships, which contributes to better mental health and wellbeing.

Government legislation states that parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full time education. It is also vital that they ensure their child's regular and punctual attendance at school and that the school itself monitors absence, with a view to improving a child's attendance percentage if required.

With support from Lambeth, we are working hard on strategies to improve both attendance and punctuality. Attendance levels below are colour coded and indicate the level of concern.

<b>Green</b>	<b>97% and above</b> - Hitherfield attendance target is met, well done.
<b>Amber</b>	<b>90 - 96.9%</b> - In need of improvement.
<b>Red</b>	<b>89.9% or below</b> - Concern

If your child's attendance percentage places your child into the GREEN category, this means that we have no concerns regarding attendance at the current point in time. We would like to express our congratulations and look forward to a continuation of good attendance.

If your child's attendance percentage places your child into the AMBER category, this means that we have some concern over the current level of attendance. Attendance will be monitored over the next term in the hope that an improvement can be achieved.

If your child's attendance percentage places your child into the RED category, we are concerned with the level of attendance.

**Pupils in this category are absent from school at least half a day a week.** For some this will be an issue we are aware of and other agencies may already be involved. In these cases we will continue to work with you to address concerns and secure an improvement in attendance.

Where we have concerns, parents or carers will be invited to an attendance panel and the Education Welfare Service may also attend.

Please note that any request for leave of absence, not including sickness, from pupils in this category will not be authorised by the school.

Support is available if you are experiencing any difficulties causing your child to be absent. We believe education is a partnership between the school, the child and their family and are committed to working together with families to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by poor attendance. Our School Attendance and Punctuality Policy is available on our school website: [www.hitherfield.co.uk](http://www.hitherfield.co.uk)



## Eid Fair 2024

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for another brilliant Eid Fair, and thank you to all those who generously donated food and cakes. We'll let you know what we managed to raise next week.



**The biggest thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!**

**Set up: Tom, Roushan, Sarah, Kamila, Sherin, Amy, Dem & Muneeza**

**Facepainting: Joost, Sarah, Aidan, Jo & Gemma**

**Henna: Jade, Parveen & Sahra**

**Food Hall: Mo, Jayne, Azy, Rukhsana, Siham & Zineb**

**Cakes: Aya, Charmaine, Keela, Sherin & Harriet**

**Hot Dogs: Mrs B**

**Hot Drinks: Asma & David**

**Chapatis: Sally, Nadeem & Stuart**

**Ice Creams: Lehni, Tamsin & Sarah**

**Crafts: Helen & Hannah**

**Bouncy Castle: Emily A & Ash**

**Games: Suzy, Livia, Andreas, Tom, Emily S, Cerys & Seren**

**A special thank you to... the awesome Azy, returning to Hitherfield to organise the food donations - and to Siham & Rukhsana - also returning to help out in the food hall and to the incredibly generous Lucknow2London for their delicious donations. You can find them at West Norwood Feast!**



## 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



## Do you know that Lambeth offer an antenatal education programme called Baby Steps for expectant parents?

### What is Baby Steps?

Baby Steps is a licenced programme developed by the NSPCC offering evidence-based education and support for expectant parents. It is facilitated by a combination of health (midwife or health visitor) and parenting workers and runs over 9 weeks - 6 sessions before and 3 sessions after your baby is born.

The aim of the programme is to increase support available during pregnancy and the first few months of life and prepare parents not only for the birth of their baby, but also their transition to parenthood.



### What topics are covered in Baby Steps sessions?

- How our Babies develop
- Our Health and Wellbeing
- Becoming a Parent
- Labour & Giving Birth
- Caring for our Babies
- Preparing for life with a Newborn



### Where will the sessions be held?

In Children's Centres across Lambeth. Daytimes and evenings available.

### When does the programme start?

Between 26 - 32 weeks pregnant so please register your interest as soon as possible.

### How do I sign up to the programme?

If you are currently pregnant, living in Lambeth and interested in taking part, please contact [BabySteps@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:BabySteps@gstt.nhs.uk).



## Circle of Security Parenting

The programme is designed to offer you relationship tools to provide you with a new way of understanding your child's needs, helping them feel more secure and you feel more confident as a parent.



### Where will the sessions be held?

The sessions will be delivered during the daytime in small group settings, at various Children's Centres across the borough of Lambeth.

### When does the programme start and how do I sign up?

To find out more about when a programme is starting at a Children's Centre near you and to sign up, please visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/parenting) and we will contact you with further details.

### What is Circle of Security Parenting?

A FREE 8-week programme, with **creche available**. You'll learn how to:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs.
- Support your child's ability to manage emotions.
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem.

The programme is offered to Lambeth families with children aged 6 months to 5 years.



## Lambeth Autism Advisory Service Parent Workshop

### Understanding Behaviour

At Woodmansterne Primary & Secondary School, SW16 5UQ  
With Edyta Zjawiony from the Lambeth Autism Advisory Service

These workshops are for families in Lambeth who have an autistic child, or those who are on the pathway to obtaining a diagnosis.

**The session will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am – 11:30am  
At Woodmansterne Primary & Secondary School**

The session, Understanding Behaviour, will cover the following areas:

- To consider what may trigger a behaviour(s) and what steps can be taken to avoid behaviours
- Begin to understand differences in behaviour and the causes of these behaviours.
- Understand the 'acting out cycle'.
- Explore tools to analyse behaviour and think about solutions.
- To explore a range of positive strategies.

You do not need to book to attend this session, but if you would like to attend could you please email [ngardner@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:ngardner@lambeth.gov.uk) so we have an idea of how many are expected to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please see below for address details and transport links.

**Address:**

**Woodmansterne Primary & Secondary School**  
Woodmansterne Road,  
SW16 5UQ

**Transport Links:**

Nearest Train Station: Streatham Common & Streatham





**Only £10  
Per Half  
Term**

**For Children Aged 5-11**

## Yoga For SEND Children And Their Parents/Carers

Learn together, have fun and empower yourself and your child with tools to regulate emotions and promote calm

**Thursdays  
4.45pm - 5.45pm**

**1st Half term:  
April 25th  
May 2nd, 16th and 23rd**

**2nd Half term:  
June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th  
July 4th, 11**

**Breathing Techniques**

**Mindful Activities**

**Yoga Poses & Stretches**

**And Much More!**

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[www.beam.academy](http://www.beam.academy)  
\*prepayment is required to secure a place

**Address:  
Longfield Hall  
(Lower Hall)  
50 Knatchbull Road  
SE5 9QY**

**Scan QR  
Code To  
Register**



# GIRLS FOOTBALL TRIALS

COME AND JOIN OUR  
FANTASTIC CLUB!

**SATURDAY 11TH  
&  
18TH MAY**

**2:30PM-3:30PM, UNDER 9S-UNDER 12S  
(SCHOOL YEARS 4-7 AS OF SEPT 24)**

**3:30PM-4:30PM, UNDER 13S-UNDER 18S  
(SCHOOL YEARS 8+ AS OF SEPT 24)**



**BRIGHTLANDS, DULWICH PRE  
PREP SCHOOL, 8 GALLERY  
ROAD SE21 7AB (OPPOSITE  
BELAIR HOUSE)**

**SCAN TO  
SIGN UP**





## 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*



## Being a Parent

A free 9 week course to help parents learn practical skills for everyday life such as:

- Looking after yourself as a parent
  - Recognising and managing your child's emotions
  - Learning positive parenting strategies

For Lambeth parents with children aged 2-11

*Free creche provided*

### Hitherfield Children's Centre

Hitherfield Road, SW16 2LW

Thursdays 1:00 - 3.00pm

2nd May—4th July 2024

No session on 30th May for half term

Sign up and find out more at  
[www.lambeth.gov.uk/Parenting](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Parenting) or  
scan the QR code



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