



Happy Half Term

The school will be closed next week for the half term holiday. Everyone at Hitherfield wishes you a good week and we look forward to welcoming the refreshed children back on Monday 20th February.

The days will start to feel longer and hopefully warmer after this upcoming break and families will be more likely to use the school grounds after school. Please remember that the children are under your care if you stay after 3:30pm and that they should be using the grounds respectfully and not taken out equipment from the various sheds around the school. Thank you.

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

School Holidays (Half Term)
Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February
Children return to school

Monday 20th February
Fire Safety workshops Year 5

Thursday 23rd February
Fire Safety workshops Year 2



Thank you Hitherfield families
You helped raise a massive
£1398.53

NURSERY APPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

We are in the process of organising our Nursery Provision for next academic year. If you are interested in applying

for a space, please complete an application form (available on our school website)

[Nursery Application](#)

If you would like to look around our wonderful spaces, please contact Jenni Holliday, Assistant Headteacher for Early Years.

Keeping children safe in school

Mobile phones – Please ensure your child drops off their mobile phone at the main school office in the morning. We do not allow cameras to be used in the playground or around the rest of the school.

Entering the main school building – To keep the children safe, we kindly ask that parents do not enter the building unless with a member of staff. Any children running late will need to come via the office to register and can then make their own way to class or with a member of staff. Please do not walk your children to class through the inside of the building.

Communications with class teachers - Please remember, we do love to talk to you, but mornings are a very busy time. Conversations about your child, their well-being and/or their learning are only possible at pick-up and after we have safely handed over all their classmates, thank you! If you need to pass on a message to the teacher, you can email the school on admin@hitherfield.co.uk, who will make sure it is passed onto the teacher. If you need a meeting to discuss something please also do this via the admin email. We will be in touch to arrange a convenient time for both of us. Please inform the office if you are sending someone different to collect your child as we keep a record of this, and will ensure that staff are made aware.

Meeting with Senior Leaders – The SLT are in the playground or on the gates most mornings and afternoons. If you need to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office on 020 8769 8428 or email admin@hitherfield.co.uk to arrange an appointment with a brief description of what you would like to discuss.

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Good News Cards

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Rio and Ayman	Gabriel and Joe	Shaban and Frankie
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Annabella and Jonah	Sumayyah and Beatrice	Queyana and Keira- Lee
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
India and Dorry	To be announced next week	Reece, Jules, Kafiya and Davina
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Jaiyana and Javaun	Hashim and Cerys	April and Younes
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Lina and Africa	Lola and Reuben	To be announced next week
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Guila and Tahirah	Kyla, Luca and Harriet	Amelia and Aleena

HITHERFIELD QUIZ NIGHT

To secure your ticket(s)
email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com

THURSDAY 23RD MARCH - DOORS OPEN 7PM / START 7.30PM
£5 PER TICKET - FORM A TEAM OF 3-6 PEOPLE
HOT FOOD & BAR AVAILABLE

HELP RAISE £5K FOR SCHOOL BOOKS





HITHERFIELD'S GOT TALENT KS1

This year's Hitherfield's Got Talent was a BLAST! All the acts were incredible, and all the children demonstrated a lot of talent which left the judges a hard decision. But in the end the judges came to a conclusion of 1st 2nd 3rd:



Scoreboard

- 1) Iason with his PHENOMENAL dancing to How You Like That! (Year1)
- 2) Ariadne singing her original song about growing up (Year1)
Tied with Eddie with his superhuman piano performance (Year2)
- 3) Yo-bros (Gilbert and Robert) with their spinning skills (Year3)



We all know that they worked really hard on their acts. Each participant has received a golden pencil and an award sticker.



We would like to give a special thanks to Michelle, Luke and the judges: Gemma, Jody, Aga and our special guest Jacinta. Also thanks to the teachers who sorted this all out!





HITHERFIELD'S GOT TALENT KS2

This year's Hitherfield's Got Talent was action packed with all the amazing acts! Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the experience. All the performers were incredible and this left the judges with a difficult decision. But in the end they came to a conclusion of 1st 2nd 3rd.

Scoreboard

- 1) Tim with his wonderful poem about Kingfishers (Year5)
- 2) Khushi with her amazing cultural dancing (Year5)
- 3) Luca with his flexible skills (Year6)
- 3) Also in third was Amira with her angelic singing (Year 4)



We all know that the children spend time and effort on their amazing acts. Each participant was given a golden pencil and an award sticker. We would like to give a HUGE thanks to Michelle and Luke and the judges Martine, Lucy Flood, Lucy Fisher and the special guest judge Jacinta.

We would also like to give a special thanks to the hosts of both shows: Millie, Ella, Noah, Akane, Rafaela and Ahmed.

By Noah, Ella, Millie, Ahmed, Rafaela and Akane.





THANK YOU



Before the Winter holidays Hitherfield families donated over 30 bags of groceries and £1300. We also had a donation of coats that were really well received. We were able to support every Hitherfield family that reached out to us for support to feed their children over the holidays. We had a little extra money which we were able to top up the fruit in the playground pot with and to have purchase some food vouchers for school to offer those in crisis.

We still are in unprecedented times and for many of our community life is harder, and more uncertain. This supportive gesture for those in need was, again, so gratefully received.

Thank you again.

Hitherfield Family to Family is a parent run initiative that coordinates the donating and providing of groceries, within our Hitherfield community, by our Hitherfield community, for our Hitherfield community.

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HELP US RAISE £2000 FOR THE SCHOOL... WITHOUT LIFTING A FINGER

Oaks Estate Agents are offering to give the school £10 for each board put up advertising our Summer Fair on 24th June

They've offered 200 boards so up to an amazing **£2000** for the school!

We are currently raising funds to buy the school £5000 of much needed books for all years and this would go a long way to helping us reach our target

If you're happy to have a board outside your home for a few weeks in summer please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com
Anyone in the local area can have a board so please ask family and friends too!

Please note: Oaks are only given your address and not your name, in line with GDPR regulations.

Deadline for sign up: end of Feb

*Thank
you!*

Pre-loved UNIFORM, BOOK & TOY SALE



FRIDAY 24TH FEB
3:15 - 4:30pm

Hummingbird Classroom
(opposite the cabin)
cash & card payments taken



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Safer Internet Day

Want to talk about it?

Making space for conversations
about life online



Lambeth 

Keeping children and teenagers safe online

**Gain knowledge about the online world and how
to keep children and young people safe**

The course will cover:

- Social media risks, gaming platforms, and message boards frequently used
- Using web controls for safety
- How to start conversations about online experiences
- Where to find further support

Free workshop!

**Morning course: Wednesday 15th March,
11am-12pm**

**Evening course: Wednesday 22nd March,
5pm-6pm**



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Learn how to support your child's early speaking, reading, and writing skills

Come and join our free fun workshops

Sharing REAL (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) is a free programme for parents and carers.

Everyone is welcome.

We learn fun and interesting ways to boost your child's learning at home, and in your local community. It equips you, as your child's first educator, to support your child's development

Each participant receives a pack of free resources

Where

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

A creche is available for this course.

When

Tuesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm

Initial assessment and registration

21st February 2023

Course Dates

28th February – 21st March 2023

To find out more and to book a place please contact:

Jessie Hammans

Tel: 020 8835 9569

e-mail ccadmin@hitherfield.co.uk



SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

Autumn 2023	Inset Inset Children Start End of Term	Term One Monday 4 th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023 Wednesday 6 th September 2023 Friday 20 th October 2023
33 Teaching Days		
	Children start End of Term	Term Two Monday 30 th October 2023 Thursday 21 st December 2023
39 Teaching Days		
Spring 2024	Inset Children start End of term	Term Three Monday 8 th January 2024 Tuesday 9 th January 2024 Friday 9 th February 2024
24 Teaching Days		
	Children Start End of term	Term Four Monday 19 th February 2024 Thursday 28 th March 2024
29 Teaching Days		
Summer 2024	Inset Children start Bank Holiday End of term	Term Five Monday 15 th April 2024 Tuesday 16 th April 2024 Monday 6 th May 2024 Friday 24 th May 2024
28 Teaching Days		
	Inset Children start End of term	Term Six Monday 3 rd June 2024 Tuesday 4 th June 2024 Wednesday 24 th July 2024
37 Teaching Days		Total Teaching Days 190

Bank and public holidays

- Monday 25th December – Christmas Day
- Tuesday 26th December – Boxing Day
- Monday 1st January – New Year Bank Holiday
- Friday 29th March – Good Friday
- Monday 1st April – Bank Holiday Monday
- Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 27th May – Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 26th August – Summer Bank Holiday

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Healthy Teeth Free local workshops



Come
along!

Get some practical tips for looking after your child's first teeth - because they really matter



Having healthy teeth is important for young children's development and wellbeing. But did you know that decay in first teeth can affect their adult teeth?

This session will help you understand:

- Everything you need to know about toothbrushing
- How you can make toothbrushing fun
- When to start helping children brush their own teeth
- How what children eat and drink affects their teeth

Venue:

Hitherfield Children's Centre

Date:

9.30-11.30am
Friday 17th February

Contact:

gst-tr.HVsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net

Children's Dental Health Day

**Saturday
18th Feb
2023**



Free NHS dental check ups for all children under 18 years old & 19 years old in full time education

Call to book your appointment: 02086708889
Walk in appointments: 09:30am-17:00pm

West Norwood Dental Surgery
4 Hannen Road
West Norwood
SE27 0DT