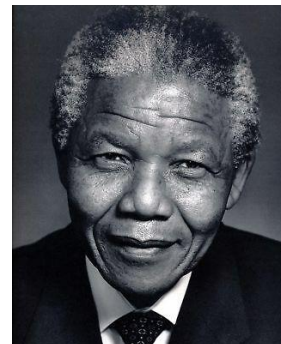




Black History Month

Mr Ashley-Jones launched Black History Month on Monday in the Year 4, 5 and 6 assembly where we looked at why the month is celebrated and why it is so relevant today. Our curriculum at Hitherfield celebrates many important black people from history to current times as well as reflecting our diverse backgrounds and our experiences. This half term Years 1 to 6 have been learning about the massive contributions to society that Bessie Colman, Mary Seacole, Marshall Taylor, Claudia Jones, Olaudah Equiano and Nelson Mandela made. Please look on our twitter account #Hitherfield15 over the next few weeks to see examples of the children's work. After half term there is more of a geography focus as the children study different parts of the world and these countries also reflect the Hitherfield community. In the Early years the children are learning about themselves and how we are all different. They also explore different cultures through stories, food, music and dance.



There are many exciting and interesting events going on this October to celebrate. These websites are a great place to start your journey <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk> and <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/leisure-parks-and-libraries/libraries/black-history-month>



Extra Bank Holiday - Tuesday 4th January 2022

The Government has added an extra Bank Holiday next year to celebrate the Queen's 70th year on the throne. The official extra day is during the half term holiday in May/June, but schools have been told that they can take the extra day at any point during term time. We have decided that, as the Christmas holiday is normally a very busy one, to put the extra Bank Holiday onto the end of the Christmas holiday. Therefore, the school will be closed on Tuesday 4th January and Wednesday 5th January will be the INSET Day. That means that the children will return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022. We have attached a revised date's list to this Herald and have updated the information on the school website.

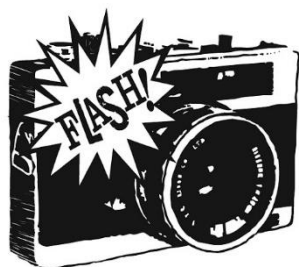




Good news cards

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

1 COBRA Eleanor and Matthew	1 DUGONG Amarachi and James	1 SUNBIRD Rex and Annie
2 MANATEE Aiyana and Camille	2 MONGOOSE Adam and Margot	2 HUMMINGBIRD Kolya and Rosie
3 JAGUAR Cerys and Jakayla	3 MACAW Tyrese and Dylan	3 ANACONDA Santiago and Alice



Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform on Wednesday 13th October as we have our Photographer in to take the children's individual photographs.

Have you seen the new school video on our website –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9P20g6gauHc>

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 13th October – Individual photos

Thursday 14th October – Year 4 Carnival Day

Friday 22nd October - Last day of term

Monday 1st November – The children return to school

Monday 15th – Friday 19th November – Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 30th November – St Andrews Day

Use of School Grounds

It is great that so many families are using the school grounds after school, however some children are not being supervised appropriately. Please ensure your child does not go into the pond area (behind the green fence) and that they are not taking bats, balls etc from the various PE sheds around the school site. We keep finding PE equipment scattered around the school and that means that there is not enough equipment when classes have PE lessons. Thank you.



School Seeks Expert Gardeners.

Joseph is looking for a volunteer landscape gardener or someone with experience in the field to assist with a school project. The school is hoping to create a quiet sensory space within our existing grounds. It is hoped that the space will afford all the children in Hitherfield opportunities for peaceful moments during their day. If you know anyone with a love of the outdoors, a passion for creating beautiful outdoor spaces and can spare an hour to meet with Joseph to discuss the project, please get in touch with the school office to arrange a meeting.



Winning Start

Congratulations to Hitherfield's Football Team who got off to a winning start to this seasons matches. They managed to win 3-1 against a good team from Camelot Primary School (Southwark). Our goal scorers were Edward, George and Dejavaun. Their next game is on Saturday 9th October at 9:15am at Rosendale Sports Ground against Richard Atkins Primary School. Why not come along and cheer them on.

Be the difference. Become a foster carer.

Lambeth Council has launched a new fostering campaign to reach more people who want to contribute to the lives of children in our community.

Being a foster parent means caring for someone else's child as part of your family. If you think you could 'be the difference' to a Lambeth child, please come to their next event at **7pm on Thursday 14 October**. Register here [Online Information Evening](#)

They welcome applications from everyone with a passion for caring. You just need to be over 21, have a spare room and permanent UK residency.

School Meals

You may have seen a news article recently, which raises the issue that some school food providers could be finding it challenging to maintain their supplies. We are in close contact with our school catering company, ISS, who provide school meals for the majority of schools in Lambeth and they have issued this statement: 'Our priority is always the schools and the children whose meals we provide. We would like to reassure parents and carers that our ability to continue to provide nutritious school meals is not being impacted by the well-publicised shortages of items that the UK is currently experiencing. Naturally, we have contingency plans in place to ensure that a good supply of meals remains in place. That contingency planning includes regular communication with our stakeholders during these challenging times for many schools across the country.'

PTA NEWS

Hitherfield Children's Christmas Cards – artwork, orders and payment NEXT WEEK please!

A friendly PTA representative (possibly in a Santa hat) will be collecting artwork, order forms and payment on the school gates in the mornings from 11th – 15th October.

(Monday 11th and Tuesday for Breakfast Club).

Your child should paint, draw, sketch a beautiful design such as these to be printed into fabulous cards, wrapping paper, key rings and more.

There is just **THIS WEEKEND LEFT** to complete the artwork.

Please ensure cash is in an envelope with your child's name and class. Please put the same information on the back of cheques.

We can't wait to see the artwork, it's always brilliant!

Any questions please message us through the Hitherfield PTA facebook page

Best regards, Hitherfield PTA



Please join us on Zoom for our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 4th November at 8pm. We'll be reporting on last year's figures, events we held and updating you on where your hard raised money was spent.

We will also be electing a new committee. Many of this year's committee have been involved for the last 2 years and will not be standing again. So... we need some new blood! We're a really friendly bunch and it's a fantastic opportunity to get more involved in your children's school and help raise vital funds. Plus you'll never be short of people to say hi to on the Trim Trail. We'd love to see some new faces. If you have any questions about what it all entails please grab me or any of the committee around and about and have a chat. Or email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com and we can help you.

We'll send out a Zoom link closer to the time.