

HITHERFIELD HERALD

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Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome families, old and new, to the start of the new academic year. I hope everyone has had a good summer - we certainly cannot complain about not having good weather! I am looking forward to seeing the majority of the children and families when they return on Monday 5th September and to greeting our Reception and Nursery children and families over the next couple of weeks.

During the summer the school was painted throughout, everywhere had a deep clean and all the floors were polished. The buildings are ready to host our children and the staff have been working hard this week to prepare for the new term. We are all very excited about the academic year ahead.

You will shortly receive the Curriculum Overview, for this half term, for your child's class and all of these overviews, for the whole year, will soon be on our website. We are also going to be launching a refresh of the website soon <https://www.hitherfield.co.uk>. You will also receive a Year Group Welcome Letter that explains who is who and other important details specific to each year group. Many year groups will also hold meetings around specific areas, such as Secondary Transfer, Phonics, etc..

As always, we will be opening our school grounds at the end of every school day (until 5pm), so that you can catch up with friends and the children can play in a safe environment. Please remember that you are responsible for your child/ren once they have been collected 3:15/3:30pm and they should remain within your sight at all times. Children must treat the grounds with respect and priority is given to the after-school clubs and childcare.

We have always taken into consideration the cost of our school uniform and that is one of the many reasons why we never went down the blazer and hat route. The uniform, policy <https://www.hitherfield.co.uk/parents/uniform> includes the school colours and we only expect the logo on the school jumper, though you are welcome to have it on other items. However, any burgundy coloured jumper/top is suitable, with or without the logo. We are delighted that our wonderful PTA also sell recycled uniforms regularly and they and the main school office can help out if need be.

The start of a long goodbye...

Just a short message to let all members of the Hitherfield community know that I have decided to retire at the end of December 2022. It will be quite a wrench to leave you all having been part of this community for so long but I must say that I am looking forward to living a life that is a little less busy!

Suffice to say, it's going to be quite a long good-bye but as I have now informed members of staff, I thought it only right to let you all know as well. Please be assured that until I leave, I will continue to work hard alongside my colleagues to ensure that your children have a great learning experience here at Hitherfield.

Regards,

Jacinta



Dates for the Diary

Monday 5th September – Children return to school

Tuesday 6th September – Year 6 School Journey Meeting 3:30pm – 4:30pm in the Studio

Monday 12th September – Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting in the Studio 3:40pm – 4:40pm

19th – 23rd September - Year 6 School Journey

Friday 30th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning



How do I contact school staff including the class teacher?

The school staff can be contacted in a variety of ways. Most senior staff - Chris, Jacinta, Jenny, Luke, Tom and Laura - are usually in the playgrounds at the beginning and end of each school day for quick(ish) informal chats and to answer questions. Class teachers are usually in the playgrounds at the end of the school day for quick(ish) informal chats and to answer questions. If you are unable to speak to staff at those times, or if the matter is urgent, more sensitive, or will need more investigation please either phone the school 02087698428 or email admin@hitherfield.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Unlike many schools, our Main School Office is staffed from 8am to 6pm and emails are monitored regularly.

Meet the Senior Leadership Team



Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher



Jacinta Walters
Head of School



Arlette Wells
School Business Manager



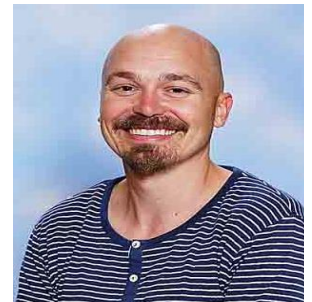
Jenni Holiday
Assistant Headteacher
Early Years



Luke Parker
Assistant Headteacher
Years 1 - 3



Laura Jewitt
Assistant Headteacher
Years 4 - 6



Tom O'Flynn
Assistant Headteacher
Years 4 - 6

Meet the Admin Team



Tammy Wallace
Office Manager



Tania Chalmers
Senior Administrator



Bekah Woodward
Administrator



Lucy Flood
Administrator



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