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YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!!

Can you be a reading Hitherfield Hero? We need 21 parents who can donate just 30 minutes a week to the school (either 9-9.30am or 3-3.30pm) to help our most vulnerable children learn to read. In each class, from Reception to Year 6, there are about 5 children who need YOUR help to maximise their progress. You would be assigned a class, listen to the group read once a week on a day to suit you. This small group work has maximum impact - just five minutes reading a day can make a huge difference to their fluency. Sadly, with the cuts to education funding, the school has less and less staff in order to achieve this targeted, often one-on-one, support.

Lauren and Luke (pictured), with all our amazing teachers, have introduced a new way of learning to read at Hitherfield. Each morning from 9-9.30am is 'reading time', where your child either reads a book of their level to the teacher or takes part in a reading activity such as comprehension, putting sentences in order, reading a book of their choice or a Book Club (in years 4-6) where pupils can recommend books to others. Each class is split into four or five groups (ask your child what their group is called as the names are often fun!) and each group works together to further everyone's learning. Phonics work has been strengthened in Reception, when they spend the whole 30 minutes learning new sounds, diagraphs/trigraphs and tricky words. They have already seen great results.

Now we, the school governors, are asking YOU to help us achieve even more. Hitherfield has always had a strong community - please support us now! Most companies now give their employees time to do charity work: school reading would count as this! We currently have only 4 parents who have volunteered; help us help those who most need it.

As the school has to pay for DBS checks, we would ask for a minimum 6-month commitment. Please contact admin@hitherfield.co.uk with your contact details and days/times you can do. THANK YOU!

The Hitherfield Governors (parent reps are Emily Andrews, Jade Koch, Karen Frankel and Mike Short if you have any questions).



Remembrance Sunday

Our School Councillors joined Mr Ashley-Jones and Jacinta at the Streatham War Memorial for the Remembrance Sunday service on 13th November. Both children laid the wreath on behalf of the school and they also met our local MP, Bell Ribeiro-Addy. We are exceptionally proud of them both. Thank you.



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Good news cards

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

1 COBRA Ayman & Roberto	1 DUGONG Shayla & Munro	1 SUNBIRD Izzy & Flynn
2 MANATEE Rex & Poppy	2 MONGOOSE Maria & Rubi	2 HUMMINGBIRD Queyana & Cleo
3 JAGUAR Rafi & Rose	3 MACAW Artem & Laurene	3 ANACONDA Hania, Robert & Abbas
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS Elsie W & Greta	4 FLAMINGO Amelia G & Daniel J	4 CHEETAH Mourell & Khaira
5 KINGFISHER To be announced next week	5 HEDGEHOG Gabriel, Otto, Dior & Husain	5 OTTER Elliot & Khushi
6 ORCA Huey, Aaquib, Ahmed & Georgia	6 PUFFIN Luca & Mikaela	6 WOLVERINE Lila & Marlee



Year 3 and 4 Music Concert dates

Tuesday 29th November - Hippo and Cheetah class 11:15am – 11:45am

Tuesday 29th November at - Jaguar and Flamingo class 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Wednesday 30th November at 2.45 - Macaw and Anaconda class 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Families are welcome to come and watch

Dates for the Diary

Monday 21st November - Year 6 trip to Brixton Market Art

Wednesday 23rd November – 5 Otter trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Friday 25th November – Year 4 trip to Chislehurst Caves

Thursday 1st December – 6 Wolverine and 6 Puffin trip to Streatham Faith Trail

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas School Lunch

Friday 9th December – **Christmas Fair!**

Monday 12th December - Reception and Year 6 NHS Height & Weight measurements

Friday 16th December – Last day of term

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Parent questionnaire - Behaviour

New government guidance came out in September giving advice to Headteachers and school staff about behaviour in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/behaviour-in-schools--2>

We have decided as a school to use this guidance and your views to review behaviour at Hitherfield. This process will enable us to reflect on our current practice and find ways that we can improve further.

Please take the time to complete a simple questionnaire so we can find out your views on what you think behaviour is like at Hitherfield. This will provide us with important information to find out what we need to focus on during the review process. The link to the form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/dm582jSY1kBRmGVy8>

If you would like to be part of the behaviour working group in the new year you can indicate this at the bottom of the questionnaire. We look forward to seeing your responses.



The PTA are collecting second hand teddies for THE TEDDY TOMBOLA stall at this years Christmas Fair. Give your teddies a new home, support the school and help contribute to a fun game that the children love! Please drop off your clean teddies at the school office.

A red rectangular graphic with yellow and green icons. The central icon is a yellow sweater with a white zig-zag pattern. To its right is a green Christmas tree, and to its left are two purple snowflakes. There are also two purple snowflakes in the bottom corners.

We need your Christmas Jumpers!!!

Give your children's Christmas jumper a new life
Drop off your clean and in good condition jumpers
off at the school office from now until the 25th
of November 2022.

On Thursday the 1st of December and Friday the
3rd of December from 3.15pm we will be selling
the jumpers for £2 each ahead of Christmas
Jumper Day on Thursday the 8th of December
2022.

All monies raised will go towards funding the
next big school project.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from The PTA

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It's that time of year again. I'm just writing to let you know I've launched this year's Christmas Card competition. I'm keen to encourage all of our local schools to get their students involved.

This year's theme is Festive Streatham. I'm looking for designs that capture the distinctive feel of Christmas in our constituency: whether it's the Christmas light display and festive shop windows on Streatham High Road, a dusting of snow on Clapham Common, the Christmas Farmers' Market in Balham, skating at Streatham ice rink, carols on our estates with Brixton Chamber Orchestra, or anything else that makes you think of Christmas in our community.

Entries for this competition can be hand-drawn or designed using computer software. I'll be judging winners across a range of different age categories and publicising my favourite designs on here as well as on my social media channels in the run-up to Christmas. There are some great prizes up for grabs in each age category and the overall winner will also go out to people across Streatham as my official Christmas card.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on Friday 16th December. Designs can be emailed to me at bell.ribeiroaddy.mp@parliament.uk, submitted via social media, or posted to my constituency office (218 Brixton Hill, SW2 1HE). If you're posting your entry, make sure it arrives in good time!

You can find the full details of the competition over on my website: <https://bellribeiroaddy.com/streatham-christmas-card-competition-2022/>

If you have any questions about the Christmas Card Competition or would like to know more, please drop my team an email on bell.ribeiroaddy.mp@parliament.uk

All the best,
Bell

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Breakfast and Afterschool Club News



The Children in Year 1 & 2 Breakfast Club drew portraits of themselves. They were feeling very proud of their achievements.

If your child attends our Breakfast and Afterschool Club, we would like it if you could take the time to complete this form to give us some feedback.

<https://forms.gle/Bk6UBMvZgkEPZRXM6>

The Girl - Go Band treated the Afterschool Club to the performance of their hit single 'The Silly Song'. An outstanding performance, which earned them an encore and standing ovation!



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TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS UPDATE!

TT Rock Stars is a wonderful resource for children to practise their times tables. All children from Years 2 - 6 were given a login at the beginning of September. If you are unsure of your child's login, please ask their class teacher.

TT Rock stars have recently updated their website. To ensure you are accessing the latest version, please follow the instructions below:

Solution - if they're playing at home

If using the website at home, please can parents visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in their device's browser. Otherwise update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

Thank you and keep having lots of times tables fun!



Double Awards!

You may recall that we threw ourselves into the Lambeth Beat The Streets walking campaign in the summer term and over the summer holidays. Hitherfield children, families and staff went around the borough, tapping their cards against the various machines dotted around the place.

We have now received the 1st Prize for the highest total number of 'taps' in South Lambeth and we also came second in the average number of taps per person who signed up in South Lambeth. Well done Hitherfield - not just for getting on board, but also for keeping fit and healthy and out of our cars.

**HITHERFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
CHRISTMAS FAIR 2022**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE A
TABLE AT OUR CHRISTMAS
FAIR??**

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2022
3.15PM - 5.30PM

THINGS TO KNOW:

1. **HIRING A TABLE IS £15**
2. **YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**
3. **IF SELLING FOOD, PLEASE PROVIDE THE RELEVANT FOOD HYGEINE PAPERWORK**

Email: hitherfieldpta@gmail.com

CAKES PLANTS JEWELLERY
CANDLES TOYS HAND MADE
BOOKS



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Ready Steady Go!

FREE sessions to help families achieve a healthier diet and a more active lifestyle.

New programmes will be starting in January 2023. To register or make a referral please use our online link at lambeth.gov.uk/ready-steady-go

Contact the team on **020 7926 0619** or email readysteadygo@lambeth.gov.uk

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Ready Steady Go!

Healthy Lifestyle Programme

Taster Session

Hitherfield Primary School

Monday 12th December from 3.15pm

Please come and meet some of our team, we are offering:

- Height and weight measurements
- Nutrition Advice
- Join in some fun exercises and games



GOODY BAGS

PLEASE FILL THE CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILDREN WITH SMALL TOYS (THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE NEW). YOU CAN ALSO ADD FUN SIZE PACKETS OF SWEETS, BEADS, LOLLY'S & TOY BRICKS.

PLEASE RETURN GOODY BAGS TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER. THANKS

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Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 8th December 2022 our school meals supplier will be providing the children with a Christmas Lunch. The menu will include Roast Turkey, Cocktail Chicken Sausages & Gravy or a vegetarian option, which will be a Christmas Quorn Roast with Quorn Sausage. Or Christmas Tomato and Cheese Puff Cracker.

All served with Golden Roast Potatoes, Glazed Carrots and Garden Peas.

If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school meal on this day, please make a payment of £2.35 on ParentPay under the Christmas Lunch payment item and state whether your child is having a meat or vegetarian option. Children in classes Reception to Year 2 do not have to pay for their meals as they receive a Universal Free School Meal. If your child already has a school dinner, no action is required.

Please ensure payment is made by **Friday 25th November 2022** so our cook has enough time to order and prepare.

Kind regards,
Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher

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CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM:



Once again, we are partnering with Mistletoe & Pine from Leigham Vale Garden Centre to offer pre-ordered trees for collection from Hitherfield School. We are offering our trees at quite a discount and all proceeds go to the school.

All you need to do is, fill in the order form selecting the size and quantity of the tree you would like and, on the back, please write your name and contact details and drop it into the order box in the school's main office. Alternatively, email: hitherfieldpta@gmail.com and place your order.



SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY
3 - 4 FT	£30	
4 - 5 FT	£36	
5 - 6 FT	£42	
6 - 7 FT	£52	
7 - 8 FT	£62	
8 - 9 FT	£80	

ORDER BY:

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER BY 4.30PM

COLLECTION:

**SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER
BETWEEN 11AM & 3PM**



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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

Autumn 2023

Inset
Inset
Children Start
End of Term

Term One

Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Wednesday 7th September 2023
Friday 20th October 2023

33 Teaching Days

Children start
End of Term

Term Two

Monday 30th October 2023
Thursday 21st December 2023

39 Teaching Days

Spring 2024

Inset
Children start
End of term

Term Three

Monday 8th January 2024
Tuesday 9th January 2024
Friday 9th February 2024

24 Teaching Days

Children Start
End of term

Term Four

Monday 19th February 2024
Thursday 28th March 2024

29 Teaching Days

Summer 2024

Inset
Children start
Bank Holiday
End of term

Term Five

Monday 15th April 2024
Tuesday 16th April 2024
Monday 6th May 2024
Friday 24th May 2024

28 Teaching Days

Inset
Children start
End of term

Term Six

Monday 3rd June 2024
Tuesday 4th June 2024
Wednesday 24th 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