

# HITHERFIELD HERALD

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## Happy Retirement Jacinta

We had two special assemblies today where the children presented Jacinta with leaving cards and sang songs (Years 1-3 sang Dancing Queen and Years 4-6 sang True Colours with rewritten lyrics about Jacinta). Many tears were shed by adults and children. We all wish Jacinta a long and happy retirement, after 26 years and 4 months at Hitherfield. You have been key to the school's success and have had a hugely positive impact on the lives of so many families and thousands of children. Thank you.



## Dates for the Diary

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 6 pupils (not 4 Hippos)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 4 Hippopotamus Parents' Evening – New date!



Santa came to visit us at Hitherfield today. He gave a gift to every child!

Thanks Santa!

## Happy Christmas And See You In 2023

The autumn term has ended with 11 super concerts, our wonderful Christmas Fair, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day - no wonder we have had such a good time and are ready for a rest! Thank you for all of your support this term and for making Hitherfield the special place it is. I wish you all a wonderful holiday and I look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Chris Ashley-Jones, Executive Headteacher.



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## GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

<b>1 COBRA</b> Ivylove and Ariadne Javier Leonardo	<b>1 DUGONG</b> Evie, Indie & Afifah	<b>1 SUNBIRD</b> Leonor, Muhammed, Daniel & Nyruby
<b>2 MANATEE</b> Poppy, Jacob, Akmal & Kateryn	<b>2 MONGOOSE</b> Sofia, Amira, Aiyana & Acacia	<b>2 HUMMINGBIRD</b> Tia-May Oona Douglas & Albie
<b>3 JAGUAR</b> Arlo & Rosie	<b>3 MACAW</b> Tezari, Eden, Lola & Fred	<b>3 ANACONDA</b> Camille, Gilbert & Theo
<b>4 HIPPOPOTAMUS</b> Esme H, Loretta & Jazeeb	<b>4 FLAMINGO</b> Amelia A & Hashim	<b>4 CHEETAH</b> Younes & Gabriel
<b>5 KINGFISHER</b> Zya, Naomi, louana & George	<b>5 HEDGEHOG</b> Otto and Thierry & Djuna	<b>5 OTTER</b> Nelly & Fei
<b>6 ORCA</b> Xavi & Leo	<b>6 PUFFIN</b> Alex B & Reuben	<b>6 WOLVERINE</b> Hafijah and Theo

## Ancient Benin Day!

Year 5 had a wonderful Ancient Benin Day on Tuesday. They got to cook and taste okra, do some okra art, play some traditional cowrie shell games and create an animation based on daily life in the Benin Kingdom.





## Reading for Christmas Home Learning 2022!

As is traditional, we are setting a whole school Home Learning Reading task for families to do together during the Christmas break.

We would like you as a family to read and talk about a book that has brilliant illustrations. Please talk together about why you think the illustrations are so great then the children can use Seesaw to write, draw, film or record a message about this to remind them what you talked about when they get back to school. We want to know what the book is, who illustrated it and why you thought that the illustrations are so fabulous. When the children return to school, they will be doing some writing based on the book

## Polio Vaccination

Please see the link below videos in community languages about polio vaccination for children aged 1-9 in Lambeth.

I include a link to the full playlist which has videos in 17 different languages including those that are a priority within Lambeth.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1fo7mb0qmAsw4VKUzuEaXPY3lvtF--7H>

There are two videos: one featuring a Lambeth clinician and one featuring a Lambeth parent and her child. Both speak of the importance of the polio vaccination in preventing polio infection and possible serious long-term impacts, including paralysis.

- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Polish
- Somali
- Arabic
- Tigrinya
- Twi-Fante
- Yoruba
- French
- Urdu
- Mandarin
- Albanian
- Bengali
- Ukrainian
- Dari
- Nepali
- Pashtu

Additional polio 'booster' clinics continue until Christmas, so we are keen to ensure that as many people as possible who have not yet taken up the opportunity to get their child vaccinated do this as soon as they are able. After Christmas, polio vaccinations will be administered as previously as part of routine childhood immunisations programmes.

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We are inviting ALL children and their families to join in the BIG BATTERY HUNT.

As part of our endeavours to instil good recycling habits into all our children we are encouraging as many families as possible to join in over the next few months.

Under adult supervision, children will collect and recycle used batteries and keep a tally in their class.

Used batteries can be brought to school to recycle or taken to any local battery recycling facility close to home or work.

All you have to do is help your child or

children record a tally each time they recycle some batteries and pass this information, via your child or children, to school..

Thankyou for your interest and cooperation.

Any questions speak with Jef in Year 3 Anaconda or email the school.



## KS2 Breakfast and Afterschool Club having fun in the snow!



It's come to our attention that some of you in receipt of Lambeth Housing Benefit may have recently received text messages from Lambeth stating that your housing benefit has been stopped. Lambeth Housing has informed us there has been an administrative error and the accounts this has affected will be corrected with benefit backdated. This message is on the Lambeth Housing phonenumber, 0207 927 6000 under option 6

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**An opportunity not to be missed - for hundreds of local children.**

The Herne Hill Kids' Lit Fest is back for its fourth year, from Jan 30th - Feb 5th 2023. Over 2000 people came along in 2022 and tickets go fast.

Local secondaries, primary schools and nurseries are invited to book sessions with outstanding, multi-award winning authors and illustrators - offering truly inspirational events for children of all ages.

We are Arts Council funded, so able to offer school sessions for just £30 per class. Spaces are limited, so please **register your interest by December 30th to avoid disappointment:** [www.steppingintostories.org/schools](http://www.steppingintostories.org/schools)

We will then work hard to allocate sessions fairly across our local schools.

Speakers for 2023 include Waterstones Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho (*Happy Here*); SF Said (*Tyger*); Rashmi Sirdeshpande (*Never Let A Diplodocus Draw*); Alex Wheatle MBE (*Cane Warriors*) and many more.

Children are also invited to enter their own stories into our annual competition, with winners being announced by the amazing Louie Stowell: [www.steppingintostories.org/competition](http://www.steppingintostories.org/competition)

We can't wait to see you there, for an amazingly bookish week!

**The Children in Nursery and Reception Breakfast and Afterschool Club had lots of fun this week making some Christmas Crafts.**



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The PTA would like to announce that our fundraising efforts this Autumn term 2022 have raised a phenomenal.....

## £7K+

This will go straight to helping improve the school environment and experience for our children.

In the last few months the PTA have funded a Panto that all the kids all loved, replaced climbing equipment for year 1 and bought new reading books for all years to name but a few.

During the Autumn term, Warm Up Fridays and the Christmas Fair are a huge part of our annual fundraising efforts which means we can continue to keep funding educational and stimulating things like this for Hitherfield School. It's a massive team effort and we couldn't do it without the amazing out pouring of support from the staff, family and friends of the school and the community.

As always, we give a particularly massive thanks to the premises team, the office angels who are so humble when we show our love but they deserve every last bit of it, also, Comfort and the catering team that have provided us with so many tasty treats that we have been begging for the secret recipes that feed and nourish our kids on a daily basis. We are also so thankful to every parent, staff member, pupil and businesses who give us donations, time, energy and love to make our events and fairs happen and also make it a roaring success. This year, the team of volunteers who have helped in fundraising this term include: *Ben Peachy, James Oldnall, Tom O'Flynn, Matthew Stevens, Jacinta Walters, Amy Brown, David Thomas, Maren Enkelmann, Vanessa Bastien, Antoni Banev, Hiba Noor, Emily Andrews, Kirsty Newman, Emma Williamson, Ramona Tighani, Emma Klein, Oriel Petry, Caroline Dargavel, Emily Sam, Ibtisam Adem, Asmahan Ade, Amelia Staniewska, Ed Crook, Katy Turner, Natalie Marick, Clare Christe, Lezni Lamide Davies, Tara Michael, Julia Williamson, Tome Georgiou, Clare Butler, Amy Roe, Laetitia, Matt Davies, Roushan Ara, Sharen Hayre, Sally Butcher, Sally McIntyre, Jolene Butler, Katherine Green, Suzy Brecknall, Nicola Miller, Gifty Birago, Jon Duffet, Will Adam, Yul Emirali, Celia Thomas, Tom Higan, Liz Reid, Asma Fikree, Mary Meekings, Lynn Evans, Marcel Kornblum, Alexander Deane and Joost.* Also a massive apology and thank you to all the people we've missed off the list but who have stepped in and stepped up and turned up to offer help without us asking, looked after kids so parents can help, roped their kids in to help and everyone who gave such amazing feedback and praised our efforts. The amazing team of volunteers that make up the PTA past and present do it all in their own time for the love of the school and community. We look forward to all the upcoming events on the calendar and if you have any questions, queries or ways to help, please contact us on: [hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com).

Thank you to all of you! All our love, The PTA xxx