



Welcome to the Summer Term

It was my pleasure to welcome everyone back to school on Monday. This is a busy half term, but it is also going to be a bit strange with the additional Bank Holiday (Monday 8th May) and the two strike days (27th April and 2nd May). This is going to be rather disruptive, but I do support the teachers striking, as school funding is the worst I have experienced and unfunded pay increases are inevitably going to result in even more cuts to services/staff.

On a happier note, our wonderful school grounds are likely to become more popular with families after school, which is great. Please remember that you are responsible for keeping watch on your children and please ensure they use the grounds sensibly. Children can only remain on the school grounds if supervised by an adult. Thank you for your help with this.

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher

Happy Eid-ul-Fitr

Wishing our families a very happy Eid celebration this weekend.



I'm running the London Marathon on Sunday as part of #Team Autism and am raising money for the National Autistic Society. As the SENDco at school, I work with many of our neuro-diverse students, so it seemed fitting for me to take this opportunity to join a team that is committed to making a change to the lives of autistic people and their families.

I appreciate that the current climate is putting increased financial pressure on all of us right now, but if you are able to sponsor me, please do click the link - your support will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Julia



<https://2023tcsllondonmarathon.enthu.se.com/pf/julia-williamson>

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 26th April – Class Photo's

Wednesday 26th April - Parents' Evening for Reception – Year 6

(1Cobra Postponed new date 24th May 2023)

<https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Thursday 27th April – **Strike Action (School Closed)**

Friday 29th April – **EID FAIR CELEBRATIONS**
Children can wear bright colourful clothes for a 50p donation.

Friday 29th April – **Icecream Friday Returns**

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday School Closed

Wednesday 3rd May – Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III

Tuesday 9th May - Year 3 Outdoor Adventure Experience 3:30 - 8pm **(New Date)**

Tuesday 16th May – Year 3 trip to Hampton Court Palace

Below is the link for our School Meal Menu
April – October

[School Meal Menu April - October 2023](#)

Swimming

Normally Year 2 go swimming for the Summer term, but unfortunately West Norwood pool is still closed for roof repairs. Therefore, Year 4 are swimming this term - it is easier for them to catch the bus to Brixton Leisure Centre each week - and they will swim in the Autumn term too. The current Year 2 classes will swim in the Spring term 2024 and then the current Year 1 classes will swim in Summer 2024. That way, we will be back to the normal schedule by Summer 2024. It sounds complicated, but it does make sense!



Thank you PTA

A big thank you to the PTA who have paid for the new shelter in the Year 1 outdoor area. All Year 1 children use this space during the school day and now it will be dry and a little less hot when the sun really comes out.

Year 5 Cycling Proficiency

Year 5 children have enjoyed improving their cycling skills this week. They have been learning how to keep themselves and others safe cycling on the roads around the school.



Help needed!

We are developing some of our play spaces in Nursery and Reception. We would be grateful for any donations of the following:

Baby clinic:

- realistic play dolls
- toy prams
- real baby bottles, small nappies, slings, changing mat, play gym etc
- weighing scales large enough for a small baby



Hairdressers role play

- hair dressing head
- styling tools
- good quality wigs
- hair accessories



Mud kitchen

- wide range of cooking utensils e.g. pestle and mortar, cupcake tray, flat plan, serving pots

General

- toy minibeasts



Thank you so much for your support.



Good News Cards

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Prezley and Oscar	Afiifah and Telaya	Franklin and Clara
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Alistair and Mariam	Ayana and Elena	Arthur and Christian
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Lords and Khallah	Grayson and Theo	Theo and Sophia
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Kemuel, Amelia and Bodhi	William and Millie	Sade and Gabriel
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Elias, Jacob and Olive	Lily and Daniel	Jamelia and Shekinah
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Walter and Francesca	Millie and Olive	Emira and Chloe

Hitherfield Eid Fair

Friday 28th April

3:15 - 5:00pm

We need your help!

Food, Drinks, Cakes, Ice Cream, Uniform & Toy Stalls, Bouncy Castle and Games - please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com if you can spare a little time to help us make this year's fair extra wonderful, and raise as much as possible for school and this brilliant charity

Half of all money raised will go to School and half to the Ummah Welfare Trust Turkey and Syria Appeal



Hitherfield Primary
School Presents:



EID FAIR

Chapati's, Hot Dogs, International
Halal Food, Teas, Coffee, Cakes and
so much more fun and games!



Friday 28th April 2023
3.15pm - 5.00pm

**Get involved & let us know how you can help with
volunteering & cake/food donations. Please email:
hitherfieldpta@gmail.com**



Hitherfield's Hair Festival

Friday 19th May

Love is in the Hair



Hitherfield Primary school is going to celebrate their first Hair festival aimed at celebrating and educating about all hair types.



Workshops: parents and hair experts will share their expertise on the various things to include: hair care, braiding, cornrows as well as hijab and scarf styling.



Stalls: an assortment of stalls selling books, head scarfs and hair products.



Parent discussions: parent led discussion on hair experiences growing up as well as reflections on hair as a form identity.



Make and Play: children use dolls to try out new hairstyles

WE NEED YOU

How can you help make this celebration a success? Are you or do you know anyone who is a:

Hairdressers or barbers?

Seller or makers of hair products?

Seller or making of headscarves or hijabs?

A speaker on the history of hair culture?

If you do, please contact the office or email: parentforum@hitherfield.co.uk

