

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

24th October 2025



Hitherfield's Resident Chickens

We are planning to bring our feathered friends back to Hitherfield in the new term but need your help in order to do so.

There are a few things we need to do to the chicken coop before we think about bringing them back but we wanted to see if any of you would like to help in the future with their upkeep.

Please feel free to drop us an email (admin@hitherfield.co.uk) if you would be interested in helping and we can start making plans.



Nursery Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday
12th November 1pm – 6pm

Please note that the Nursery will be closed on that
afternoon. All Children must be collected by
12:15pm

School Meals Survey

Our catering company, Harrison, are undertaking a parent/carer survey of the school meals offer at Hitherfield. The survey will be open until Friday 24th October. It is very useful for them to have your feedback - whether good or not - so please complete it using the link below. It only takes 5 minutes.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Dates for the Diary

Friday 24th October – African Dance Workshop and other fun activities after school 3:30pm – 5:15pm

Friday 24th October – Last Day of Term

Friday 31st October – Secondary School Admissions
Deadline midnight

Monday 3rd November – Children return to school

Friday 7th November – Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on
the Plaza 8:30am – 9:30am

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November - National Anti-
Bullying Week

Wednesday 12th November – Nursery Parents'
Evening 1pm – 6pm

Tuesday 18th November – 1 Dugong, London
Sightseeing Trip

Wednesday - 19th November Parent talk (& PTA bar)
7-9pm

Thursday 20th November – 1 Sunbird, London
Sightseeing Trip

Friday 21st November – 1 Cobra, London Sightseeing
Trip

Parent Governor Vacancy

Don't forget that the deadline for nominations for Parent Governor is 10am on 6th November. There's still lots of time to find out about the role if you are interested. Contact katybyrne@hitherfield.co.uk for more information, or to be put in contact with a parent governor.

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GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Antoni and Teddy	Joe and Fatoumata	Elle and Yustyna
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Sadie and Iris	Miah and Nicole	Alfie and Cornelia
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Mabel and Alex	Kelani and Luca	Phoebe and Eric
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
To be announced after half term	Luxhanha and Sufian	Jacob and Isabelle
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Jacob and Persephone	To be announced after half term	Finlay & Luisa
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Michael and Abdul	Madelyn and Joseph W	Rosie and Sam

The Alternative Way – Engagement Day

Friday 31 October 2025 | 10:00am – 2:00pm

At a crossroad in
your career or
employment journey?

Did you know
Lambeth employs
in line with the
Rehabilitation of
Offenders Act?

Want to know
about career
pathways within
your Local
Authority?

Want to know
about the different
support available
from DWP?



Be Informed, Be Inspired, Be
Empowered, Activate Change

Friday 31 October 2025

10:00am – 2:00pm

Oasis St Martin's Village,
155 Upper Tulse Hill, London, SW2 3UP

Join us for a morning of:

- Motivational Guest Speakers (Peer Ambassadors)
- Alternative career/employment pathways information
- Be Financially Aware – Benefit Options (DWP)
- Oasis St Martin's Village, current and future pipeline services

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equity and justice



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Black History Month Move, Learn, Celebrate

Come join us for an afternoon of
dancing, learning and fun!

Friday 24th October

3:45 PM MAIN HALL



African dance
workshops in the
main hall

Session 1: 4:00 - 4:30

Session 2: 4:40 - 5:15

Year 1 classrooms -
educational
animations and
more!

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Parent talk (& PTA bar) Wednesday 19th Nov 7-9pm

Please come to a free talk and information session on how to support your child with mobile phones in the digital age. Speaker is Jennifer Powers, SW London area leader for Smartphone Free Childhood and former No10 adviser for business. Q&A session plus bar run by the PTA in the school hall. Entry free. Local primaries (Julian's etc) also invited.

Please sign up here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/smartphone-free-childhood-with-jennifer-powers-at-hitherfield-primary-tickets-1852592446879?aff=oddtcreator>

PAPAYA

Let's talk about our kids and their tech

PARENT TALK WITH JENNIFER:

HITHERFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE & TIME:

WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2025 – 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM



Jennifer Powers

Jennifer has been central to the success of the UK's Smartphone Free Childhood movement, serving as a regional leader in London and Surrey. She is co-founder of Smartphone Free Schools Rating and serves as its development director. Jennifer is the founder of the Unplugged Coalition uniting organisations committed to reclaiming childhood from addictive technology.

She is the host of the POWERS UNPLUGGED podcast and a frequent media commentator. A former Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on energy and business, Jennifer has over 25 years of experience in public policy and strategy.

PAPAYA

Helping families to thrive in a digital age

Smartphones, social media and screen time are the parenting challenges of our age.

Whether your child already has a smartphone or you are considering delaying until they are older, this talk is for you.

Hard hitting but non-judgemental, Jennifer unpacks the complex issues surrounding addictive technology and helps you find solutions that work for your family.

Topics

- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online
- Strategies for delaying the smartphone
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology
- Question and discussion time

"The talk is so relevant, full of insight and eye-opening. You will walk away inspired to connect, reflect, and find out more. I highly recommend it."

— Claire Curtis, parent and SFC volunteer.

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Hitherfield PTA AGM update

Thanks to all the parents, governors and staff members who attended last week's AGM. The meeting heard about last year's PTA (2024-25) activities and voted in a new committee for 2025-26.

The PTA deployed £36,000 across several projects and activities at Hitherfield Primary School in 2024-25. The majority went towards replacing the Astroturf, a huge project that was funded by additional campaigns run over the last couple of years. PTA-funded projects for 2024-25 included:

- Astroturf replacement
- Replacing flooring in year 6 classrooms
- Year 5 Shakespeare performance
- Christmas pantomime

The members of the new committee for 2025/26 are:

- Co-chairs: Nermine Zeyn (yr 4 parent) and Amy Brown (yr 6 parent)
- Treasurer: Lucia Moore (yr 3, 1 and reception parent)
- Deputy treasurer: Antoni Banev (yr 3 and nursery parent)
- Secretary: Sebastian Day (yr 2 parent)
- Committee member: Hester Waterfield (yr 2 parent)
- Committee member: Sadie Bell (nursery parent)

The new PTA committee thanks all parents and staff for their ongoing support as we start to organise events for the coming year. Our events aim to be fun and inclusive, while raising vital money for the school. But we can't do it without help. Please show your support by signing our volunteer form. PTA events are increasingly crucial as funding cuts squeeze school budgets ever tighter.

Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/rpJUccTEM5XQ5D34A>

Next term the PTA will be running Warm Up Fridays (dates tbc) and the Hitherfield Christmas Fair, on Friday December 5th. Please volunteer your time to make these and future events a success. For any questions, please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com.

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Hitherfield Primary School
Parent Teacher Association
Registered Charity No. 1102808

Search for new volunteer accountant/auditor

October 2025

Dear parents/carers/staff,

The PTA is looking for an accountant or auditor to check and sign off our annual accounts. For the past few years this was undertaken by a parent, whose children have now left Hitherfield. Ideally, we would like to find another volunteer, to ensure that all the money we raise goes directly to the school.

The role requires working with our treasurer to check over the accounts and supporting documents and officially sign them off.

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank Ben Turner, our departing auditor, who generously donated his time for free for many years.

We are required to submit our accounts to the Charity Commission by January 31st, 2026, so the work needs to be undertaken in the coming weeks. Please contact hitherfieldpta@gmail.com if you can help.

Kind regards

Hitherfield PTA

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BiG is running another of its FUN multi activities Holiday Camp at Hitherfield school this half term with lots of fun things for children from 5 up to 13 years-old teenagers to do in a safe and fun environment. Whilst making new friends and stimulating their brains, they will enjoy engaging in DIY Arts and Crafts activities such as Tie Dye / Design your own T-shirts, 'Can you fix my item' and making friendship bracelets activities and more. They will also , engage in education board games and physical outdoor activities such as Tug of War, Capture the flag, basketball and other sports and team games, where they will get lots of physical exercise.

A specific football programme for 8 to 13 years-old is also included in this Autumn Camp!

For year 6, 7 and 8s (11 to 13 years-old) our exciting new activities include:

- * Create TikTok and skit videos
- * Sing, spit and chill
- * Movie time,
- * Arts and crafts

* And more Places will be limited so why not book now - <https://eequ.org/book/big-autumn25-holiday-camp-with-big-bestys-inspirational-guidance-cic-20138>

The BiG Autumn 2025 Holiday Camp!
Engage in.....

Board games *Arts & Crafts*

BiG
BESTY'S
INSPIRATIONAL
GUIDANCE

Register now for the BiG Autumn 2025 Camp at Hitherfield Primary School, Leigham Vale, Streatham SW16 2JQ - Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025. **NOW 9am to 5pm for all children between 5 and 13 years-old!**

WE ARE ALSO RUNNING A FOOTBALL ONLY CAMP HERE TOO FOR 8 TO 13 YEARS-OLD!
..... and just £145 for the week!

Multi-sports games *Performing Arts*

Places will be limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis so book now - <https://eequ.org/book/big-autumn25-holiday-camp-with-big-bestys-inspirational-guidance-cic-20138>

All enquiries to Lionel Best on
020 8676 3480 / 07957 208 930 /
lionel.best@bigcic.org

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PRE- LOVED UNIFORM SALE



Friday 7th November
8:30am - 9:30am

On the main plaza

Cash & card payments accepted

All money raised goes back to the school.
Thank you for your continued support!

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You're invited to a
**HALLOWEEN
FIESTA** 2-5pm
Friday 31st October
@ Palace Road Nature Garden
& The Hive Cafe

Outdoor games
Fancy dress parade
Halloween treats

Spooky crafts
Lantern decorating
Dog parade

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LOVE TO SING?

WHY NOT JOIN

THE HITHERFIELD PARENTS' CHOIR!

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF HITHERFIELD

- NO CHOIR EXPERIENCE NEEDED -
- ALL SONGS LEARNT BY EAR (NO SHEET MUSIC) -
- SING POP, FOLK, ROUNDS AND SHANTIES -
- AUDIO LEARNING TRACKS PROVIDED -
- A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER HITHERFIELD PARENTS/CARERS -
- FUN, RELAXED AND INCLUSIVE -
- BABIES/TODDLERS WELCOME -

AUTUMN TERM STARTS 15TH SEP

NOT SURE IF ITS FOR YOU? COME FOR A FREE TASTER!

EVERY MONDAY 9:15AM TO 10:15AM

IN THE DOWNSTAIRS HALL

£70 PER 10-WEEK TERM

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE TO
THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

Email choir leader Ian Bennett
if you'd like a place or free taster session:
ibmuso@gmail.com

