

Weekly Update

September 2020 at Hitherfield

The government produced its 'Guidelines for Full Opening: Schools' last week and I have been working with the school staff and governors on what this will look like at Hitherfield. It is our aim that all children will return full-time from Thursday 3rd September and that we will be able to offer a Breakfast and After School Club service. Hooray!

The guidelines emphasise that circumstances have changed, that the prevalence of coronavirus (Covid-19) has decreased and the NHS Test and Trace system is up and running. They state that the risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus is very low but we will put in place proportionate protective measures for children and staff. Essential measures will include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home - as is now the case
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene - as is now the case, but we will review
- enhanced cleaning arrangements - as is now the case, but we will review
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace - we will continue to do this
- Reducing contacts and maximising distancing between those in school wherever possible to minimise potential for contamination - this will depend on the individual school's circumstances

At Hitherfield we are currently planning on having Year Group Bubbles (YGB), however for most of the time the children are in school they will remain in their Class Bubbles. This means that there will be limited times when the children will mix with other children from their year group, but never with children outside of their year group. By operating this system we will be reducing the number of contacts and we are able to reduce the number of start and end times to the school day (we currently have 21). We will also be able to organise sensible play and lunch systems.

The next steps are that we are reviewing the main Risk assessment and all of the Specific Guidelines Documents, which are currently on our website, and we hope to have the updated ones available on the website by the end of next week.

In addition to those documents I will provide parents with further updates, especially towards the end of August.

Change To INSET Days

We normally have two INSET days in September, but this year, as the August Bank holiday falls on 31st August, we had planned only one INSET day on 1st September.

Due to the current situation and the likely changes to guidelines for schools over the summer holidays, it has been decided to bring forward the INSET Day planned for Monday 7th June 2021 to Wednesday 2nd September 2020. The children will still have the same number of days in school during the academic year, but they will now return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020.



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HITHERFIELD'S Virtual Sports Day

We hope you had lots of fun with our Sports Day challenges and enjoyed taking part with those in your household or at school.

Don't forget you can earn points for your house team by uploading your photos or videos of the challenges you have completed onto Seesaw / Tapestry (or draw a picture of the challenges you have completed and send it to us by post) by Monday 13th July. Complete as many challenges as you like, it's up to you! However, the more challenges you do the more points you earn for your house team.

Certificates will be awarded for participation.

BRONZE: 2 CHALLENGES

uploaded on Seesaw / Tapestry (or sent by post)

SILVER: BETWEEN 3 AND 7 CHALLENGES

uploaded on Seesaw / Tapestry (or sent by post)

GOLD: 8 OR MORE CHALLENGES

uploaded on Seesaw (or sent by post)

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE CHALLENGES](#)

The staff had lots of fun taking part in the sports day challenges. Look out for their videos on our website that will be coming out soon.

CLASSES FOR 2020/2021

The table below shows the classes for the next academic year. The parents of children moving into Years 3 and 5 will receive separate emails giving the names of the children in their new classes and the names of the teachers and classes. None of the children in the school have had the opportunity to spend time with their new teachers, so the teachers have recorded two videos on Seesaw or Tapestry and they will be available next week. One video is a message for their current class and the other is a message for their new class.

New Year Group and Teacher/s	New Class Name 2020/21	Previous Class Name 2019/20
Year 1 - Ginny	Dugong	Koala
Year 1- Natalie	Cobra	Kookaburra
Year 1 - Jenny	Sunbird	Platypus
Year 2 – Louise	Hummingbird	Cobra
Year 2 – Martine	Manatee	Sunbird
Year 2- Jo	Mongoose	Dugong
Year 3 -Danika	Macaw	New classes
Year 3 – Beth	Jaguar	
Year 3 – Ed	Anaconda	
Year 4- Kathryn and Nicola	Hippopotamus	Anaconda
Year 4 – Clare Christie	Flamingo	Jaguar
Year 4 – Sam Fryer	Cheetah	Macaw
Year 5 – Lucy	Hedgehog	New classes
Year 5- Alice	Otter	
Year 5 – Lauren	Kingfisher	
Year 6 – Heather	Wolverine	Hedgehog
Year 6 – Alicia	Orca	Otter
Year 6- Katy	Puffin	Kingfisher



STAFF CHANGES

We will be saying a fond farewell to some members of the Hitherfield staff team at the end of term. Paul Drake (Teacher) is retiring after 39 years of teaching, the last 10 years being at Hitherfield. We all wish him a long and happy retirement and thank him on behalf of the thousands of Lambeth children he has taught. Caroline Lovell (Teacher) is leaving Hitherfield after 5 years and moving to Brighton with her family - we send her our thanks and best wishes for the next stage of her life and career. Sam Leacock (Teacher) is leaving us after 4 years as he has secured a teaching post in Dubai - we thank him and wish him great success in his new adventure.

Abby Whitten (Specialist English as an Additional Language Assistant and Playground Leader) is leaving us after 16 years. Abby has decided to do 'something different' in the next stage of her life and we will miss her greatly and we send her our thanks and best wishes. Uzma Khan (Teaching Assistant) is leaving to start training to become a teacher. We are very proud of her and wish her good luck with her course.

Mark Gillard (Senior Learning Mentor) and Maureen Shand (Learning Mentor) are both changing roles within Hitherfield as they become part of the Streatham and Norwood Better Start Area team which is run from our Children's Centre. We are not saying goodbye to them but we thank them both for their excellent work in the school and wish them well in their new roles of Deputy Manager and Better Start Worker respectively.

We offer a warm welcome to Natalie Marwick who will be joining us as a teacher in September. Natalie has been spending a lot of time in the school over the last couple of months and we are sure she'll be a great addition to our happy team.

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CALLING ALL HITHERFIELD'S CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERS

What a strange few months we've been having... it's been tricky to collect stamps for our passports at a time when most children's clubs have been cancelled and places of interest to visit with our families have been closed.

To help you continue your learning over the summer holidays, here is the Lambeth Children's University Summer Holiday Activity Challenge 2020. Simply choose a project that you would like to work on – you can do as many as you like.

When we are back in September, a date will be set for you to bring your work (or photos of your work) in to show off. Have Fun!

Space Challenge CREATE A NEW WORLD!

Is there life on your planet? How long is a year there? What grows there? Who lives on your planet and how and what do they eat? Create a list of facts, pictures and diagrams.

5 stamps of CU Learning on submission of your facts, diagrams and pictures in September.



Computer Game Design or Write a Story SAVE THE PLANET!

How old will your audience be? What's the storyline? Who are your main characters? What key messages would you like to be learnt? Create a storyboard of how your game will be played.

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Read Loud and Proud HOW MANY VOICES?

Read aloud to a family member, trying out as many different voices as you can. Who was their favourite character? Which of your voices did they like the best? Record yourself reading a passage.

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Art Attack!

CHOOSE AN ARTIST WHO INTERESTS YOU (maybe one of the artists you have studied in your weekly Hitherfield class work packs)

Design and produce a piece of artwork in their style.

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Create a Factfile ... WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE?

Find out as many facts as you can about the community where you live. Where is your local area? How many people live there? Is it famous for anything? Do any famous people come from your community? What facilities does it have, shops, library, cafés, swimming pool, ice rink, cinema? What's your favourite thing about living there? What's one thing you would like to change? How would you encourage other people to visit?

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Still Life Drawing SKETCH & SHOW

Collect 5 to 10 objects that you like – they can be anything... toys or natural objects, it's up to you. Arrange them on a table in front of you. Using a pencil only, sketch the arrangement. Use shading to create light and shadow.

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Games of the Future! DESIGN A NEW GAME OR SPORT.

Think up a new game or sport. Draw a diagram to show how to play it. Write your set of rules. Design the kit your players could wear or equipment they might need.

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Ready, Steady Cook MAKING A PLATE OF FOOD

Ask an adult to help you take a look in the kitchen cupboards: can you think of a meal to cook from the ingredients that you have in?

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Loopy Stroops! MAKING MIND TRICKS

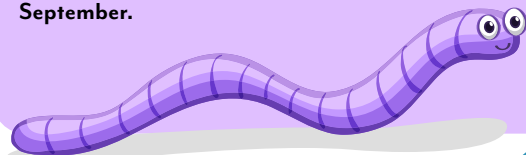
Make flash cards with colour names on them ... but write the name in a different colour... Eg **YELLOW** Flash each card at a family member... Can they read the word? Flash each card again.... Can they tell you the colour of the font? Which was trickiest? You have investigated the 'Stroop Effect'

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Bug Hotels BUILD A HABITAT FOR A WORM.

Earthworms are great for the garden. Find a large plastic bottle. Layer inside with sand, soil and leaves. Add in water for moisture. Go for a dig to find some worms... Add them to your hotel and keep a log of what happens.

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Crazy Cubes! COLUMBUS CUBES

Research Columbus Cube Towers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZC7Z_vUCbh4

Can you make the cubes? Are you able to make a tower? Take a picture of your cubes or even your tower.

5 stamps of CU Learning on presentation of your work in September.



Summer Reading Challenge

This digital reading challenge offers free access to books, games, quizzes. Log down the books you read and bring it in to show in September! **TEN stamps of CU Learning on presentation of your project in September!**

At risk of: Childbirth complications Infection Anxiety If she's cut.

Female Genital Mutilation, including pricking, piercing and cutting, has lifelong consequences for us all.

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