

Weekly Update

End of Year - Start of New Academic Year

Dear Children, Families and Staff.

No one could have predicted that this academic year would have turned out like this and I thank you all for your patience, hard work and positivity throughout the last four and a half months. Everyone across the world has had to deal with this pandemic and learn how to do things differently and learn how to manage their emotional and physical well-being. It has been especially challenging not being able to see and talk to our community which we usually do on a daily basis. It has also been hard to see our Year 6 children and their parents leave us without all the usual end of primary school celebrations and events. I wish all of our Year 6 children and families good luck and I thank them for being part of our school community. I hope that they will come back and visit us when possible.

Like all schools, Hitherfield has had to manage childcare provision from the first day of lockdown, set up a virtual school from scratch, plan for and welcome back certain year groups and review every aspect of school life to ensure all associated risks are reduced. That said, we are very pleased to have spent the last two weeks planning all aspects of school life in fine detail, in order to welcome back all of the children in September and to be able to welcome our new children and families into the Early Years. The school's main coronavirus Risk Assessment for September and all of the updated Specific Guidance Documents (SGD) for different aspects of school life will be on the school website by the end of August. I recommend parents and carers do read these documents before September 3rd.

We are also very pleased to be able to reopen the Breakfast and After School Club (BASC) from 3rd September with almost exactly the same opening times as normal. Parents using the BASC Club will get further information about this service emailed to them and the Specific Guidance Document for BASC will also be on the school website by the end of August.

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New School start and end times in September

We will still require different start and end times to the school day in September and for our current pupils these times and entrances are:

YEAR 6: Start 8:30am/ End 3pm from Leigham Vale - use both pedestrian and vehicle gates

YEAR 5: Start 8:45am/ End 3:15pm from Leigham Vale - use both pedestrian and vehicle gates

YEAR 4: Hitherfield Road - vehicle entrance
8:45 / 3:15 Cheetah Class
8:50 / 3:20 Flamingo Class
8:55 / 3:25 Hippo Class

YEAR 3: Hitherfield Road - vehicle entrance
8:30 / 3:00 Anaconda Class
8:35 / 3:05 Jaguar Class
8:40 / 3:10 Macaw Class

YEAR 2: Leigham Vale - pedestrian gate
9:00 / 3:30 Hummingbird Class
9:05 / 3:35 Manatee Class
9:10 / 3:40 Mongoose Class

YEAR 1: Leigham Vale - pedestrian gate
9:15 / 3:45 Cobra Class
9:20 / 3:50 Manatee Class
9:25 / 3:55 Mongoose Class

NURSERY AND RECEPTION parents will receive further information as they have a staggered start in September.



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Sadly, we will still be unable to let parents and carers onto the school site in September as reducing the number of contacts children and adults have is at the core of government guidelines and our risk assessment. Parents will be able to attend pre-arranged appointments on site and we are planning on a virtual parents' evening in October.

We have grouped Year 5 and Year 6 in one year group start time, as normally we have less parents arriving with these children and therefore we will not have too many people waiting outside the school gates. Please be respectful to our neighbours when waiting, especially on Hitherfield Road. It is essential that your child is here at the correct time in the morning and collected at the correct time at the end of the day, as we simply do not have the staff to take individual children to and from class. It also increases the risks of cross bubble interaction which we aim to avoid. Thank you in advance for your support with this. It would also be helpful if families walked, cycled or scooted to school, but if you are using public transport keep yourself safe by following this guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

Finally, I wish everyone a great summer. I am very much looking forward to seeing all the smiley faces that I am lucky enough to spend my working days with.

Best wishes, Chris Ashley-Jones, Executive Headteacher

YouTube



Thank you Pascale!

It would be remiss of us not to give a HUGE shout out of thanks to Pascale for 10 years - ONE WHOLE DECADE - of French Club brilliance at Hitherfield! Your commitment has been unwavering.

Merci beaucoup Pascale et félicitations pour votre travail exceptionnel. Passez de bonnes vacances cette été. Vous la méritez !

LAMBETH AND SOUTHWARK'S SUMMER OF FOOD AND FUN

This year Lambeth Council has joined forces with Southwark Council and London's largest holiday provision provider, Kitchen Social, to host an exciting summer programme of food and activities across the two boroughs called 'Lambeth and Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun'. There will be 85 programmes across both boroughs for children of different ages and with different interests for an inclusive and holistic programme of nutritious meals and fun activities for children and young people (0-19 years old), their families and/or carers. The programmes will be held at local hubs or delivered remotely to accommodate social distancing guidance. The programme will run for 6 weeks between the 22nd July and 2nd September.

Sign up via www.summeroffoodandfun.org.uk and by contacting the hub you would like to attend (details of the different hubs can be found via the online brochure)

A FINAL MESSAGE FOR OUR HOME SCHOOLIES...

Well everyone, we've certainly all had to learn a lot about home schooling over the past 4 months haven't we? With so little notice to prepare and having never engaged in organising for remote learning and teaching before, it's been a rocky path to tread. We thank you for the patience you showed whilst we built our Hitherfield Virtual School. We're still not quite finished shaping this, as we need to have the children back in school to teach them about using the Seesaw features more effectively and independently. We intend to build their skills so that they are able to use Seesaw more independently and have more opportunities to work with their classmates on shared activities if ever we have to rely on our Hitherfield Virtual School to educate them in the future.

We have missed the children who have had to remain at home throughout this entire Covid-19 period and are very keen to make sure that their return to school in September is as stress-free as possible.

So...we hope that all families (because you all had to home school at some point) will complete this survey. You may need to support your child to respond but please record exactly what they say. There are a couple of questions for you parents/carers as well! Here's the link for you... <https://forms.gle/ynv3ayVc19MDBo539>

Well done everyone for getting this far, we are really looking forward to seeing you all back in September! Goodbye for now – passe un bon été,

Chris, Jacinta and the rest of the Hitherfield Team.

YEAR 6 GIVING A FINAL WAVE GOODBYE



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Home Learning

HITHERFIELD'S VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY

Many congratulations to all those children who completed the sports day challenges at home and at school. Your teachers were very impressed with your Seesaw/ Tapestry entries and of course with the children who completed the challenges at school. By now you should have received your GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE certificate via Seesaw / Tapestry or from your teachers at school.

A special mention to Alice and Mia in Sunbird Class who completed 10 challenges at school and then did another 10 challenges at home. You go girls!! You will be receiving

 a special GOLD medal for all your achievements in September. Well done!

Our wonderful Hitherfield staff also enjoyed competing in the sports day challenges. We hope you enjoy watching their sports day video which can be found on our website.

<http://www.hitherfield.co.uk/Hitherfields-Virtual-Sports-Day>



JOINT MURAL WINNERS

The jury is very happy with all the entries and has declared the prize to be shared amongst 6 contestants. Therefore -if the authors agree- the mural shall be painted with elements from all the winners, combined together.

From Iris in Cobra Class we would like to take her design for a house and a vehicle. Very clean and sharp!

From Alex in Jaguar class, we loved the geometric, colourful pattern used.

Eva in the Anaconda class, presented a fragmented mural from which we loved the pattern on the left wall, we would love to include it there.

Felix in Year Hippo presented positive messages in the shape of heart sweets. We will take this idea and complement it with messages that Penny from year Hippo wrote.... "Hitherfield is: Determined, Fun, Smart, Loyal, Adventurous" etc....

Finally the jury was very impressed by Noah from class Macaw and his depiction of the Solar System. It is so large and complex, that we would like to take the first 5 planets only, and use his depiction of the SUN to start the mural on the left hand side.

FREE BAME Opera Mentoring programme

It is a free programme that will be run online and open to all singers over 18. There is a £300 bursary to cover preparation time and materials for successful applications. Singers do not need to have professional experience or have any experience in the classical form to apply.

All information on how to apply can be found on our website <https://www.pegasusoperacompany.org/digital-mentoring-programme>

PTA SUMMER FAIR NEWS

Thank-you all for your enthusiastic participation in the PTA's "Virtual Summer Fair" we had some fantastic cake entries, beautiful pets and fabulous face painting! Well done to all the winners and we will get some prizes to you in September. Have a great Summer! The PTA x

Cutest Hitherfield Pet

We have some gorgeous (and incredibly tolerant!) Hitherfield pets amongst us and the team couldn't decide which one would be crowned the winner so we divided them up into categories - cats, dogs and others - and drew the names from the hat.

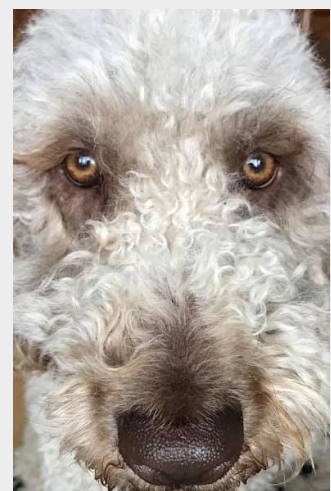
Cat Category: Rikke & Sigur the wakley cats



Dogs: Pearl & Rory the Adedeji dogs



Others: Puzzo, Greta's Guinea Pig



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Cake Competition:

Some incredible entries in this category including a cake stir fry and a rainbow unicorn and we have high hopes for the next Cake Sale!!! After much heated debate amongst the team, we were swung by the nostalgic influence of Hitherfield and the winners are:

1st Place: Lina's Hitherfield Cake



Face Painting

We have some talented young face painters at Hitherfield and hopefully we can sign them up for the Christmas Fair!! Well done to all the entries, the winner is Mikaela from Macaw with her amazing Day of the Dead tribute!

Guess the Sweetie Jar

There were 188 sweets in the jar! No-one guessed this correctly but the closest was Kitty from Puffin with her guess of 193. Well Done Kitty, we'll get your jar of sweets to you soon.

DOORSTEP PHOTOS

If you took part in the Doorstep Photo Fundraiser then you should have received your pictures by now. If not, please get in touch via the Facebook page or hitherfieldpta@gmail.com and let us know. **We have raised a fantastic £1,182 through this fundraiser which is fabulous - thank-you!!**



2nd Place:
Chloe's Hitherfield
Victoria Sponge



3rd Place:
Ella's Chocolate
Birthday Cake