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Helping us to help each other

I am very pleased that the new quicker drop off and collection times have worked so well, especially as the weather has turned and no one wants to be hanging around outside more than is absolutely necessary.

As you are aware, we have brought in a large number of measures to keep everyone as safe as possible in school, so it would be very helpful if parents also stick to the Year Group Bubbles when arranging play dates outside of school. If we have to close a bubble in the future, due to a positive case of Covid 19 and on the advice of Public Health England, we would need to be confident that children had not been spending time with children outside of their Year Group Bubbles or their own households. If parents allow play dates with wider groups of children, there is the risk that we may be instructed to close more Year Group Bubbles than would otherwise be necessary.

Closing one or more Year Group Bubbles is called Tier 4 within the Department for Education's contingency planning. Tiers 1, 2 and 3 do not impact on us as a primary school. If we have a Tier 4 situation our virtual school will start for the children within the bubbles that have had to close. More information will be sent out if required.

MASKS Whilst primary school children are not expected or asked to wear masks, we recommend that parents do wear them when dropping off and collecting their children if they are unable to maintain a safe 2m distance from other families.

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher

Parents' Evening Next Week

We are pleased to inform you that Parents' Evening will be going ahead for years Reception to Year 6 next week and you should receive a letter or email today providing you with information on how to book your time slot. Due to the current situation we will be holding the meetings by telephone, so the teachers will be contacting you directly.

Each telephone conversation will only be able to last for the 10 minute slot that each parent books. If the parent does not answer the telephone at the booked time the teacher will try again up to 2 more times. If, as a result, the telephone call starts later than booked it can only run until the original end time. The purpose of the telephone call is to discuss how your child has settled back into school, how their learning is progressing and what parents can do to help at home.

Attendance Update

First of all... welcome back Hitherfield families!

When the government announced that all children would return to school in September, we were aware that this may have been worrying for many of our families. We are very pleased that all children have returned to school and this is testament to the positive and trusting relationships we have at Hitherfield. The government has stated that pupil attendance at school is mandatory and that the usual rules on attendance will apply. We recognise that many children will be mixing with others for the first time since April and that this may lead to a higher than usual pattern of illness. We are, however, still responsible for recording the reasons for absence and following up absences. Where an attendance concern (non-covid related) emerges, you will receive a letter to alert you to this. If this concern persists and a meeting is arranged, please be assured that we will aim to work with you to improve attendance.

A request from the office: If you are leaving a message to report absence, please state clearly whether you believe it to be COVID symptoms or unrelated to COVID. Thank you.

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BAG2SCHOOL

Bag2School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. **We have arranged a collection from school on Tuesday 13th October** so if you're having a clear out we'll take it - the more we collect the more they will pay us! They collect the following for reuse: Good quality adults' and children's clothing (no school uniform), paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. They have provided us with some bags to fill that we will leave by the school gates for you to pick up so please grab some at drop off and pick up - you can also use normal bin bags too.

Please drop at school on **Monday 12th October all day** or **Tuesday 13th October at drop off times.**

PTA News:AGM

As part of our charity status and commitments, we are required to hold an annual AGM. This year (as is rapidly becoming the new normal!) we will be holding our AGM via Zoom on the evening of **Thursday 15th October 2020 at 8pm**. Please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com for a link to the meeting.

We will be reporting on the last year's events, detailing where we spent the funds and giving a rundown of the yearly accounts.

We will also be inviting nominations for next year's committee including the named posts of co-chair (x2), Treasurer, co-Treasurer and Secretary as well as 6 other named committee members. If you would like to put yourself forward for any of these positions please email us at hitherfieldpta@gmail.com. It's a great way to get involved with the school and we are a friendly bunch of parents (honest!)

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it! Thanks The PTA

Hitherfield Christmas Card (or other celebration) Templates

Look at these gorgeous Christmassy cards created by our children last year.



Every year, the PTA sends off your children's artwork, to be returned as beautiful cards, wrapping paper and key rings in time for Christmas. Each has the child's name and class on and your chosen greeting inside.

This year, even more than in previous years, the funds we raise through card sales will be vital. This is perfect "socially distanced" fundraiser and the cards are very special. Detailed information and card templates have been given to children by their teachers this week (possibly still in their bag!). Please observe the deadline for the return of the designs, completed order form and payment. We will be collecting them at drop off on the mornings of 12th – 15th October. That's two weeks earlier than last year. So, it's time to get out the pens and paints and let the creativity flow! Best wishes, Hitherfield PTA

PARENTING SUPPORT - LAMBETH FAMILIES

Being a parent is never easy, but the pandemic has put unprecedented stress on family relationships. Lambeth's Parenting Support Service helps families to access the right support for them, whether this be taking part in a parenting course, completing a virtual programme online or accessing a one to one service. Visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/parenting and help parents from your school community to sign up for the support they need.



Eid Fair 2020

Friday 9th October

AS you know we are currently unable to run any events on site that involve celebrating our School Community. However your ever resourceful PTA have been putting our heads together and are happy to say that the Eid Fair Celebrations WILL still go ahead!!

- We will be arranging some Eid based arts and crafts activities for the children to take home with them including a chance to design your very own Henna tattoo - there will be prizes for the winners!!!
- Children will still be able to come into school in their own **COLOURFUL** clothes for a donation of 50p (PTA will be collecting on the gate at drop off)
- **AND BEST OF ALL THERE WILL BE AMAZING FOOD AVAILABLE TO BUY!!!!** We have some amazing cooks within the Hitherfield Community so give yourself a Friday night off the cooking and order an Eid Food Bag and celebrate virtually with us!!
 - We will be selling a limited number of pre-packed homemade food bags for pre-order and purchase.
 - Each Bag will contain:
 - 1 Vegetarian or Meat main course
 - 2 Vegetarian or Meat Samosas - homemade by the fab Madina!!!!
 - 1 Sweet Bag
 - The Meat option will be £7.50 and the Vegetarian option will be £6.50

To order please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com with which Eid bag you would like, alongside your child's name, year and class. Once your order has been confirmed you will be given details on how to pay and the bags will be delivered to your child at the gates on Friday 9 October 2020 after school.

THE DEADLINE FOR PRE-ORDERS IS TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER SO BE QUICK, ONCE THEY'RE GONE THEY'RE GONE!!!

THE EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2020

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful and culturally diverse community here at Hitherfield and we will be using 'The European Day of Languages 2020' to celebrate and acknowledge all of them worldwide.

Please talk to your children about things such as places and artefacts related to your cultures and perhaps cook a traditional meal as a family! The children will be given the opportunity to discuss the things they've learned about at home with their classes.

As we are learning French at Hitherfield, we will be having French pastries for Breakfast on Thursday 1st October. Please relay any dietary needs to your class teacher.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school's photographer, Kittle, will be coming in on Wednesday 14th October. Please make sure your child is dressed in full school uniform.

Due to the current situation we will not be taking sibling photos this year so your child will only come home with an individual photocard order once they have been sent into school.

Dear parents and carers in year 6

We have today been advised that Lambeth Admissions have updated the secondary transfer information on their webpage. The following link will take you to the Starting secondary school in Lambeth 2021/2022 booklet - a comprehensive version of the brief guide you will have already received. This will give you full information on the admissions process and admission criteria for each Lambeth state school so please read it carefully when choosing schools. Criteria can vary from school to school.

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Starting-secondary-school-in-Lambeth-2021-22-.pdf>

Owing to the fast changing situation with COVID 19, Lambeth have also put together information on secondary school open sessions. It appears that the majority of schools have now moved to virtual sessions and tours, though a few are offering on site tours where you can view a school in person. Please note, there are restrictions on the number of people who can attend these and they are by appointment only. Some schools are also operating a registration process for virtual tours. Please either look on school websites or contact schools directly for further information.

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Details-of-changes-to-2020-secondary-school-open-events.pdf>

Here is the link to the Lambeth Admissions webpage:

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary>

Kindly remember the closing date for your online application is Saturday October 31st. Schools that also require a supplementary form (SIF), have a preferred closing date of Friday 23rd October (half term). Information on which schools require a SIF are on page 21 of the Starting secondary school in Lambeth 2021/2022 booklet. Should any parent require further advice, please contact either Laura or I, via the main school office.

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Food poverty campaign...Can you help?

Some of our families collected much needed breakfast boxes before and during the summer. These boxes were provided by the Food Foundation in conjunction with their partner providers. They are now trying to mount a campaign and need help from families affected by food poverty to support this campaign. Please read the information below and help them if you can.

The Food Foundation are coordinating a large-scale media campaign throughout September to raise awareness for child food insecurity and urge Government to offer families and children more support in its Autumn budget. The campaign will gain amplification through high-profile social media voices including footballer and campaigner Marcus Rashford.

We are asking parents, young people, families, teachers and community programme leaders who have experienced or witnessed child food insecurity to share their real-life stories of this experience with us.

We'd like to hear from/about:

- Families or parents who struggle to put enough healthy food on the table and what impact that has on daily life + what the future holds
- Families who has had to ask for help from others due to Covid-19, or visit a food bank
- Parents who have lost jobs or earnings due to Covid-19 and how this has impacted their access to nutritious food
- Families who benefit from any of the current government schemes: Free School Meals, Holiday Food Provision and/or Healthy Start vouchers - how has this support benefited your family's food access and diets?
- Children who have missed out on receiving free school meals or food support during the holidays and what the impact of this is on their diet and food access

We are asking for 1-minute videos or a short, recorded voice note telling us about the experience. With participants' consent, we would like to share these testimonials via social media channels but it is possible to remain anonymous if preferred.

Please get in touch with [raf.bogan @foodfoundation.org.uk](mailto:raf.bogan@foodfoundation.org.uk) if you would like to be involved.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Serendipity

 A lucky coinciding of events.

Example: Their meeting in the park that day was pure serendipity. Have you ever experienced serendipity?
Let Anna or Lauren know if you find an interesting word this week that you would like to be in the Herald and you would like to receive your 'Word of the Week' certificate!



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities **ONLINE DROP-IN**

Book a 15 minute online session to talk with an SEN Officer about your child's Special Educational Needs or their Education and Health Care Plan.

The sessions must be booked in advance. Sessions are available via Microsoft Teams



**FIRST WEDNESDAY of EVERY
MONTH 11am-12:30pm**



To book a session or ask for advice regarding these sessions please email us on Timms@lambeth.gov.uk or text on **07740745580** with your preferred contact number.

We will get back to you with your booking confirmation.

Maths Challenge

This week let's look at a picture puzzle. Solve each number sentence and then colour in the answer in the square with the correct colour.

PICTURE PUZZLE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

B L U E	3 + 2 =	6 + 12 =	4 + 17 =
	27 - 14 =	85 - 25 =	63 + 28 =
	25 + 45 =	17 + 13 =	69 - 8 =
	34 - 17 =	250 - 150 =	107 - 17 =
	99 - 18 =	19 - 13 =	67 - 17 =
	34 + 17 =	5 + 5 + 5 =	1 + 1 + 1 =
	30 + 11 =	19 + 21 =	12 + 19 =
	37 - 23 =	2 + 69 =	29 - 21 =
	47 + 33 =	143 - 51 =	1 + 4 + 2 =
	47 - 43 =	116 - 17 =	74 - 58 =
B L A C K	51 - 31 =	75 - 65 =	77 - 22 =
	23 + 25 =	6 - 3 - 2 =	19 + 19 =
	33 + 33 =	11 + 11 + 11 =	35 + 9 =
	21 + 2 + 20 =	21 + 44 =	16 + 31 =
	5 + 7 =	88 - 54 =	
	4 + 3 + 2 =	40 - 21 =	
	12 + 25 =	8 + 10 - 16 =	
G R E Y	74 - 18 =	47 - 36 =	
	150 - 64 =		
	58 + 15 =		
	34 + 44 =		
	102 - 17 =		
5 + 79 =			
95 - 8 =			

Don't forget you can email your completed maths challenges to the main school office or drop it off there too.

MATHS GLOSSARY

Number sentence – a mathematical sentence, made up of numbers and symbols.

E.g. $5 \times 5 = 25$. You can make number sentences for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication problems.



Walk, cycle or scoot to school and discover a new way to travel

- ✓ **Challenge** your friends and family to join you
- ✓ **Enjoy** exploring new routes to and from school
- ✓ **Help** the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ **Improve** air quality and reduce congestion

Win an Apollo kid's bike from **halfords**

1. During Bike to School Week, take a short video or post a photo and message telling us why you love to or would like to cycle to school
2. Follow and tag **@Sustrans** on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
3. Post your entry with **#SustransWin** by Monday 5 October to be in with a chance of winning a brand new Apollo kid's bike

www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek



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#BikeToSchoolWeek

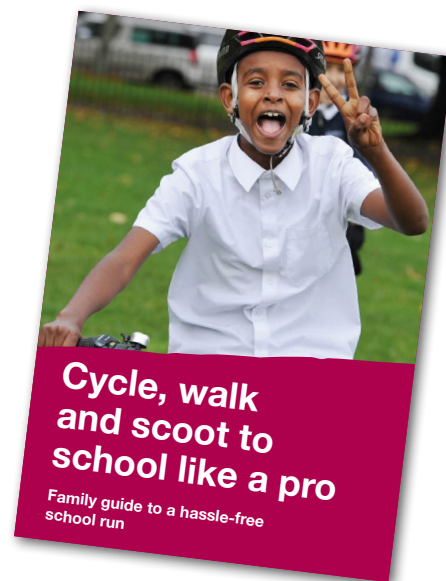
Get set to cycle, walk or scoot to school

The family guide to a hassle-free school run

Whether your children are seasoned pros at cycling, walking or scooting to school, or you're just getting started – our **free download** is packed with top tips, brilliant ideas, and fun activities for an active school run.

It includes:

-  Tips from the experts to get the most out of your journey
-  Checks for your family's bikes and scooters
-  Games and challenges to play on your journey all year round
-  A recipe from TV and radio presenter Angellica Bell
-  A trip-ometer and certificates to encourage your child along the way.



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www.sustrans.org.uk/family-school-guide



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