



Christmas Card Artwork

Due Next Week Monday - Thursday at morning drop-offs

Monday - Tuesday for Breakfast Club drop-off

This weekend is the last weekend to get busy with the Christmas card artwork. Monday – Thursday next week, a PTA Volunteer will be on the gates (mornings only) to collect the artwork on the completed template and the cash/cheque in an envelope (Name and Class on both envelope and cheques please.) The artwork is being sent to IQ cards the following week, so please make the most of this weekend. If it's a bit too early for immediate inspiration, search online for "easy Christmas cards" or, "homemade Christmas cards" there is lots of gorgeous inspiration. Please remember they need to be colouring pencil/felt-tip/paint - creative, but not too creative! Last year, homemade stencilling & paint was popular and very effective...

These can be cards for a range of other celebrations, or the greeting can be left blank.

Any questions, please contact us through the Hitherfield PTA facebook page or, email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com with "Christmas Cards" in the subject bar.

PTA NEWS

Bag2School

Don't forget Bag2School is collecting your second hand clothing, soft toys, bags, shoes, bedding and towels on Tuesday 13th October. Please drop your bags off at school during the day on Monday 12th October or at drop off on Tuesday 13th October. You can use your own bin bags or the ones provided by Bag2School. If you need any more bags, please find Jolene Butler at drop off or pick up or email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com (we have loads!)

AGM

The PTA Annual General Meeting is being held via Zoom on the evening of Thursday 15th October at 8pm. We will be reporting on last year's events, detailing where we spent the funds and giving a run down of the yearly accounts.

We will also be inviting nominations for next year's committee including named posts of co-chairs (x2), Treasurer, co-Treasurer and Secretary as well as 6 other named committee members. Please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com for a link to the meeting or to put yourself forward for any of the positions.

VIRTUAL VISITS TO THE MIGRATION MUSEUM

The Migration Museum (previously based in Lambeth but now in Lewisham) has launched an online exhibition Heart of the Nation which charts the ways that migrants have contributed to the NHS since its beginning. It contains a brilliant animated video narrated by Michael Rosen, some great artwork and some really interesting timelines and infographics. October is Black History Month across the UK, so why not plan a virtual visit!



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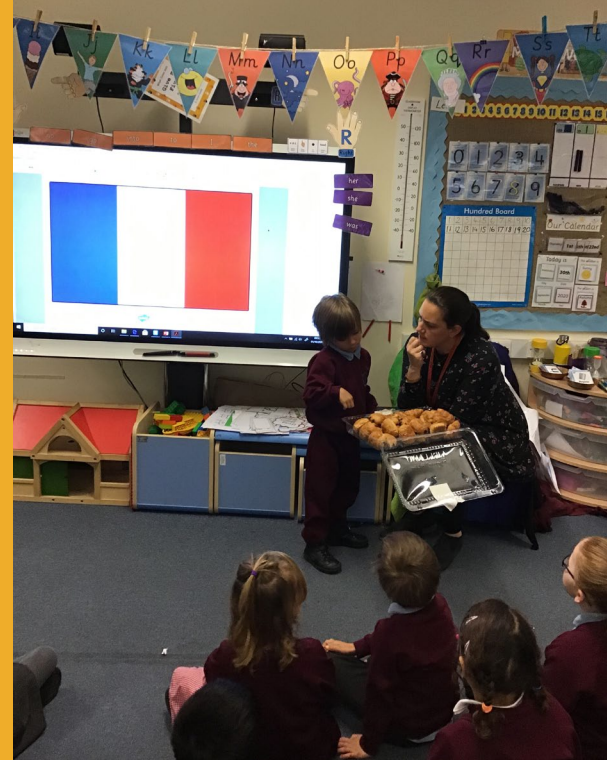


“The end is simply the beginning of a long journey”

Sadie Smith

Reading is a joy to be experienced by all and can be a tool to understanding ourselves and the world around us. But, what if we don't see ourselves in the books we read? Welcome to 'Book Love'. 'Book love' is an online shop established in 2015 in response to an acknowledged lack of diverse books in schools. They aim to bring the best in multicultural and diverse content recognising that our children and young people deserve nothing less. They also have a range of books for adults and, in October, will donate a free book to schools each time a book by publisher 'Abrams and Chronicle Books' is purchased. Go check them out at <https://www.thisisbooklove.com>

Also, you may like to pay a visit to 'Round Table Books' - an inclusion-led book shop selling books for every reader. An absolute joy to browse in, the shop, based in the heart of Brixton in Brixton Village, exists to celebrate underrepresented children's books, writers and illustrators. Enjoy



CULTURE DAY THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

A celebration giving children the opportunity to share their cultures with each other. We had a French breakfast in all year groups where the children learned the names of some breakfast foods and how to ask for what they wanted.

A special thank you to Jo-Ann and Bhavna for all your help - Merci beaucoup!

Collection from After School Clubs

The school has responded to feedback from parents and carers by providing staggered collection times for the Breakfast and Afterschool Club (BASC).

The school has shown flexibility in arranging these times and we rely on parents and carers to adhere to them in order to limit the spread of the virus. We would also like to point out that staff members escorting children for collection without prior notice or agreement affects the child/adult ratio which in turn then becomes a safeguarding issue. Furthermore, the activities that are provided to the children may be disrupted too.

Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the school will not be able to accommodate collection of children other than the times advertised which are 4.45, 5.15 and 5.50.

We would also like to encourage parents and carers to be punctual when dropping children off in the mornings as a late drop off has a knock on effect for children using the Breakfast Club service. We can only commence this service when all the children are collected and brought to the relevant rooms by staff members.