

# HITHERFIELD HERALD

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## PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Virtual PTA Meeting

Please join the committee on **MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER AT 8PM** to discuss fundraising plans for Christmas. Email [hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com) or [comment here](#) for a zoom link. Look forward to seeing you there.

### Uniform Sale & Hot Chocolate Friday

We are planning on holding a uniform sale and one off Hot Chocolate Friday on **FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER FROM 2PM** and covering all the pick up times. Please wear a mask and we'll have hand gel available. If you can't get to the sale then feel free to email [hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com) and we can see what we have.

Alongside the uniform we will be offering, for one afternoon only, the return of Hot Chocolate Friday. You will need to pre order and prepay for your hot chocolate, we will not be able to take orders on the day. Hot Chocolate will be £1 and we have dairy and gluten free options available. We are not offering marshmallows and cream at this stage but if it all runs smoothly then that may be something that we'll look at further down the line.

Please email [hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com) to place your **ORDER BY TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER** so we can make sure we have them all ready for collection on the day. Any questions please shout! Thanks The PTA

## WEARABOUTS ARE OPEN FOR HOME DELIVERY / CLICK & COLLECT

We are using the store as a collection point. Our opening times (for click and collect) during lockdown are:

**Mon-Thurs:** 11am-5pm / **Fri:** 2pm-5pm / **Sat:** 11am - 5pm / **Sun:** Closed  
[www.wearaboutsonline.com](http://www.wearaboutsonline.com)

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Hitherfield always lays a wreath at the Streatham War memorial on Remembrance Sunday as part of Streatham's commemorations. Unfortunately the usual Remembrance Sunday service has been canceled this year due to the pandemic. Therefore we will be holding the minute's silence in school on Wednesday 11th November at 11am, as usual, and we will hold our own wreath laying ceremony by the flagpole just inside the Leigham Vale entrance gate. As part of this commemoration, we will be flying the Union Flag (the Union Jack) from this flagpole for the next week.

**Chris Ashley-Jones**  
Executive Headteacher



## Last chance to take part in our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Survey...

Our draft RSE policy and a sample resource list will be available on our website today. We would really appreciate parents/carers reading the draft and giving us some feedback around its contents. You will find these documents in the Parents section of the Hitherfield website in the policies section. Please be aware that parents/carers are not legally able to withdraw their children from Relationship Education or from any elements of the science curriculum (this covers growth and basic reproduction in plants and animals including humans). Please contact Jacinta if you would like further clarification regarding this.

**Use this link to complete the survey...** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fyHuKOHlYTshqbDBgdqCwW33ee9URhrklmhAmPXmLQQ/edit>

The survey will need to be completed by Monday 7th of November so that we will have time to consider the responses before submitting the draft to the Governing Body. Thank you in advance for your help!

## WE NEED COSTUMES

The Year 1 team are seeking **COSTUMES** for our role play area! If you have any costumes (fancy dress clothes) your child no longer uses, we would be so grateful if they could be dropped in a clean bag into the office (where they will be quarantined until they are ready for use). Thank you so much!

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## Covid Update and Impact on Meetings and the Start and End of the School Day



**On Thursday 5th November England started a 4 week lockdown. I am pleased that schools will remain open during this period.** At Hitherfield, like most schools, this announcement has made very little difference. The main difference is that we have been instructed to hold all meetings with parents/carers virtually whenever possible. Therefore, if you have a meeting with any staff member, they will arrange this virtually if possible.

**We are trying a few changes to the start and end of the school day to reduce the number of parents gathered outside the school at any one time.**

All parents/carers accessing the site need to wear masks, unless they are exempt, and we request that parents/carers wear masks when dropping off and collecting their children. The wearing of masks is the best way to protect each other outside the school gates. Once you have dropped off or collected your child please move away from the front of the School.

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### Years 5 & 6

Children are entering the school alone via the pedestrian entrance and walking straight to their classrooms at their allotted time. At the end of the day, they leave the school from either of the Leigham Vale gates.

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### Years 3 & 4

Children are entering the school alone via the vehicle entrance and walking straight to their classrooms at their allotted time. At the end of the day, they leave the school from the same gates.

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### Years 1 & 2

Children are entering the main playground alone via the vehicle gates and waiting until the allotted time to enter the classrooms. Parents will be invited into the playground to collect their child. Please wear masks.

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### Reception

Children are escorted by their parents/carer to wooden gate at the front of the Reception playground - adults must now wear masks unless they are exempt. At the end of the day, parents/carers will need to line up when asked and then collect the children from the wooden gate - adults must now wear masks unless they are exempt. Please collect Reception children at 3:30pm - thank you.

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### NurSery

Children are escorted by their parents/carer to the RED gate where they will be met by a member of staff - adults must now wear masks unless they are exempt. At the end of the day, parents/carers will collect the children from the RED gate - adults must now wear masks unless they are exempt.

**Chris Ashley-Jones, Executive Headteacher**



## "Lockdown? Not again! For this second spell, we want to help entertain children in year 4, 5 and 6 at home!"

Thanks to the Government in partnership with the National Lottery Fund, we will be delivering a suite of fun inspirational activities online every Tuesday evening between 6pm and 7pm.

### Check out our promo YouTube films

These activities will support emotional well being and provide a SAFE platform for children to acknowledge how they are feeling in this current season and more importantly, encouraging them to come up with strategies to move forward, whilst having lots of fun!

These FREE online activities will be limited so if you want to find out more information, and how you can enrol your children please contact Lionel Best on 07908 950 630, or email [lionel.best@bigcic.org](mailto:lionel.best@bigcic.org). If you do not have any / enough devices in your household, but still want to enrol your children to join in these activities, we still want to hear from you!

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**BiG Inspirations Online Project**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO9uoNyiR3U&list=PLrkyJYiut9V0flxDuOaBGr\\_MshPRAmIS0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO9uoNyiR3U&list=PLrkyJYiut9V0flxDuOaBGr_MshPRAmIS0)

**Are you in Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6?**

Motivational programmes Football Activities Audio Book Club

To participate, call Lionel Best on **07908 950 630**

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### BiG Inspirations Online Timetable

	Activity	Benefits
Week 1	Programme Starter Activity e.g. fun games e.g. scavenger hunt or online games such as Bingo	Engagement and building positive relationships
Week 2	Life in Lock-down Expression Activity - express in own preferred way e.g. taking / using photographs, drawings, songs / raps, poems, dance etc	Engagement and improve well-being whilst allowing participants to tell their lockdown story
Week 3	Fun age related quizzes that includes English and Maths questions and using online education aids e.g. <a href="https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-4/">https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-4/</a> / <a href="https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6/">https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6/</a> and others - <a href="https://www.kids-quiz.com/questions-sport-quiz-1.htm">https://www.kids-quiz.com/questions-sport-quiz-1.htm</a> / <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes</a> (individual and team quizzes)	Engagement and extra curriculum working. Working with schools, we will also support you address the gaps in participants' learning and develop resilience
Week 4	Online Story telling (reading together using online books e.g. <i>Crossover</i> / <i>Crown: an Ode to the Fresh Cut</i> and others and writing own 1 page stories)	Engagement, extra Curriculum working and will develop general skills for learning.
Week 5	Role Model activity - small group discussions using break out rooms covering what challenges do you think your role model experienced along their journey to success and how do you feel they ended up succeeding.	Engage and inspire, improving team working skills and will develop general skills for learning. Will also improve well-being
Week 6	Life in a Lock-down Expression Activity part 2 - Group discussions and quiz	Engagement and improve well-being whilst allowing participants to tell their lockdown story
Week 7	Football reading and writing activity e.g. <a href="https://royaltheroversofficial.com/shop/free">https://royaltheroversofficial.com/shop/free</a>	Engagement and extra Curriculum working
Week 8	Dream like a 'Real Dreamer' activity - what do you want to have achieved by the end of the school year?	Engage and inspire
Week 9	I am the Covid-19 Problem solver activity - small group work in coming up with ideas to benefit in a post Covid-19 world (include fun quiz)	Engage and inspire, and development of key skills including problem solving skills!
Week 10	Exit programme session - Come up with own strategies and set targets	Engagement, independence and problem solving

All activities will underpin the [recovery curriculum](#) principles and will be delivered online as group interactive sessions through Zoom using the [nearpod](#) education tool to ensure engagement