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FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

SAVE THE CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

All children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on Friday 11th December for a £1 donation. You don't have to buy a new one, you can decorate your own jumper or swap with a friend.

This year we are setting up a payment item for donations on ParentPay, so please don't send your child in with any money just visit www.parentpay.com

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

No After School Club

There will not be an after school club service on Friday 18th December and no parents will be charged on that day. Please make arrangements to collect your child at the end of the normal school day on that day.

Thank you.



Christmas Celebrations

We are still planning on celebrating Christmas at Hitherfield and making December a fun and festive time for the children (and staff). Our Christmas lights will go up in the studio this weekend and our Christmas trees will be going up next week. Here are some other key dates for you:

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day

Wear your best Christmas jumpers / clothes and help raise money for Save The Children

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Christmas Concerts

Unfortunately we are not able to mix the classes or welcome parents into school to watch Christmas concerts this year. Instead every class will be recording a Christmas song and these will be uploaded to SeeSaw or Tapestry by 16th December for you to watch.

THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Panto Day

Thanks to the PTA all classes will be watching a pantomime in the afternoon.

Christmas Lunch will be spread over 2 days this year. Nursery, Reception and Year 4 will have Christmas lunch on Thursday 17th December and all the other year groups will have it on Friday 18th December.

Father Christmas

will also be visiting Hitherfield and we are in negotiations with the North Pole to find out exactly what time he will be arriving.

Our fantastic PTA are also organising many Christmas events, so watch out for more information.

**We are determined
to make this
Christmas special.**



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BUY TICKETS

Don't delay - tickets are limited

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Raffle 2020 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 7th Dec 2020. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk

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CHRISTMAS FOODBANK HAMPERS

Christmas is fast approaching and here at Hitherfield we are all getting excited! We are also thinking about the happiness and well-being of other families by collecting for Norwood and Brixton Foodbank. Perhaps you could help too!

You can drop off contributions on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings or afternoons over the next two weeks. Look out for the boxes by the Hitherfield Road and Leigham Vale entrances.

This Year the foodbank has suggested the items below that are in particular need:

UHT fruit juice, tinned fish, tinned sweet corn, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, small jars instant coffee, christmas themed biscuits, cakes and puddings, soap, shampoo, shower gel.

THANK YOU!



PTA NEWS

Christmas Window Trail

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Christmas

Window Trail - the Trail Maps are now ready! Huge thanks to Lucia for working her magic on the graphics! If you didn't manage to get onto the trail there's still time to buy a map and have a lovely wander around the neighbourhood spotting fun Christmas pictures. Maps are £1, please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com for details.

Christmas Trees

If you are planning on buying your Christmas Tree this weekend head to Mistletoe & Pine at the garden centre on Knolly's Road and say you're a Hitherfield parent. Leave your name and say you're a Hitherfield parent and they have pledged to donate 10% of the sale of each Hitherfield Tree to the PTA!!!

Hitherfield Fizz!!!

We are incredibly fortunate to have our very own "Wine Advisor" on the PTA Committee and she has sourced an incredible bottle of fizz for us to buy and enjoy over the festive period. The Maria Gomes Espumante NV, by the winemaker Luis Pato, is a Portuguese sparkling wine made in the same way as Champagne from Bairrada, which is the home of sparkling wine in Portugal. It's a great celebration wine and when you're raising a glass on Christmas day you can think of our lovely community!! The wine costs £15 per bottle and 100% of profits will go to the school. Email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com by 1st December to order a bottle.



If you haven't yet paid for your Father Christmas visit or Window Trail, please do so as soon as possible in order to secure it. Everything is taking a little longer this year and we need to have all the money in before we finalise the routes.

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WEDNESDAY 9TH
DECEMBER AT 6PM

Aim High: Parental Roadshows

Hosted by the Rt.
Hon Stuart Lawrence

These online sessions, run by Lambeth, are for Lambeth parents / carers, with specific focus on Black Caribbean parents/carers. The theme of each session will correspond to speakers taking part in Aim High Virtual for pupils this year. This session will focus on Law. Jazmin Cole a solicitor from Freeth's law firm will be the guest speaker.

The Rt Hon Stuart Lawrence will host the session and he will facilitate questions and discussion with the parents around the session's theme, career advice, helpful tips, practical advice, how to equip their children. These sessions are designed to empower parents in being able to support their children effectively in their educational, post-education and professional journeys.

There will be a Q&A and discussion segment as part of these sessions.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



DANGEROUS Downloadable Game

We have been informed by the Police about a dangerous game that can be downloaded from APP stores. Click here for more information: <https://www.i-space.org.uk/cunch-line-chronicles-potentially-harmful-video-game/>



Serious Incident on Leigham Court Road

There was a serious incident on Leigham Court Road that involved local secondary pupils being hurt. Thankfully we have heard that the victims are going to be okay. The incident happened at 3:23pm on Wednesday 25th November. The suspect was arrested and crime scenes were started in Leigham Court Road and Culver House Gardens and remain in place while the initial stages of the investigation progresses.

Police believe this to be an isolated incident and neighbourhood officers will be providing visible reassurance patrols at the local secondary school.

The Community Safety team are keen to ensure the local community has the emotional and mental support needed to deal with this incident, and Lambeth Council has services available for anyone who feels affected by this attack, or the wider issue of violence in our communities.

These free online and telephone based support services are listed below:

Young Minds provide support for young people experiencing loss and offers advice for parents (call 0808 802 5544 or visit www.youngminds.org.uk).

Kooth is Lambeth's new online support service for young people offering support at weekends, and live chat support with professionals until 10 pm.

Mind Ed (www.minded.org.uk)

for Families provides support and guidance for parents.

Victim Support

(0808 168 9291) provide a telephone support line and online support for parents, professionals and young people who have witnessed crime. Victim Support also have live online chat:

www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/young-victims-crime

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