

# HITHERFIELD HERALD

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## FOOD BAGS

Families who are entitled to free school meals or have no recourse to public funds will be able to collect a food bag from the Leigham Vale entrance every Friday at 10am.



## SCHOOL FOOD MATTERS BREAKFAST BOXES

The Breakfast boxes will also be back up and running and these will be available to collect fortnightly on Wednesdays (The first being Wednesday 13th). We do not have a specific delivery time for these so we will text families when they arrive and are ready to be collected. There will be enough for 2 weeks' worth of nutritious breakfasts per box and next week's will contain rice, a loaf of bread, oats, fresh milk, baked beans, Weetabix and fruit.



I hope everyone was able to have a peaceful and safe holiday and I welcome you to a start of 2021 none of us hoped we would see. As you experienced from the various letters I sent out at the end of the holiday, things changed very quickly in the run up to this week and we, like you, had to make many changes to the plans for the new term.

I am pleased that the Virtual and Key Worker and Vulnerable Children Schools have been up and running from Wednesday this week and that the teachers have been telephoning the children who are not on the school site. We have had a much larger take up of the Key Worker/ Vulnerable childcare places on site than we did in Lockdown 1. This, combined with the improved provision of home learning through the Virtual School and the number of staff isolating or recovering from the virus, means that we have limited staff to operate the Key Worker / Vulnerable childcare, even though we are offering a childcare bubble in every year group. Therefore, following government advice, I will be introducing new measures to ensure this offer is as equitable as possible.

We have some iPads that we can lend to families with little or no IT equipment at home. These are limited, but please contact the main school office if you would like to be considered for the equipment we have. There is talk of a scheme to help with the costs of internet connectivity, so I will share that with you as soon as we have received the information.

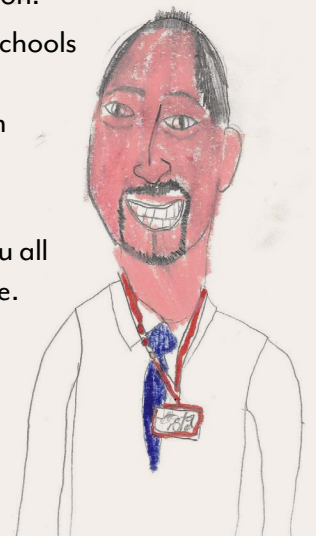
The Virtual and Key Worker and Vulnerable Children Schools will continue to operate for as long as needed, which currently looks like it will be up to the February half term - Friday 12th February. At this stage I expect to have the usual holiday club running on site during half term.

I am sure 2021 will improve as it progresses and I ask you all to continue to follow the Government's rules to stay safe.

Best wishes,

**Chris Ashley-Jones**

Executive Headteacher



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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM LAMBETH LIBRARIES

All at Lambeth Libraries wish you a happy New Year in the hope that 2021 might be better than the year gone.

Lambeth, along with the rest of the country, is again in a National Lockdown, which means that our Library service will be further limited for at least the next month or so. Libraries have been designated by the government as an 'essential service' and so we will continue to run essential PC use by appointment but we will be suspending the 'Select and Collect' service for the current time. We are really sorry about this but we need to do everything we can to help reduce the spread of the infection at the moment. We hope you find some great new reading via our online services.

Our Home Visit Service for homebound readers will still continue and if you are unable to leave your home you can sign up for this service by contacting the team at [libraries@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@lambeth.gov.uk)

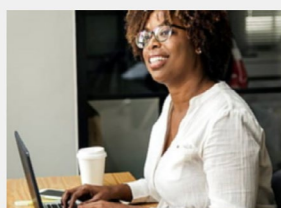
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us [onlibraries@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:onlibraries@lambeth.gov.uk) - we'll be happy to help. Happy reading and we look forward to seeing you in the future.

### Lambeth Libraries Wiggle & Rhyme for under 5s



Join our librarians for songs, stories and rhymes for the under 5s. **Monday to Friday** - excluding Bank Holidays - **10.30am to 11am**. [Facebook live](#) everyday @ Facebook/Lambeth Libraries: Wiggle and Rhyme Online.

### Reading Groups online



You can find more information about each of the groups and what they are discussing on **your local library Facebook page** or email me at [tdell@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:tdell@lambeth.gov.uk). All welcome.

### Homework Help



Homework Help - photo: Pixnio

**Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Lambeth Library staff are here to support children and young people with their homework. If you have an enquiry with your homework, please contact us online at [Ask a Librarian](#).

### Holocaust Memorial Day



Be the light in the darkness is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day **27 January 2021**. It encourages everyone to reflect on the depth's humanity can sink to, but also the ways individuals and communities resisted that darkness to 'be the light' before, during and after genocide. Join the online ceremony live. [Register here](#) to receive information about how to watch the ceremony at 7pm on 27 January.

### Code Clubs for Kids



**Tuesdays 4pm** – Contact Will at [CarnegieLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:CarnegieLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk)

**Sundays 12pm** - contact Ana at [ARodriguezPanadero@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:ARodriguezPanadero@lambeth.gov.uk)

Code Clubs for children aged 9-13 provide step-by-step activity sheets to create games, animations, and websites, learning the key concepts of coding at the same time.

### Together for Mental Wellbeing with Linda Bryant



**Monday 18 January, 7pm**  
**Online event.** To register email: [durninglibrary@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:durninglibrary@lambeth.gov.uk)

Together was formed in 1879, they have always believed that people with mental health issues have the right and the abilities to lead independent, fulfilling lives as part of their communities. Join CEO Linda Bryant to discuss the work of this local organisation based in Walnut Tree Walk. Organised by the Friends of Durning Library.