

HITHERFIELD HERALD

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It Is Great To Have You Back

We have had a fantastic week and the children's delight at returning to school has been written all over their faces. Thank you to our wonderful parents and carers who have been arriving on time and following the procedures that are there to protect us all.

The adults in school have reported that the children have really enjoyed playing and working with their friends and everyone's mental health is benefiting from the sense of normality in school, even with our various bubbles systems. I am sure the children have been quite tired when they have returned home and I know the school adults have been sleeping well this week!

Please continue to follow our guidelines going forward, as there is likely to be an inevitable increase nationally in the number of cases of Covid, now that schools have returned. We want to ensure we are doing our best, as the Hitherfield community, to reduce the likelihood of the virus spreading, so we can get to the end of the term without closing any bubbles.

Thank you for your support as always,

Class Assemblies

Before Christmas about half of our classes recorded their class assemblies and posted them on Tapestry or Seesaw, our virtual platforms. The remainder of the classes will be doing the same will be doing the same between now and 28th May and the teachers will let you know when they are uploaded.



Calendar Dates

- 17th March - St Patricks Day
- 18th March – Annual PTA Quiz Night
- 19th March – Red Nose Day
- 30th March – Eggstravaganza
- 31st March – Last Day of Term
- 2nd April – Good Friday
- 5th April – Easter Monday
- 20th April – Children return to school
- 23rd April – St George's Day
- 26th – 30th April - Sustrans BIG PEDAL 2021
- 3rd May – Early May bank Holiday
- 6th May – Local Election – Nursery closed
- 27th May Parents Evening

COMIC
RELIEF

RED
NOSE
DAY

FRIDAY 19 MARCH

What part
will you
play?



PIXAR

Disney

Buzz
Lightyear
RND21

TKMAXX

HOME
SENSE

RED NOSE DAY IS COMING NEXT FRIDAY...and we are taking inspiration this year from the Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama. She creates spaces for interactive artworks like this...

Can you see the bed hiding under there?



So...our RND challenge this year is to cover our classroom spaces with red dots!

The children will be working hard to cover as much of their classroom as they can by 2pm on Friday 19th of March. The challenge is that they can't begin covering until Friday morning! We'll take photos of their efforts to see which class managed to create the best installation. Look out for our tweets to see how they are getting on during the day!

We have created a Red Nose Day (for Comic Relief) donation page and you can contribute to our fund-raising efforts by clicking this link:

As usual, the children can wear red clothes, red hair, red noses (especially the non-plastic variety) to join in the fun on the day. Please help us raise as much as we can for this worthy cause!

Hitherfield Family to Family



Are you in need of a bag of groceries for your family over the holidays?

- Are you able to support a Hitherfield Family this holiday with a bag of groceries?
E-mail : hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com
Text/WhatsApp: 07936672890



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- ¿Puede apoyar a una familia de Hitherfield estas vacaciones con una bolsa de provisiones?
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Who are we?

This is a Hitherfield Parent run initiative supported by the PTA and the School.

Why?

With the Spring holidays just around the corner we are very aware that this will be a very tough time for many Hitherfield families, particularly after the year we have had. Vulnerable children will have had access to school meals during term time but during the holidays they will not.

How?

If you need help or are able to help please email hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com or Whatsapp/text: 07936672890 by Friday 19th of March.

What next?

If you are a family in need:

Please send us your name, family size and a list of items you need to value of £30. We will then give that list, without your identity, to a family to purchase and it will be at the Leigham Vale school gates for you to collect between 10am and 11am on Tuesday 30th March. If collection on this time is an issue do mention that in your email.

If you are able to support a family or more:

Thank you. We will send you an email by Saturday 27th March with a bag of groceries to purchase, the value of which should not exceed £30. Please then bring the groceries to the Leigham Vale school gate at drop off time on Tuesday, 30th March.

All requests and sponsors will be kept private and confidential



Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing



Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.

Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. It's free and takes around 30 minutes.

Why introduce regular rapid testing?

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students. As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the regular habit of twice weekly testing will play an important role in getting back to normal; alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.

Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already available to all staff at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

What is the benefit to you?

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.



How does it work?

It's a simple swab test you can do at home, school, work or test site, using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD). It takes around 30 minutes to find out if you have the virus.

The test detects viral proteins that are present when someone has Covid-19. Research from Public Health England and Oxford University shows that they pick up the vast majority of people in the most infectious stage of the disease. With up to 1 in 3 people who have the virus showing no symptoms – they could be spreading it without knowing.

Testing should take place twice a week, every three – five days, ideally in the morning. Why not add this to your morning routine?

If you test negative, you can continue to go to work. You should still strictly follow all other government guidelines and avoid all unnecessary contact. If you, your household or bubble test positive, you should all self-isolate immediately. And then the person who has tested positive should also take a confirmatory PCR test and follow latest government guidance.

For more information visit [gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms)



YouTube Introduction to Rapid Lateral Flow testing

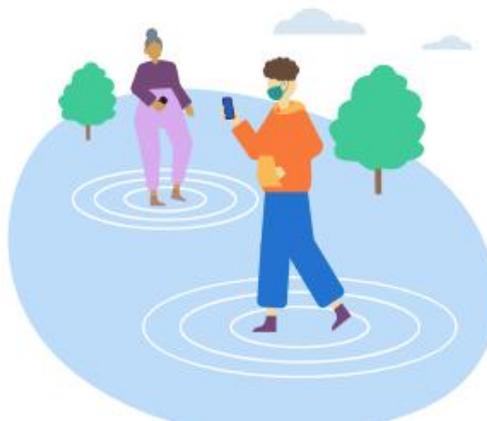


Reporting your test

You should report your results online straight away, even if your result is negative or void. It's easy to do at: [gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

If you have tested positive, you can also check to see if you are eligible for the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment.



Where can I get tested?

If you are a parent or adult of a household, childcare or support bubble you can either:

1. Get an assisted test at work if it is available.
2. Attend a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.
3. Order a test online to do at home.

To find out how to get a free rapid Covid-19 test visit [gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing)

Regular rapid testing is for those without symptoms of Coronavirus. If you have symptoms, you should continue to book through [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT

presented by HITHERFIELD PTA

Thursday 18th March 2021

**6:30PM CHILDREN
8:00PM ADULTS**

Secure your place via our facebook page or email
for an evening of fun!

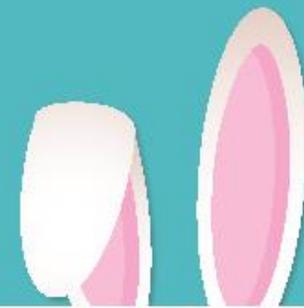
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