

# HITHERFIELD HERALD

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## Staffing Update for January 2023

As you will be aware, Jacinta is leaving at the end of this term and Luke has been appointed acting Head of School. We will also be welcoming Jenny Hennessy back from maternity in January, so we have made some staffing changes for the remainder of this academic year.

The new Senior Leadership Team structure will be:

Executive Headteacher - Chris Ashley-Jones (no change)

Head of School - Luke Parker

Assistant Head for Nursery and Reception - Jenni Holliday, 4 days a week (no change)

Assistant Head for Years 1, 2 and 3 - Laura Jewitt

Assistant Head for for Years 4, 5 and 6 - Tom O'Flynn, 3 days (no change) and Luke the other 2 days

Other changes include Jenny Hennessy taking class 3 Macaw on a Friday instead of Luke, Beth Medland doing more days in class 4 Hippo and Nicola Rizzo taking class Reception Platypus instead of Jenni on a Monday.

As always, we are all around if you have any questions.

**Christmas Shows - Audience Numbers** - We are very excited about the 8 Christmas shows coming up over the next two weeks, as we have already enjoyed three wonderful music concerts this week. As always, **we limit the number of adults watching the Christmas shows to 2 per child**. This means there are approximately 180 adults watching each show, which fills the Studio. You are welcome to video the shows to share with other relatives including siblings. Unfortunately, siblings cannot attend as the Studio will be too crowded. Thank you.

## Christmas Concerts

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

1 Cobra, 2 Mongoose and 3 Jaguar 10.00 - 11.00am  
4 Cheetah, 5 Hedgehog and 6 Wolverine 2.00 - 3.00pm

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

1 Dugong, 2 Manatee and 3 Anaconda 10.00 - 11.00am  
4 Flamingo, 5 Kingfisher and 6 Puffin 2.00 - 3.00pm

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

1 Sunbird, 2 Hummingbird and 3 Macaw 10.00 - 11.00am  
4 Hippo, 5 Otter and 6 Orca 2.00- 3.00pm

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Kookaburra, Koala and Platypus 10.00 - 11.00am

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery Tadpole and Robin 10.00 - 11.00am

All concerts will be taking place in the studio

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## Congratulations to Our New Parent Governor

Congratulations to Dr Anna Hutchinson who has been elected as the new Parent Governor. We would like to thank her and the other 7 candidates for applying and putting themselves forward. Many school struggle to get anyone interested in becoming parent governors, so the level of interest is a wonderful reflection on the engagement of parents/carers at Hitherfield.

Thank you.



## Dates for the Diary

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas School Lunch

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair!

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Reception and Year 6 NHS Height & Weight measurements

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 Ancient Benin Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 6 pupils (not 4 Hippo)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 4 Hippopotamus Parents' Evening – New date!

## A reminder about playtime snacks...

For some time now, we have encouraged children to bring a piece of fruit to enjoy as a snack at playtime. This was to allow children in Years 3-6 to have access to a piece of fruit as they were no longer entitled to the fruit/vegetables supplied to them for a snack in the younger years. However, we have noticed that over time, other items have appeared in place of a piece of fruit. We want to remind you that children are only allowed to bring in actual pieces of fruit rather than fruit-based snacks which although marketed as 'healthy' often contain more sugar than a piece of fruit in its whole form even when they do not contain 'added sugars'.



A piece of fruit will always be a healthier option because it is a 'whole food' that contains additional fibre, vitamins and minerals as well as sugars. The healthiest options for a playtime snack are vegetable pieces which have lots of the fibre, vitamins and minerals found in fruit and less of the sugar!

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to all the families that have already donated to our fruit box. This is located outside the school office in the playground. We have also had some families ask if they could donate money towards the fruit collection as parents/carers are not always onsite, so we have created a payment item on ParentPay for this.

Thank you for your continued support.



## OURCAMPS WINTER CAMP 2022

**19TH - 22ND DECEMBER @ 10AM - 2PM**

Julians Primary School, 226, Leigham Court Road SW16 2RB

**FREE** (inc. lunch) for those eligible\*

£20 per day + £5 lunch (optional)

**FREE TURN UP TONE UP MERCH FOR CAMP ATTENDEES**

Activities may include-

- Gym/Dance
- Arts & Crafts
- Experiments
- Themed Days
- Warhammer
- Skateboarding
- Physical activity
- Creative Free Play
- Nutritional Education
- AND MORE!

YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTITLED TO A FREE PLACE AT CAMP WITH LUNCH INCLUDED IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

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## GOOD NEWS CARDS

Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their Teachers this week.

1 COBRA Natalie and Prezley	1 DUGONG Henry and Haram	1 SUNBIRD Stella and Finlay
2 MANATEE Annabella and Annie	2 MONGOOSE Beatrice and Dominic	2 HUMMINGBIRD Ted and Sofia
3 JAGUAR Niam and Lords	3 MACAW Sam and Faye	3 ANACONDA Kafiyah and Benji
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS Kemuel and Yasmina	4 FLAMINGO Kavali and Malik	4 CHEETAH Caleb, Jules, Shanel and Fatmire
5 KINGFISHER Announced next week	5 HEDGEHOG Djuna & Thierry	5 OTTER Announced next week
6 ORCA Announced next week	6 PUFFIN Announced next week	6 WOLVERINE Announced next week



### Lambeth Libraries Events December

Click here for more info: [Share/View Online](#)

#### Holiday opening times

Over the Christmas period our libraries will be closed for a short time, for full details you can see our Christmas opening times on the [Library website](#). We will be open as normal up until 1pm on Saturday 24 December, re-opening on Wednesday 28 December. Then for the New Year we will close on Saturday 31 December at 1pm resuming normal library times on Tuesday 3 January. Two variations to this are that Upper Norwood Library will additionally be closed on Friday 30 December for an event and Waterloo Library will be closed for the whole period from 24 December until 2 January. Please do contact your [local library](#) for any specific enquiries.

**OPEN FOR DISCOVERY**

### Use of the grounds

We are so pleased to be able to share the school grounds with our families at the end of the school day but we do need your help in caring for them.

The children have asked us to develop playground 'zones' so that children who enjoy a calmer space have special places to go that are not overtaken by the more active games of others. Our special calm zones include the cabin, the library, the pond area and the sensory space next to the old pavilion at the bottom of the nature area. During the school day, the children are encouraged to use these areas for calm quiet activities and the school councillors are making films to show others exactly how to use these spaces.

Unfortunately, some of our calm zones are being damaged by the way our families use them at the end of the day. We would really like your help to maintain these areas for us all to enjoy so please make sure that your children are using the calm zones respectfully. Luckily for them, there are so many other spaces that they can use for their more active games!

Thank you for your cooperation!

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**Brixton Windmill**

## WINTER MARKET


GRAPHIC DESIGN: CHRIS DUTTON PHOTO: TADOWNI GABOR AT PEELS

- Sunday 11 December ● 12-3.30pm
- Windmill Gardens ● SW2 5DA

**FREE event** ● Outdoor stalls, adult & children's craft workshops & more... ● Choir

- Visit Santa's Grotto ● 1-3pm, donation £4 per child
- Hot food, mulled wine & mince pies

- Windmill shop, flour & gift sales ● Café  

 Organised by Friends of Windmill Gardens with financial support from Awards for All & Blenheim Gardens RMO For more information please see: [brixtonwindmill.org](http://brixtonwindmill.org)

 **COMMUNITY FUND** 

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**HITHERFIELD PTA PRESENTS:**

**HITHERFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S**

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

**FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2022**  
**3.15PM - 5.30PM**

**FUNFAIR \* RAFFLE \* SANTA'S GROTTTO  
DISCO \* GAMES \* FOOD \* STALLS \* FACE PAINTING  
MUSIC & MORE!**

For further enquiries, please email the PTA on:  
[hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com)

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## 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?

¿Necesita una bolsa de provisiones para su familia durante las vacaciones?  
¿Puede apoyar a una familia de Hitherfield estas vacaciones con una bolsa de provisiones?

Precisa de uma sacola de mantimentos para sua família durante as férias?  
Você é capaz de sustentar uma família Hitherfield neste feriado com uma sacola de mantimentos?

Czy potrzebujesz artykułow spozywczych dla swojej rodziny podczas szkolnych wakacji?

Czy jesteś w stanie pomóc rodzinie Hitherfield torba z artykułami spozywczymi?  
Napisz do nas malia

Avez-vous besoin d'un sac d'épicerie pour votre famille pendant les fêtes?  
Êtes-vous en mesure de soutenir une famille Hitherfield cette fête avec un sac d'épicerie?  
S'il vous plaît écrivez-nous à

[hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) or phone/Whatsapp: 07936672890



Who are we?

**This is an initiative run by a group of Hitherfield parents with support from the School.**

Why?

**With the holiday period just around the corner we are very aware that this will be a very tough time for many Hitherfield families.**

How?

**If you need help or are able to help please email [hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com) by Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

What next?

If you are a family in need:

**Please send us your name, how many children you have, their age 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 Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. If collection at 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 you by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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 on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

**If you are unable to buy the groceries you can also leave a donation in cash in an envelope marked Family to Family at the school office or donate**

**here: <https://pay.collectiv.com/hitherfield-family-2-family-christmas-2022-41209>**

**All requests and sponsors will be kept private and confidential.**

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ST VINCENT'S DE PAUL  
& BEST IN BRIXTON  
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## CHRISTMAS KINDNESS COMMUNITY EVENT

SAT 10TH DECEMBER  
1 PM TO 9 PM  
FREE ENTRY

ST VINCENT'S  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
TALMA ROAD  
LONDON SW2 1AS

CONTACT: 0207 274 1190



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales

CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION  
THE MAGIC ART GALLERY (ALL DAY)

CHILDREN'S DJ WORKSHOP  
THE AMPLIFIED ART PROJECT 2 PM

EMPATHY JO  
SPOKEN WORD ARTIST 4 PM

SPECIAL GUEST  
BRIXTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA  
FEAT VOCALIST CELLA MINA 6 PM

SHAMWA MOROCCAN DRUMMING  
FAMILY WELLBEING WORKSHOP 7.30 PM

DJ & LIVE BAND  
INC FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK & RAFFLES 8.15 PM

AND MUCH MORE....

DONATIONS WELCOME- ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MUCH  
NEEDED REFURBISHMENT OF ST VINCENT'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [LINDONR@SVP.ORG.UK](mailto:LINDONR@SVP.ORG.UK)  
OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON 0207 274 1190



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## Ready Steady Go! Healthy Lifestyle Programme

### Taster Session

Hitherfield Primary School

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm

Please come and meet some of our team, we are offering:

- *Height and weight measurements*
- *Nutrition Advice*
- *Join in some fun exercises and games*



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## Lambeth Parent Champion volunteers

Are you passionate about your community and supporting local families? **Train to become a Lambeth Parent Champion volunteer** and:

- Make a difference in your community
- Gain skills and experience
- Build your confidence and meet other parent volunteers.

Join our free training course on:  
• Tuesday 10, 17 & 24 January 2023  
• 9.30 – 11.30am  
• At Benton's Lane Children Centre,  
• 18 Benton's Lane, SE27 9UD  
• (Free creche is provided)

For more information and to sign up, please contact Kim at [kstanway@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:kstanway@lambeth.gov.uk) or 07508 741 217

Your experience and knowledge can help other parents in Lambeth find out about childcare and family services.

**Lambeth**

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