Welcome Back

It is my pleasure to welcome the children, families and staff back to Hitherfield for the start of the new academic year. Last year was another successful one, with our children taking part in many amazing opportunities as well as attaining above the National and Lambeth averages at the end of Year 6.

I always take great pleasure in how the whole Hitherfield community works together and this is why our children do so well.

I extend a warm welcome to our new children and parents - those starting in Reception and Nursery Classes and those starting the school in other year groups. I would also like to welcome some new staff members to the school, including new teachers: Martine (Year 1), Louise (Year 3) and Anna (Year 6); and Uzma (Teaching Assistant) and Lisa (Better Start Worker in the Children’s Centre). I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the Hitherfield family.

Heulwen has become the Assistant Headteacher for Years 3 and 4 as Jenni has started her maternity leave. I will keep you up to date when the baby arrives.

The school had a good clean and a lick of paint over the holidays and the wooden floor in the Main Hall has been polished and looks stunning. I have had to fence off part of the nature area where we had repeated incidents of old pieces of glass appearing. I will be working with Lambeth to solve this issue once and for all.

It has been great to see so many of you at the Leigham Vale entrance already this week. I am usually there at the beginning and end of school days and Jacinta (Head of School) is normally by the Hitherfield Road entrance. Please come and speak to us, or one of the Assistant Headteachers - Tom, Luke, Heulwen and Laura - who are normally outside by their year groups.

I am sure we will have another fun-filled and hard working year.

Best wishes,

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher

Thank You Marie

At the end of last term parents and the school contributed to a gift and flowers for Marie who had been helping us across Leigham Vale for many years. Marie wanted us to pass on her thanks to everyone and she was delighted with the thanks she received. We wish Marie and her family all the best for the future and it was good to see her pop in this week to say hello.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th September – Secondary Transfer Meeting for Yr6 parents 3:45 – 5pm
17th – 21st September – Year 6 School Journey
25th September – 1 Dugong and 1 Sunbird to Holly Lodge Centre Richmond Park
26th September – 1 Cobra to Holly Lodge Centre Richmond Park
28th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am – 11am
12th November – Flu immunisation

Hitherfield Herald

If you know of somebody that is not receiving the Hitherfield Herald or you would like to add your spouse /extra person onto our mailing list, please inform the main office so that we can update this for you.

Flu Programme

On Monday 12th November, the NHS will be coming in to administer the flu nasal spray vaccination to all children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. Letters have been sent home and need to be returned to the office as soon as possible if you would like your child to have the vaccination.

School Meals

There will be an increase of 10p to the cost of a school meal. From September the daily cost will be £2.10 and the weekly cost will be £10.50. This is the first increase in 5 years.

Year 4, 5 and 6 After School Football Training with Lionel Best

At Hitherfield we aim to help children develop their football whatever their starting point. We also take part in a league and run a competitive team (matches are on Saturday mornings). We are currently arranging sessions for all the children who wish to take part in after school football in Years 4, 5 and 6. Already, nearly 120 children have expressed an interest in taking part. Training is free and delivered by our experienced, qualified coach - Lionel Best.

Please look out for the letter that your child has brought home which has details of the taster sessions taking place next week and the schedule for this term.

Boys - we welcome boys at all levels of experience. You do need to attend the taster session next week (according to your house colour). You will be allocated a training group after this.

Girls - you do not need to attend the taster session. Just fill in the slip to say you would like a place and we will let you know when your start date is. We welcome girls at all levels and have, in the two years that we have offered girls only training sessions, seen a huge increase in the popularity and quality of girls football.

All children who want to participate will be offered a place for at least one term during the year. Not all the children will start training in September.

Please let Abby know if you have any questions about Year 4, 5 and 6 football. Leave me a message and I will get back to you or, alternatively, catch me in the playground at the beginning or end of the day.
Lunchtime running club is back!

With the success of the lunchtime running club over the last two academic years, we are proud to announce that we will be running away with success again this year with the Marathon Kids programme.

Children from years 3-6 will be running a lap of approximately 2km **ONCE** a week, outside the school grounds.

Children in years 1&2 will also be taking part in the programme, clocking up their kilometres on the running track in the main playground over the course of a week.

The aim is for the children to complete a marathon over the year. That's 42.2km or 26.2miles!

Pupils do not need to wear their P.E. kit. However, we do ask if your child could wear their trainers on their club day.

Please note that all children from years 1-6 will be taking part in the programme.

- **Daily** – Years 1 & 2
- **Tuesday** – Year 3
- **Wednesday** – Year 5
- **Thursday** – Year 4
- **Friday** – Year 6
We are delighted to announce that we, Hitherfield Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are extremely proud that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

**After School and Lunchtime Clubs**

We are pleased to announce that the After School Clubs on offer this term are now advertised on the school website. Please go to the ‘Parents’ section of the website and click on ‘Extra-Curricular Clubs’. On that page you will see the Autumn Termly Club Offer 2018, which lists the clubs, the day and time each club is on and who leads each club. For the vast majority of the clubs’ parents will need to complete an application form for each child and each club and hand it in to the Main School Office by the ‘cut-off’ date - paper copies of the application forms are available in the main school office.
Welcome back everyone!  
Please could everyone in our school community hunt out any misplaced school reading books at home and donate any old or not needed children’s reading books. A box is available in the main office - just hand them in!  

...books make a child’s world bigger...
BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB WORKERS REQUIRED
TO JOIN OUR SUCCESSFUL TEAM

We would like to appoint:
Breakfast and Afterschool Club Workers
Hourly Rate: £11.22 to £11.48 per hour

22.5 hours per week (Mornings 7.30 to 9am – Afternoons 3pm to 6pm) - Term time only (including ‘school closure’ days). This is a ‘split shift’ position but we will also consider applicants looking to work 5 mornings (7.5 hours) OR 5 afternoons (15 hours) per week.

Our Breakfast and After School Club is growing and we would like to appoint additional Breakfast and Afterschool Club Workers to join the existing team. We are looking for caring, reliable and energetic individuals who will contribute to making sure that our club activities are engaging and fun and provide positive learning and social experiences for children.

We offer reduced rates for the children of staff members.

You will have:
• experience of working with children;
• a cheerful “can do” flexible approach;
• the ability to deliver a range of play opportunities for children
• a commitment to being reliable, punctual and organised;
• a collaborative approach; demonstrating that you are a ‘team player’ through working with your colleagues and supporting Hitherfield’s values.

We offer:
• an attractive salary;
• a final salary pension scheme;
• in-house training and development opportunities;
• a friendly, supportive staff team;
• happy and enthusiastic children.

To obtain a recruitment pack please download a pack on www.hitherfield.co.uk or contact Tammy Wallace on 020 8769 8428, or email recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk

Closing Date: Friday 14th September 2018 at noon
Interviews: Monday 17th September 2018

Please email applications to recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk
Tammy Wallace, Hitherfield Primary School, Hitherfield Road, London SW16 2JQ

Lambeth Council is committed to safer recruitment
Successful candidates will be asked to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service. Lambeth aims for quality services and equal opportunities for all.
Good News!

Do you walk, cycle or scoot to school?

If you do you are making a positive difference to our air quality.

The Eco Ambassadors teamed up with the Sustainability Officer in Lambeth to monitor the air pollution in and around our school.

The project started in November 2017 and finished in May 2018. Diffusion tubes were placed in three locations around the school (two outdoors and one indoors) and were changed each month for new ones. The results were analysed in a laboratory over this period and we have just received the results.

NITROGEN DIOXIDE MONITORING RESULTS

(Results in micrograms per cubic metre (ug m\(^{-3}\)). Annual mean should not exceed 40 ug m\(^{-3}\))

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As you can see from the table we are under 40 ug m\(^{-3}\) which is the air quality maximum for Lambeth. Good News!

The highlighted scores could be linked with bad weather when more people drive to school and leave their engines running.

We would still like to improve the air quality in our community even further and encourage you all, where possible, to walk, cycle and scoot to school. If you do drive please consider parking away from the school, Park & Stride.

Improve the air quality - improve our health.

Keep up the good work everyone!
Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at organisations’ websites to double check times and arrangements

Pop Brixton – No Long Ting Family friendly all day party
Saturday 8th September 12 Midday onwards
Pop Brixton Pop Brixton, 49 Brixton Station Road, SW9 8PQ
www.popbrixton.org/events/no-long-ting-all-dayer
FREE
Dance the day away to Rare Groove, R & B, Dancehall, Soul and Hip Hop

The Great River Race
Saturday 8th September 7.45am – 1pm
Docklands to Ham in Surrey
(check website for details)
FREE
www.greatriverrace.co.uk
The Great River Race is London's River Marathon. A spectacular boat race up the River Thames, it attracts over 300 crews from all over the globe, including dedicated athletes and those who enjoy fancy dress and charity stunts. A fun day out for competitors and spectators.

Ovo Energy Tour of Britain cycle finale
Sunday 9th September 10am – 4pm
FREE
Central London (check website for details)
www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-eight
The 2018 cycle Tour of Britain concludes with a 14 lap circuit race in the heard of London. Starting and finish on Regent Street St James, the peloton will pass through Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Strand and Whitehall, reaching speeds of 80kph and entertaining what is guaranteed to be a spectacular crowd.

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Open Day
Sunday 9th September, 10am – 5pm
Rangers Office, Windmill Road, Wimbledon Common, SW19 5NR
www.wpcc.org.uk/things-to-do/events/profile/wimbledon-putney-commons-open-day
Nearest Station: Wimbledon – 93 bus.
FREE
Birds of Prey Display, Essex Dog Display Team, Minilandies (mini landrovers for children), food stalls etc

Teddies Festival 2018
Sunday 9th September 10.30am – 4pm
Kensington Town Hall, Hornet Street, W8 7NX
(nearest tube High Street, Kensington)
Entrance: £4.00 per person
www.hugglets.com
Meet thousands of teddy bears and artists from all over the world in the heart of London. Hugglets Teddies Festival is Europe’s most important autumn teddy show. It features around 170 stands and over 10,000 teddy bears for sale, with prices ranging from a few pounds to over £1,000. Both antique and modern bears will be there plus clothes and accessories as well as bear-making supplies. A teddy bear hospital will also be on hand, offering treatment to well-loved and injured bears.
# SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018/2019

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35 Teaching Days

**Total Teaching Days 190**

Term Time Bank and Public Holiday - Monday 6th May 2019 (May Day)
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Baby Weaning Sessions
12th Sept, 26th Oct, 9th Nov & 19th Dec.
1.30pm - 2.30pm (Hillside Gardens)
Monthly weaning information sessions to provide you with the opportunity to discuss your growing baby's dietary needs. Please call the Centre in advance to confirm your attendance. With Josephine Kukla, Early Years Nutritional M.B. Please allow time to attend the entire session.

Speech and Language Support
9.30am - 11.30am
Dates To Be Confirmed (Hillside Gardens)
Sensitive advice and support regarding any concerns you may have regarding your child's speech and language development. With Melissa Rosleigh, Speech and Language Therapist.

HOW TO FIND US

Nearest Buses: Nos 50, 57, 109, 118, 133, 159, 201, 250, 333, to Streatham Hill Station.
Nos. 2, 68, 196, 201, 322, 415, 432, 468, 690, to Tulse Hill Station.
No. P13 to Hillside Road.

Hitherfield Children’s Centre
Activities and Services Newsletter & Programme

September - December 2018

WELCOME TO THE NEW Term!

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Welcome back! We hope you and your family have enjoyed a very happy and restful summer break and are raring to go again this term.

The lovely weather has certainly given us a lot to smile about during the past few weeks. I am sure we have all made the most of it and taken advantage of the many opportunities to get out and about with our children to do lots of wonderfully, fun and relaxing activities.

In the Children’s Centre this summer we enjoyed some great messy play and water play activities and had a wonderful picking our own fruit and vegetables at Garsons farm.

Unfortunately Hillside Gardens was still unavailable to us due to the repairs being carried out to restore the water supply there. We are pleased to confirm that the repairs are now complete and that we should be able to resume activities there shortly. Please see the programme inside for more details.

I hope you will find the colour coding of activities will be helpful in terms of where the sessions will be held. Activities and services in the orange boxes will be held at our site at Hitherfield Road; those in the yellow boxes will be held at our site at Hillside Gardens.

The start of a new term means different things to our children and families who are at all different stages. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children well, especially those who are starting Nursery and Reception Classes, those who are moving up to a new class or indeed starting a new school. We look forward to hearing about how you are all getting on.

The new term also heralds a new timetable of activities and services. You will find all the details about this inside this programme.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with our families in different ways. If you would like to volunteer to help us during any of our groups or activities, including fundraising projects, please let us know; we would welcome your support.

WHAT’S NEW THIS HALF TERM

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Lisa Russell, who will be joining the team in the role of Children’s Centre Better Start Worker.

Lisa comes to us with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm in working with families and ensuring they have support to access the help they need. As she settles in to her new role you may well see Lisa involved in some of the Parent and Children Together groups and other activities. I am sure you will join us in warmly welcoming her to the team.

Please come to the office if you would like to make an appointment to speak with Lisa in confidence.

We are also looking forward to welcoming members of the Health Visiting Team from Gracefield Gardens. They will soon be facilitating regular child health services at the Children’s Centre by appointment. We anticipate that this will make it easier for local families to receive the child health care, support and advice that they will need. More details to follow about our new activities and services in the very near future.
MONDAYS

Parents and Children Together 9.30am - 12.00pm
10th Sept - 17th Dec (All Hothfield)

Early Learning drop-in activity group for children aged 0-5 with their parents and carers. Fun things to see and do! Great stories, rhymes and activities for you and your child to help develop language and social skills in preparation for nursery school. For very young babies, there is a dedicated baby area with age-appropriate toys and activities that they will love. Toddlers will enjoy a range of play and learning activities including messy play, art and craft, outdoor physical play and dressing up. The children will have a fruit snack with milk or water at the end of the session, so if you would like to bring a piece of fruit to share, it would be very much appreciated. A contribution of 55p per child also helps to cover the cost of activities and new resources.

With Ashley Flood. Early Years Educator.
NB This group will also take place on Fridays 14th Sept - 21st Dec.

THURSDAYS

Diva Group (All Hothfield) 10.00am - 11.30am
13th Sept - 20th Dec

Sensory group support and educational advice for young women experiencing difficult personal relationships and domestic violence.

There is a crèche provided but places are limited so please speak to someone in the centre in advance to confirm availability.

Sessions led by Elaine Gaskell, Mewstcroft Hospital.

FRIDAYS

Baby Group (All Hothfield) 9.30am - 11.30am
14th Sept - 21st Dec

Fun and learning for babies aged 0-12 months. A great opportunity for your baby to meet other babies and develop social, emotional and physical skills.

Parents and Children Together 9.30am - 12.00pm
14th Sept - 21st Dec

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For more information please see the section on Monday.

With Ashley Flood. Early Years Educator.

WEDNESDAYS

ESOL Reading and Writing 9.30am - 12.00pm
18th Sept - 4th Dec (All Hothfield)

This course continues the teaching and learning of the English language. Regular attendance sessions will improve speaking, listening, reading and writing in English and help to increase your confidence to become more active in your community.

There is a creche provided but places are limited so please speak to someone in the centre in advance to confirm availability.

With Reni Rusinski, Adult Tutor. High Trees Community Development Trust.

SING SPL (All Hothfield) 9.30am - 11.00am
12th Sept - 19th Dec

Come and enjoy singing your favourite songs and perhaps learning some new ones, making new friends and great music together using rattles, shakers, drums and lots of other percussion instruments.

With Ashley Flood. Early Years Educator.

BETTER START SUPPORT

Sometimes more time and space is needed to discuss concerns privately, with a view to finding the right help and solution for the issue in hand. If that is the case, you can make an appointment with Lisa Ruskin, Better Start Worker. If you feel you need to talk about childcare options, concerns regarding your child’s health and development, obtaining help or organisations which may help, please make an appointment by calling 01634 825561.

Our course and activities normally run during school term times unless otherwise stated. Please sign up to the activity in advance to secure your place. You can do this in the Children’s Centre Office. Once your place has been allocated it is expected that you attend all sessions. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment. We will do our best to accommodate any children aged from 6 months. Please book places in advance to avoid disappointment.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to carry out their duties in a way that protects the health, safety, and well-being of children.

The Children’s Centre is committed to supporting the development of early years practitioners through the provision of training and development opportunities.

Sunday Wonders

A warm welcome, with positive attitude and support to promote a successful and happy breastfeeding experience for you and your baby.

A great opportunity to meet new parents and find out about your local Children’s Centre. It’s for new/expectant parents to enjoy your maternity leave!

Dads are very welcome to attend these sessions with their wives and partners.

Light refreshments available.

With Beverley Rodger, Midwife, St. Thomas’ Hospital.

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