



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,
We have enjoyed a really positive and productive start to the Autumn term so far! Children across the school continue to make the most of new experiences, whether it is staying for lunch, using our new playground equipment or getting to know new faces around the school. Full Extended School services start next week, so do complete any paperwork or payments to secure places. We are excited to be offering some new clubs again this term – please remember that we always welcome suggestions and feedback so do get in touch if you have any ideas or comments!

Claire Syms

A New Arrival!

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Stephens had a beautiful baby boy on Monday 11th September at 11.30am. Just a little earlier than expected but here safe and well, and already starting to appreciate his besotted parents! Name and full details will follow! We are sure you would all like to join us in passing on congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Stephens and her family – we will keep you posted about their first visit to Halley!



Attendance & Punctuality

Asteroid Class

Attendance: 100%
Punctuality: 95.1%

Comet Class

Attendance: 100%
Punctuality: 97.8%

Eclipse Class

Attendance: 94.1%
Punctuality: 98.6%

Quasar Class

Attendance: 93.6%
Punctuality: 94.4%

Galaxy Class

Attendance: 92.4 %
Punctuality: 97.2%

Well done to our 2 new Reception classes who both achieved 100% attendance in their first week at school – a perfect start! **All children should aim to have at least a 95% attendance rate to ensure vital learning opportunities are not missed.**

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Reception		
Asteroid Class	Mia Fisher	Kayden Thomas
Comet Class	Mattia Perillo	Elif Akinci
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Kyrone Bent-Hanson	Israel Fadairo
Quasar Class	Dolly Ward	Joshua Sparks
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	Yvonne Masolini-Brown	Tiger-Rose Osinnowo

Well done for working so hard and being such good role models!

Monday Missions!

Reception: We have been investigating patterns in maths. What patterns can you find in your homes or on the way to school? Can you draw one of the patterns you've found?

Year 1: We have loved hearing about your summer holidays in class this week! Can you write about what adventures you have had? If you have any pictures or souvenirs from holidays bring them in to share with your class!

Year 2: Mystery number!

I am a 2 digit number. I have a 4 which is 4 tens. My ones are worth one more than 7.

What is my number?

Can you make your own 2 digit mystery number clues to share with the class?

Reception's First Week

Last week was a HUGE week for all our Reception children and EYFS staff were delighted at how quickly our Superstars in Comet and Asteroid have settled into their classes! Staff are already very proud of their achievements and know there is much more to come in an exciting year ahead! Children have been busy working hard to get to know one another, as well as getting to know all of the teachers and adults in school. They have also made an excellent start with their Maths Mastery and *Read Write Inc.* lessons. Do have a look at our photo page to see just some of the things we have got up to!



HHS Office Restructure

Following a successful office restructure at the school at the end of last year (including a rigorous interview process!), we are delighted to announce that Jo Kessell is our new Office Manager and Shakir Campbell is our new Senior Admin Assistant. Congratulations to both Jo and Shakir, and good luck in their new roles! An overview of all HHS staff and their key roles and responsibilities will be published in next week's newsletter.

Breakfast Club, After School Clubs & After Care

Breakfast Club started this week and it has been lovely to meet some of our new Reception children as well saying "welcome back" to our regulars from Year 1 & Year 2. Keep a lookout for our new Breakfast Club menus, which will be issued this half term. Clubs & After Care will commence **next Monday** and we're all very excited! The Clubs are now available to pay in full on ParentPay. Remember to look at the "maximum" amount on the item as this is what you will need to pay. For those who haven't done so already, please sign the consent form and drop it into the school office. Children will not be permitted to attend clubs without a completed consent form. Pick up from Clubs at 5pm will be from the playground (through the playground gate); pick up from After Care (from 5pm until 6pm) will be through the main entrance on Arcola Street.

Royal Parks Half Marathon

Our Office Manager, Jo, is running the Royal Parks Half Marathon on the 10th October in aid of the Royal Society for Blind Children (RSBC), the charity with whom we share our building. Jo would love your support for such a good cause - in the form of sponsorship as well as well-wishes! This will be Jo's third Half this year and her second running for the RSBC. Click the link below to Jo's Just Giving page to find out more and make a donation if you can - thank you!



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jo-kessell>

SEND & Inclusion at Halley House

For parents and families I've yet to meet, my name is Soozii Lim and I am returning to my role as Inclusion Manager after maternity leave. We've had a wonderful start to the year and I have been spending the first week back getting to know all the new children who have joined the school while I've been away. In the next few weeks I will be in contact with parents and carers of children with any special educational needs and disabilities to meet and discuss your child's support and progress in school for this academic year. If you have any concerns at all about your child's learning, please speak to your child's class teacher or arrange a meeting with me to discuss things further. In the meantime, please visit the school website for more information on our school offer. You can also find details of the Hackney Local Offer on the borough website: <http://www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk>



Parent Governor Nominations

We have already had some expressions of interest in our Parent Governor vacancy, which is fantastic! Please do submit any nominations via the school office by the end of this week - Friday 15th September. All parents should have received information letters and nomination forms; hard copies are also available from the school office. If you wish to informally discuss any aspect of the role, please speak to Ms Syms.



Morning drop off

Please remember to supervise your child until 8.45am in the playground every morning (until the first bell). Our playground is much busier this year and it is particularly important that all parents and carers continue to supervise their child/ren until handover to the class teacher - this is for everyone's safety and well-being. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Jeans for Genes Day

Children can wear jeans next Friday, 22nd September, and bring a donation in support of the 'Jeans for Genes' charity. Can you double, triple or quadruple your denim? Add a denim shirt, jacket, tie, hat, bag, hairband and shoes. The more denim the better! Children should continue to wear the rest of their school uniform unless they have a denim substitute! Money raised will help transform the lives of children with life-limiting genetic disorders. You can find out more at: www.jeansforgenes.org



Meet the Interim Headteacher sessions

Ms Malone will be holding an additional 'Meet the Interim Headteacher session on Thursday 5th October after school (4-5pm) for those that are unable to make the session on Wednesday 4th October at 9.15am. Please do come along to one of the sessions if you can!

Home Learning – Maths

Have a look at our attached sheet explaining some of the maths investigative activities you can try at home with your child.



Uniform

Please remember to label your child's uniform as we have a number of items already languishing in the lost property box! Thank you.

Parent Volunteers



Thank you to those parents who have offered their services as volunteers already. A rota is being drawn up and we will let you know when you will be needed, as soon as possible. There is still time to add your name to the list if you wish!

Specialist Teachers

We have a number of specialist teachers supporting the enrichment of our curriculum offer this year. Super Star Sports coaches will continue to support the delivery of PE lessons in all year groups, Y2's LAMDA programme will continue (and expand!), Heather Britton will teach a weekly music lesson to all KS1 classes and Kate Hodgson will commence a series of Art lessons with Y1 this half term. Our specialist teachers work alongside HHS staff to ensure the best possible provision for our children and have been selected for their expertise and respective passion for their subject!

Collaborative Art

Galaxy Class are thrilled to be back at school and have taken care to welcome their new class members, too. Teamwork has been a focus for Galaxy Class this week and children have already created their first piece of collaborative art.



Hackney Learning Trust Attendance support

As you are aware, attending school regularly and on time is of the utmost importance for your child. Continuous lateness means missing vital school time and can also unsettle children when they join the rest of their class part way through an activity or lesson. Parents and carers are responsible for their child's attendance and punctuality. At Halley House, we take attendance and punctuality very seriously; we know that good levels (at least 95%) of attendance and punctuality lead to high levels of progress and attainment, and have a positive impact on children's well-being and wider experiences of school. This year, we are also working directly with the Attendance Service at Hackney Learning Trust. Our Attendance Support Officer from HLT, Laurel Theodosiou will be visiting the school this half term and offering support/advice to families as necessary over the course of the Autumn term and year ahead.

Our School Values – We are HALLEY

Children have been learning more about our school values this week. In assembly, children explained our 'H' value and how they can be helpful and kind at school, at home and in our community. Children had lots of brilliant ideas of examples of behaviours and actions they are already displaying! Next week, children will spend more time considering our 'A' value and what it means to be 'Aspirational'.

We are...



Helpful & Kind



Aspirational



Learners



Leaders



Enthusiastic & Enterprising



Young Adventurers

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 1	
Monday 11 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club starts • After Care sessions offered for Y1 and Y2 children all week, 3.45-5pm • Reception children in school until 1pm all week • Y1 and Y2 Outdoor PE and Outdoor Adventures start this week – PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED*
Tuesday 12 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play starts, 9-11am
Wednesday 13 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Halley House Meeting, 9-10am – all welcome!
Friday 15 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Governor Nominations close
Monday 18 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Clubs and After Care starts for all • Reception children in school full time
Wednesday 20 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Welcome Workshops – all year groups, 4-5pm • Finance Committee Meeting, 8.15-9.30am
Thursday 21 st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caterlink Tasting Session for parents, 4-5pm
Friday 22 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans for Genes day – wear denim and donate £1
Wednesday 27 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 29 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9-10.30am
Monday 2 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Headteacher starts • LGB Meeting, 6-8pm
Tuesday 3 rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 4 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Interim Headteacher, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 5 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Interim Headteacher, 4-5pm
Friday 6 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Questionnaire opens
Monday 9 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Outdoor PE and Outdoor Adventures start this week – PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED*
Wednesday 11 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am • Informal Parents' Open Evening, 4-6pm
Friday 13 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Parent Questionnaire submissions
Wednesday 18 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 20 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Autumn 1. School finishes at 2pm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Please sign up on the sheets by the main school office for supporting regular off-site activities 	

