



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, We have been enjoying the sunshine spells and blue skies recently, and children have been making the most of their outdoor learning on site (including on the roof terrace) as well as during their weekly Outdoor Adventures! We would still love to receive any items for our gardening projects in school, so please do drop anything you can spare into the school office – thank you for the contributions we have had already! Our whole school attendance rate has started to creep up this half term, which is excellent news. We are still below our year-end target of 96.5% at 94.4%, and it would be great if we could get as close as possible to our target! Remember good attendance (95%+) means that children get the most from their time in school by maximising their learning and development!

Claire Syms

Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid Class	94.1%	98.1%
Comet Class	97.1%	97.0%
Eclipse Class	97.1%	98.2%

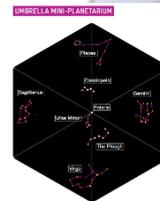
Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is next week, on Wednesday 22nd March, from 3-6pm. Appointments will be released this week; you can book your slot online. Parents and carers will be able to look at children's work and progress in their books and learning journeys, as well as discuss achievements since the Autumn term and targets moving forward into the Summer. Individual attendance and punctuality records for the Spring will also be shared with you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Monday Mission!

Year 1's Topic this half term is 'Out of this World!'

Home Stargazing projects!



Please see the attached stargazing activity guide from the BBC and try the planetarium and constellation activities. Don't forget to bring in the results!

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:

Ruth
Mon' Ay

Comet Class:

Ava K
Caetano

Eclipse Class:

Amari-Jordan
Enya

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

Halley House Hawks Running Team. Join Us!

As you are aware, we have some committed runners taking part in the Hackney Half Marathon at the end of April, and they are helping to raise funds for our ground floor playground redevelopment! Not only have they given themselves a fantastic team name, they have also set an ambitious fundraising target of £5000 to match the school's projected spend on the playground this year! The team currently comprises parents of Year 1 children, but the group would love to involve any novice, seasoned or professional runners from Reception, too! It will be a fantastic opportunity to get involved in our community and contribute something amazing to your child's experience of school (as well as keeping fit and having fun!) If you



are interested in running, please contact Ashleigh (Roux's mum Y1) on 07525 780298 so that you can be added to the team WhatsApp group and be kept up-to-date!

Tennis Taster Sessions

Reception classes enjoyed a tennis taster session delivered by John from the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre last week. John is a Tennis Development Officer at the Centre and has over 10 years' experience of coaching all ages and abilities. Small groups participated in the workshops throughout the morning, learning new skills and being inspired to try something different! John was very impressed with the children, who displayed a real eagerness to get involved, and work collaboratively with their peers. Children also received a invite to attend a free tennis session at the Centre on the Olympic park. John said he was looking forward to returning at some point to the school! Well done Reception!



FOHH Reminders!

Don't forget we have our Bingo-themed social event on Friday 24th March (next Friday). Tickets are on sale and can be purchased from the school playground during drop off and collection, or from the school office at any time. Guaranteed good company, lots of fun and just a hint of competitiveness! Come along and join in!



Thank you to the volunteers who have already put their names forward to help out with Easter Egg hunt on the last Thursday (30th March) of the Spring term. Y1 children will be going over to Butterfield Green at 11am, and YR children will be hunting high and low during their usual Outdoor Learning session on Thursday afternoon.

YR Book Bag Reminder

We would like to remind parents that Reception book bags are changed on **Fridays only**. Unfortunately, we cannot change all book bags on other days, but if you would like to request an additional book every week, please let class teachers know and they will be more than happy to oblige! To ensure that we have a wide variety of books in Reception for your child to read, we ask that you remember to return **all** books in your child's book bag.

Roof Terrace and Playground Gardening Resources



Thank you to parents and carers who have made or suggested donations to add to our roof terrace and ground floor playground – we really appreciate your support.

We still need children's gardening tools, plant pots and compost. If you have any spare items at home or would like to make a donation, it would be very gratefully received! If you are unsure of the suitability of any items, please do speak to a member of staff – it is likely that we will be able to use it somehow!

Sponsorship

Please do sponsor our Trust and school runners if you are able to do so. Members of staff across BPET schools will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April, and our own Halley House Hawks are running the Hackney Half Marathon the following week, on Sunday 30th April. All runners are looking to raise funds for good causes, whether that is a national/worldwide charity or organisation, or our own school. You can find out more about the charities our London marathon runners are supporting [here](#).



Fair Trade Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who came to join us for a special breakfast last week, as part of our Fair Trade fortnight! We hope you enjoyed the even-sweeter tasting tea and coffee in the knowledge that you were doing your bit to help hard working farmers around the world!



Governor Visits

As you are aware, governors undertake regular visits to the school to gain more insight into the structure and day-to-day operations of the school. Hugo Hutchison, Chair of Governors, said of his recent visit:

"Lessons felt very calm, purposeful and productive. Staff know the pupils very well, and intervene early but appropriately to support with them when needed. Behavioural expectations were very high, routines are familiar and well known, and pupils were keen to do well. There was a positive culture of learning – I saw many instances of pupils working together well without direction, and of pupils helping each other."

We are looking forward to welcoming Sophie Vickers and Diana Rounce back to Halley in the Summer term to look at EYFS and Curriculum Development across the school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open every day from 7.45-8.30am and costs £1.50 a day, regardless of the time you drop off. Pre-booking is not required. Children can be dropped off at any point between the times above, although if children need to eat breakfast we ask that you drop off no later than 8.15am, to give children sufficient time to eat and prepare for joining their classes.

Art-Roc-kets in Y1

Don't forget to bring in any clean plastic bottles, cardboard boxes or kitchen roll inners for our Y1 Design & Technology team projects!



DIARY DATES	
Spring 2	
Monday 13th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHS Governors' Meeting
Tuesday 14th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Swimming Lessons (8 of 10) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Tuesday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Swimming Lessons (9 of 10) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening, 3-6pm
Friday 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comic Relief • Bingo Night, 6-8.30pm
Tuesday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Swimming Lessons (10 of 10) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am • YR TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Freightliners City Farm
Wednesday 29th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Workshops - Outdoor Learning, 9-10am and 5-6pm
Thursday 30th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Hunt • Coffee Morning with Speech & Language Therapist and Educational Psychologist
Friday 31st March 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Booklets for Summer 1 sent home • End of Spring 2. School finishes at 2pm.
Summer 1	
Tuesday 17th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Summer 1! • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Friday 20th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuality & Attendance Awards for Spring 2 sent home
Tuesday 25th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childnet Assembly and Parent Workshops
Sunday 30th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hackney Half-Marathon
Tuesday 2nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons start (Lesson 1 of 10)