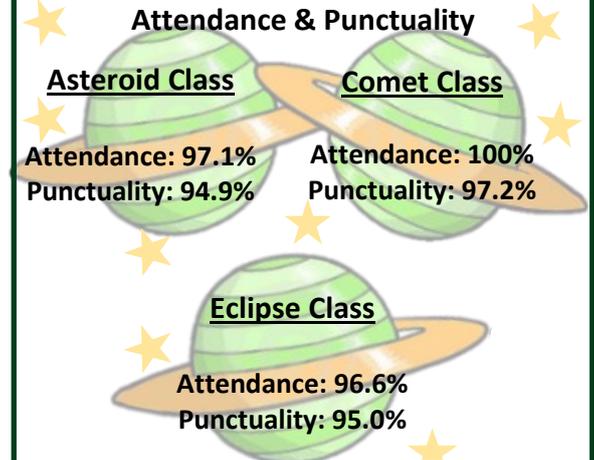




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, Massive congratulations to our Halley House Hawks for their athletic prowess last weekend and fantastic fundraising efforts! We are looking forward to sharing some designs for our playground improvements with you all next week, and would welcome your comments on what you think will have the biggest positive impact on your children's outdoor experience at school! In the meantime, there is still time to donate – please see the link below. Sincere thanks to all our parents who gave up their time on Monday morning this week to meet with our DfE Adviser and to everyone who plans to attend our Welcome Evening for new families this Wednesday at 6pm – we would love to see you there! We wouldn't be the school we are without our fantastically supportive parents and carers who offer so much in so many different ways; **THANK YOU!**

*Claire Syms*



*We had an incredible level of support on the day from parents, children and the Friends of Halley House. Seeing them on the way round really made a difference. It's fantastic how much money we have managed to raise towards the cost of new playground equipment. - Chris, Camille's dad*

### Tuesday's Mission!

Year 1's Topic this half term is 'Flowers and Insects'

**Y1 Botanists!** Y1 have been enjoying being botanists, both in school and during Outdoor Adventures. **Can you plant your own seeds at home and observe them growing? We would love to see what you sow and the results!**

### Hackney Half Marathon!

Huge congratulations to our brilliant Halley House Hawks and their sterling efforts last Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, in running the Hackney Half Marathon. We have some amazing athletes at Halley House and there were some extremely impressive times. Many thanks also for all the support for the team both on the day itself and in the run up to it, including all the brilliant donations we have received to date. We are now at 82% of our target of £2500, having raised just over £2000 online – this is a fantastic achievement but we still need your help to get us to our fundraising finish line! We would love to improve our ground floor playground with new and exciting equipment and resources for our children. Don't forget to click (and share!) the link below to make a donation:

[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/halleyhousehawks](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/halleyhousehawks)

### SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

**Asteroid Class:**  
Mekal  
Milo

**Comet Class:**  
Tiannah  
Israel

**Eclipse Class:**  
Oscar  
Roux

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

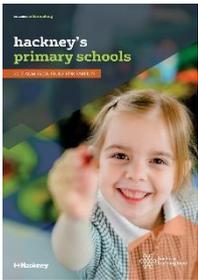
*It's amazing to have an event like this right on our doorsteps and the residents of Hackney gave fantastic support and encouragement to runners and really made it extra special. – Maeve, Alanna's mum*

*It was better than the London marathon, loved the music from the DJs' en route and was in awe of the barefoot runners! RunDem crew were also a great bunch of folk, giving little moments of motivation along the way. – Dave, Anna's dad*



Read more about our Halley House Hawks in the Hackney Gazette [here](#)

## Open Evening for new admissions 2017

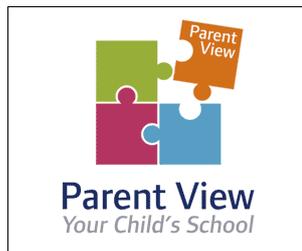


Don't forget to come along to our Welcome Evening this Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, between 6pm and 7pm. The evening will include a presentation from the Headteacher, chance to 'Meet the Team' and talk with our current families about their experiences to date. There will also be

plenty of refreshments available! So, whether you have secured a place at Halley House for September 2017, want to find out more about our school and what we offer, or are already part of our growing school community, do come along on Wednesday. See you there!

## Parent View

We are always delighted to hear the positive comments we receive from our parents and carers about HHS. As well as letting us know what you think we are doing well, you can also submit your views on the Parent View website so that Ofsted can see them! Click the image above to register and send in your views.



## Uniform Event – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

We have many upcoming events for our new families during this term. We are holding our annual Uniform Event on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, when Uniform4Kids will be coming into school. This is ostensibly for the new starters in September 2017, but all are welcome as we know that it is around this time that many children need new uniform for the new academic year. **Please do remember to label all your child's clothing and kit.** We seem to have a lot of lost property without labels and cannot therefore reunite it with their owners.

## Reception Swimming

Reception were superstars during their first swimming lesson last week and are thrilled that they are able to attend every Tuesday morning! It was huge success and, despite some speculation from a teacher at another school that the children "look too small to be going in the water", they took to it like ducks to water and much fun was had by all! Please ensure that your children come to school every Tuesday **wearing their P.E. kits** with their swimming costumes underneath. It is also advised that they take their towel, swimming hat and underwear in their Halley House school bag as many have found carry drawstring swimming bags difficult. Thank you.

## HHS Summer Fete

Remember to come to our planning meeting next week, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, to begin organising our first summer fete on 8<sup>th</sup> July! Thank you for all the donations we have already had handed in!

## School Photographers

Please be aware that the school photographers will be in on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May to take individual and class photos of the children. Please ensure your child attends school in full uniform (Summer uniform is acceptable). Please remember you are under no obligation to buy the photos, but it is a fabulous chance to have a record of their school career here at Halley House!

## Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

Thank you for all your contributions of Sainsbury's Active Vouchers! We have amassed an amazing 3675 vouchers so far, and this is still increasing! Sainsbury's have now stopped giving out vouchers, but if you do have any at home, tucked in pockets or at the bottom of the shopping bag, please do drop them into the main office as every extra voucher counts towards new kit for our school. We are prioritising sports equipment for PE lessons and lunchtime play this year, and look forward to sharing with you what we have ordered!



## Parent Pay

Thank you for your mostly prompt response to payments on Parent Pay for Extended School services. As we continue to work towards an even more streamlined approach, do remember that if you do have any queries or issues please do not hesitate to contact the office who will be only too pleased to help. We would like to remind parents and carers that we have only received **25%** of payments for trips in the Summer term and without your voluntary contributions and support we will have to restrict or cancel trips this term. Thank you for the voluntary payments we have received for Reception swimming lessons to date – if you have not done so yet, but are able to make a contribution please do so as we have already enjoyed many successes from our Halley House Swimming programme and would like to ensure this continues to run.

## Let's Pretend!

Reception children are thoroughly enjoying their new topic for this half term – 'Let's Pretend'. We have read a range of magical adventure stories so far but a particular favourite has been last week's focus text, 'Princess Smartypants'! The story focuses on a young princess who never wants to get married because she wants to stay as a 'Miss' forever and she is very mean to all the princes who want to marry her! We learnt about the different roles and titles within the Royal Family and also found out about the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and what happens when a member of the family becomes the new King or Queen. The children enjoyed looking at pictures of the Crown Jewels and were very excited about making their own crowns and magic wands!

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
<b>Summer 1</b>	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DfE Adviser Visit</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 2)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2017, 9-10am</li> <li>• Open Evening – Welcome Event for new families, 6-7pm</li> <li>• School Photographers in</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 3)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2017, 9-10am</li> <li>• Summer Fete Planning Meeting, 5pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor Visit – Helen Cooper</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2017, 9-10am</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 4)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor Visit – An Porter</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of Summer 1. School finishes at 2pm.</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of Summer 2</li> <li>• Home Visits start</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 5)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance &amp; Punctuality Awards sent home</li> <li>• Teddy Bears' Picnic – YR and new families</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor Visit – Hugo Hutchison</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 6)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 7)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 8)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Event, Uniform4Kids, 5-7pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 9)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition morning - ALL</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 9)</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day!</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of Summer 2 and end of year! School finishes at 2pm.</li> </ul>

# Getting creative in YR and Y1

