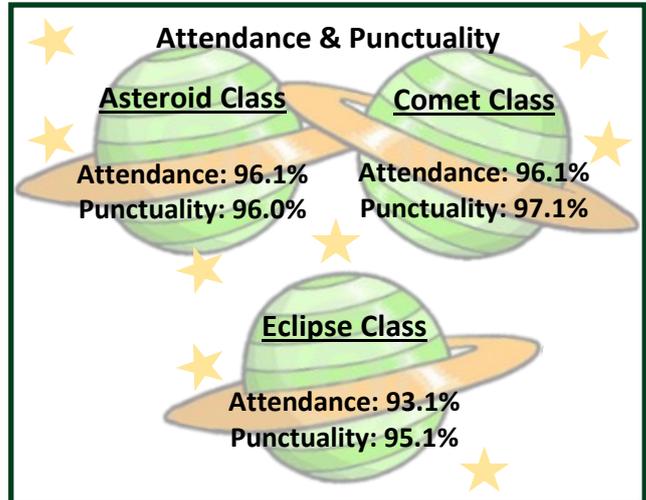




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, Please take a look at our photo page this week for an update on our proposed designs for improvements to our ground floor playground space. We have consulted children and staff about what they would like to see in this space, and would welcome your views, too! Please do send any suggestions to the office email address by the end of this week so that we can finalise designs. Printed copies will also be on display in the main office area and on the outdoor noticeboard this week. Please complete the Trust questionnaire if you have not done so already as we really value your comments and suggestions about how to be even better! Enjoy the sunshine this week, and do have a lovely half term break when it arrives.

Claire Syms



New addition to the team!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Stephens and her husband are expecting their own new arrival in early October this year! Mrs Stephens will be going on maternity leave after the Summer, and plans to return later in the academic year. We will, of course, be keeping in touch with her during her absence and look forward to getting the latest updates (and cuddles)! We are sure you will all join us in congratulating Mrs Stephens and her family, and wishing them the very best of luck for the remainder of her pregnancy and beyond!

Monday Mission!

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

Use your **white thinking hat** to find out more information and facts on how plants grow.

You could use KidRex to help find the answers to some of your own plant questions!



SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:

Keziah
Maryam

Comet Class:

Sopheya
Freddie

Eclipse Class:

Jahzara
Jayden

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

BPET Parent Survey

The deadline for completing this year's Bellevue Place Education Trust Parent Survey is this Friday, 26th May. An email was sent to all parents last Thursday with a link to

access the survey, which should take no longer than around 20 minutes. This annual online questionnaire is an opportunity to share your views on different aspects of Halley House School and is an important part of the school's planning process. Your feedback will feed into the School Development Plan along with the strategic planning of the Trust, and we will share the feedback from your responses next half term. Please do ensure you complete the survey so that your views are counted! Thank you for the completed surveys we have already received.



Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

You can find our Parent/Carer Code of Conduct on the school's website. All families are asked to sign and agree to the code at enrolment; please ensure you are familiar with this document. The code includes specific guidelines on the acceptable and appropriate use of social media (including Facebook and Twitter), in regards to keeping all our children safe and protecting the excellent reputation of the school. If you have any queries, please do speak to a member of staff.

London History Day!



Don't forget to come dressed to school on Friday 26th May as your favourite historic Londoner and donate £2 towards our playground fund. We are looking forward to seeing all the costumes!

Phonics Screening Check – Y1

All Y1 children will be undertaking the national Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning 12th June. The check usually takes each child 10-15 minutes to complete and is used to ensure children are able to decode (read the sounds letters make and blend to read whole words) at an appropriate level. This is just one aspect of reading. Children will read a total of 40 words, some of which are 'nonsense' words. The check is administered by a teacher and the format is designed to cause the least amount of anxiety or worry – children usually really enjoy the short session! Please just continue to read with your child at home, as we know this makes the biggest difference in school. We are confident that all our children will try their best and do brilliantly!

Hackney Forest School Launch

Hackney Forest School is holding a free family fun day on Saturday 10th June at Clapton Park Children's Centre to mark its official launch. Running from 12 noon to 4pm, the free fun day will give families a first-hand taste of nature and let them see what a typical day is like with the Forest School. There is also an offer available for the first 10 sign ups, who will receive an additional free Forest School session for their family. Other activities on the day include massages, hula hooping, face painting and tree planting. Research shows that learning from the great outdoors has a positive impact on children's wellbeing, health, language skills, collaborative skills, awareness of nature and living things, whilst allowing them to take managed risks to build self-confidence – which is why we are so proud of, and excited by, our Outdoor Learning approach at HHS, too!

Half Term activities

Please see the following link to the Time Out guide for some ideas of what to do over the half term break:

<https://www.timeout.com/london/kids/half-term-in-london>

Behaviour approach update

We are trialling some updates to our behaviour approach in school. The new system is called 'Stay on Green' which is a positive approach and provides lots of opportunities for children to be rewarded and correct any mistakes they make. We are retaining our Supernova Scale, and look forward to sharing full details of the changes after the half term!

Year 1 Botanists

In Year 1 we are really enjoying being botanists! Children have created their own experiment, with the question, "Does a plant need light to grow?" We created a test group, which has black paper covering the container and a control group which gets light. Each week we have been busy recording observations and making predictions. We have also been researchers and have been researching the answers to our own questions about plants and how they get food using "KidRex."



Dalston Children's Festival

Dalston Children's Festival runs during the half term break, from Saturday 27th May until Saturday 3rd June. There are lots of fun and free activities running throughout the week – please see the attached programme guide and map for further details.

Get your Children Cycling this half term.



In conjunction with Hackney Council, Cycle Confident are offering **FREE** cycle training again this half term. Sessions will be run in small groups with two qualified instructors, and will cover cycle skills aimed at all children from complete beginner to advanced! Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Packed lunch reminder

Please do not send your child into school with a packed lunch containing nuts or items containing traces of nuts (this includes peanut butter sandwiches), or strawberries due to a variety of allergies in the school. We appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.

Birthday Treats

Due to a variety of allergies in school, we have decided to move completely away from consumable treats as part of birthday celebrations. If you do wish to send a treat into school to mark a birthday, please send non-consumables e.g. a pencil or a class book donation for children to share.

Reminder – End of Summer 1

School will finish this Friday at 2pm. There will be no After School Clubs that day.

DIARY DATES	
Summer 1	
Monday 22nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2017, 9-10am
Tuesday 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 4) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Victoria Park
Friday 26th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Summer 1. School finishes at 2pm. • London History Day celebrations
Summer 2	
Monday 5th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Summer 2 • Home Visits start for new admissions 2017
Tuesday 6th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 5) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Friday 9th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance & Punctuality Awards sent home • Teddy Bears' Picnic – YR and new families
Saturday 10th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hackney Forest School launch day, 12-4pm
Monday 12th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Visit – Hugo Hutchison • Phonics Screening Check week starts
Tuesday 13th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 6) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 14th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Visit – An Porter
Friday 16th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Museum of London, Docklands
Tuesday 20th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 7) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Tuesday 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 8) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 28th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Event, Uniform4Kids, 5-7pm
Tuesday 4th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 9) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 5th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition morning – ALL • Annual Reports sent home
Thursday 6th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR TRIP/VISIT – Science Museum
Friday 7th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPET Event – no ASCs, school finishes at 3.45pm.
Saturday 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Fete, 2-5pm
Tuesday 11th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 9) • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 12th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening
Thursday 13th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day at Petchey Academy
Friday 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Summer 2 and end of year! School finishes at 2pm.

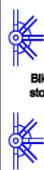
School Playground Design

Rear

Quad climber installed into existing wetpour surfacing

4-way Octopus ball catcher

Existing wetpour surfacing



Bike/scooter storage pods

Moveable fence with forest screening

Two 2.4m long timber planters with bench seats

96m2 of MLD green artificial grass surfacing with 1-10 multi coloured grass number circles

Safa deck stage with two chalkboards

Solid colour hopscotch playground marking

1-100 snakes and ladders playground marking

Three multi coloured wetpour spheres

Double balance beam

Mini beast area

Bug hotel

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