



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,  
Thank you so much for the warm welcome you have extended to me at Halley House over the last week and a half. It has been lovely meeting you all and getting to know your wonderful children. I was able to meet with Ms Syms extensively last week and I would like to offer reassurance that, because of the effective transition process that was put in place prior to Ms Syms going on her maternity leave, the focus on providing educational opportunities that challenge pupils from their individual starting points within the unique nurturing environment that Halley House provides remains a given. The staff team at Halley House are very special and I look forward to working with them to ensure that your children continue to enjoy their learning experiences each and every day.

Jennifer Malone

### Announcement!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our fabulous Miss Tali is getting married this Friday! We are sure you would all like to join us in passing on our very best wishes for the big day ahead and a lifetime of happiness thereafter. Congratulations Miss Tali!



### Thank you from Ms Syms!

Sincere thanks for all the wonderful cards, well-wishes and gifts ahead of my maternity leave this week. I will miss the HHS staff, families and community during my absence, but look forward to popping in to see everyone in the coming months ahead of my return!

THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH

**Attendance & Punctuality**

<b>Asteroid Class</b> Attendance: 99.4% Punctuality: 83.3%	<b>Comet Class</b> Attendance: 94.4% Punctuality: 83.3%
<b>Eclipse Class</b> Attendance: 95.8% Punctuality: 94.7%	<b>Quasar Class</b> Attendance: 97.6% Punctuality: 81%
<b>Galaxy Class</b> Attendance: 93.1% Punctuality: 69%	

Well done again to one of our Reception classes, Asteroid Class, for topping last week's attendance chart.

## SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Reception		
Asteroid Class	Julia	Benoit
Comet Class	Bianca	Kasiyah
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Caetano	Freddie
Quasar Class	Itta	Darcey
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	AJ	Ricky

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

### Monday Missions!

**Reception:** This week Reception are reading 'Rainbow Fish' and learning how to be a good friend! Can you describe or draw what we can do to be a good friend?



**Year 1:** We have been looking at repeating patterns in terms of shapes and colours – can you create your own shape or colour pattern at home?

**Year 2:** Same and Different. What is the same and what is different about these numbers?

27, 47, 67, 97

### Informal Parents' Evening

Remember to come along to our informal parents' evening this Wednesday between 4pm and 6pm. Parents and carers are welcome to pop in at any time to see some of the fantastic learning and activities classes have been involved in this half term! Children are particularly looking forward to sharing their successes with you so do come along together so that they can explain what they have been learning! Class teachers will be available for informal discussions throughout the session if you have any comments or general queries. **Formal parents' evening is next half term, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, when you will be able to book a specific appointment to meet your child's class teacher to discuss their targets, learning and behaviour in school.



### Y2 School Outing

Galaxy Class have been exploring portrait drawing using a variety of different methods. They have been focusing on drawing members of the class using pencil, pastel and water colour. This week they will be visiting the National Portrait Gallery to learn more about portraits and portrait artists. Permission slips were due back by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October; please ensure any outstanding consent forms are handed to Miss Dippie or the school office as soon as possible so that your child does not miss out!



### Open Mornings – Admissions 2018

If any of our existing parents would like to participate in our Open Mornings for Reception Admissions 2018, we would be delighted to hear from you! Prospective parents always value hearing about the experiences of existing members of our HHS community – please speak to the school office in the first instance if you would like to be involved.

### Flu Jabs

Parent and carers should have received a consent form from the School Nurse regarding the flu jab that is due to take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please complete the form stating whether or not you wish your child to take part and return it to us as soon as possible.

### Lost Property

Please come and claim your child's clothing, we have accumulated a huge amount of lost property over the last few weeks. You will find the box under the shelter in the playground.

### Little Stars Stay & Play



Our Tuesday morning Stay & Play group continues to go from strength to strength this year. We have had some wonderful feedback about the group – one parent on a recent Admissions Open Morning commented that it is the best session she has attended in the area and

looks forward to coming every week! Huge thanks to Rowena for planning and resourcing such lovely activities for children every week, and for making new and familiar faces feel so welcome! It is great to see our existing parents continuing to support and promote the school so positively and helping us to embed Halley and our values in the wider community – thank you!



### Parent Volunteers

All year groups are still in need of parent helpers for PE and Outdoor Learning sessions. **Without sufficient volunteers classes will not be able to go off-site for these invaluable learning opportunities.** Please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office if there are any dates when you can help out.

### Royal Parks Half Marathon

Many thanks to all those who sponsored Miss Jo in the office on her run. She didn't do a Personal Best this time but had a fabulous time all the same. Over 18,000 runners took part and she is very proud to have smashed her fund raising target for the RSBC. Well done Miss Jo!



### East London Little Ladies football sessions

- EAST LONDON LITTLE LADIES FC -  
- FOOTBALL SESSIONS -



East London Ladies Football club host weekly training sessions for girls of all ages and abilities at London Fields (by the Lido) from 10.30-12noon. Female coaches deliver the sessions to encourage participation in football, sport and to promote healthy lifestyles for children. Why not pop along this Saturday and see what they have to offer? You can also find out more from their website: <http://eastlondonladiesfc.com/>

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 1	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YR Outdoor PE and Outdoor Adventures start this week – <b>PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED*</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>Informal Parents' Open Evening, 4-6pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y2 TRIP/VISIT – Trip to the National Portrait Gallery</li> </ul>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for Parent Questionnaire submissions</li> </ul>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>YR TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Stoke Newington Fire Station</li> </ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flu jabs – all year groups</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End of Autumn 1. School finishes at 2pm.</li> </ul>
*Please sign up on the sheets by the main school office for supporting regular off-site activities	

Autumn 2	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First day back of Autumn 2</li> </ul>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Workshop – E-safety, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter Wonderland Fayre</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas lunch in school</li> </ul>

## The wider curriculum

One of our school priorities this year is to raise the profile of our wider, enriched curriculum – through sports, music and the arts. Take a peek at some of the things we have been up to!





## **HALLEY HOUSE SATURDAY GET TOGETHER**

**To all Halley House families**

**The Dalston Curve Garden is holding their annual pumpkin carving weekend.**

**For those keen to get ready for Halloween and meet up with friends from school, we will be at:**

**The Curve Garden  
from 12 – 2 pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

**<http://dalstongarden.org/>**

**Hope to see some of you there for fun and squelchy pumpkin wrangling!**

**All the best**

**Viv & Selina**

**(Asteroid and Comet class reps)**