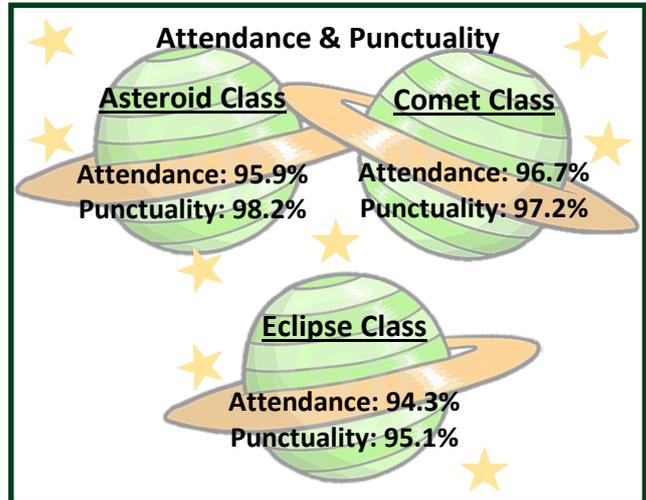




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and relaxing break over half term and are prepared for another busy 7 weeks ahead! We are straight back into the swing of things, with our next Open Morning tomorrow and Halley Day (where children celebrate the life and work of Edmund Halley with a Science and astronomy-themed day) next week. We also have a number of visits this half term from external advisers, including Hackney Learning Trust, the DfE and Bellevue Education, our School Improvement Partner. We also have a series of upcoming visits from our governors this term, whose support in helping shape the direction of our school is invaluable. We will let you know the outcomes of these visits, and what we are doing to make HHS even better moving forwards!

Claire Syms



Open Mornings – Admissions 2016

We have had incredible turnouts for our open mornings so far this year in preparation for our next Reception cohort in September 2017. Thank you to all our existing parents and FOHH for your support so far in helping to spread the word and promote the school. If you would like to help distribute some of our new leaflets to friends, neighbours and community members, please speak to the school office – they will be happy to give you a stack!

Monday Mission!

Year 1's Topic this half term is 'Toys'.

What is your favourite toy? Can you draw a picture of it and write about why it is special to you?



SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:

**Ruth
Mon' Ay**

Comet Class:

**Freddie
Ebube**

Eclipse Class:

**Jahzara
Amari-Jordan**

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

Black History Month Party

Our second HHS Black History Month Party ensured that we ended Autumn 1 with a bang! It was lovely to see so many families joining in the fun after school had finished, with some delicious food, face painting and party games all being enjoyed! A huge well done to Year 1 children for their super performance, too! The party was a culmination of lots of different activities throughout October to celebrate influential black people from the past and present. Many thanks to FOHH for organising the party, and for all the contributions and willing participants! We hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we all did – we also managed to raise a fantastic

£165.40,

which we intend to put towards our plans for developing the ground floor playground! Details of the next FOHH event will be shared soon – so keep an eye out!

Update to Behaviour system

We have recently introduced the Supernova Scale, where children can be awarded 1, 2 or 3 'stars' during the course of the day. We started trialling the system just before half term and you may already have seen children coming home with 'Star', 'Shooting Star' or 'Superstar' stickers – please do ask them why they were awarded these! The Supernova Scale runs in conjunction with the points system so children will still be trying hard to stay on 5 points everyday. Stars are awarded for exceptional learning or behaviour, and recognise when children have gone 'above and beyond.'

Year group email addresses

We have introduced year group email addresses so that parents have an alternative means of contacting class teachers by email if they wish. Both teachers in each year group have access to the relevant email account.

For Reception related queries or comments, please use:

Reception@halleyhouseschool.org.uk

And for Year 1, please use:

Year1@halleyhouseschool.org.uk

Please be aware that class teachers will have limited opportunity to read or respond to emails during the school day, but will endeavour to provide a response within 24 working hours whenever practical. For all urgent messages or queries, please continue to contact the school office by telephone or email.

Interactive Learning Diary log ins

Individual Interactive Learning Diary log ins were sent to all parents/carers at the end of last half term. Thank you to those parents who have already activated their accounts! If you have not yet, please do log in this week so that your account can be authorised, giving you access to your child's learning journey throughout Reception. The Parent Portal also allows you to upload photos, videos and observations from home. If you are having any difficulties with logging in, please speak to Ms Leigh (EYFS Lead).

Curriculum booklets

Curriculum booklets for this half term were handed out to all children in the last week of the last half term. Copies are also attached with this newsletter, and additional hard copies can be found in the Parent Board by the main office.

ParentPay



Thank you to everyone who has made payments for After School Clubs for this term. Payments must be made in advance for clubs to secure your child's place.

Please do let Miss Tali, Extended Schools Lead, know if you need any assistance with payments – school staff are happy to help.

Hackney Educational Psychology Service

The Hackney Educational Psychology Service now has a Wiki page that schools, parents, and children and young people are able to access. The Wiki provides accessible information about the service and has links to partner agencies. A number of documents are also available to download on the Wiki page, and there is information about the Parent Advice Service on the Wiki. Please visit:

<https://www.rixwiki.org/hackney/home/hackney-eps-clone-1/>



Parent Support Group

'N16 SEN' is a new parent support group designed to provide a 'confidential, comfortable place to share, rant and chat.' Please see the attached flyer for details of how to get in touch and join a monthly meeting.

RWI Workshops



Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the RWI workshops at the end of last half

term. Thanks also to the Reception parents who agreed to trial the new 'Reading & Writing Kits' at home! We are looking forward to hearing how you got on! Speed Sound card packs and Kits can be bought at discounted prices from the school office (£5 for the cards only, £8 for the kits). A home kit for Year 1 is due to be published by OUP later this year so we will let you know when Y1 families can trial those! Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation and handouts associated with the sessions.

RLSB Blindfold Run

Are you up for a challenge with a difference?

The Royal London Society for Blind People (RLSB) believe in a better life for blind children and they are on a mission to make sure every single blind child has the self-belief and skills to fulfil the potential RLSB know they've got. On Sunday 6 November, RLSB are holding their flagship event, the RLSB Blindfold Run, in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park where participants can feel the thrill of running 5k or 10k blindfolded with a friend as their guide. Children aged 12 and above can take part in the run, (under 18s must run with someone over 18) and for younger children the friendly atmosphere and our band of spectators ready to cheer our runners on make this a great family day out! Take on a run like no other, and help RLSB ensure that no child in the UK should grow up to be poor or lonely just because they are blind. To sign up, just visit: blindfoldrun.org



FEEL THE THRILL OF RUNNING BLIND WITH YOUR FRIEND AS YOUR GUIDE!

Find out more about the RLSB Blindfold Run:

rlsb.org.uk/blindfold



DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2	
REMINDER: PE @ PETCHY IS NOW ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS, 1.30-2.30PM, FOR BOTH YEAR GROUPS.	
Monday 31 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Autumn 2
Tuesday 1 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 2 nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Learning Diary (YR) logins and passwords sent home
Friday 4 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance & Punctuality Awards for Autumn 1 sent home
Tuesday 8 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halley Day!
Monday 14 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear blue for Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 15 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 16 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Museum of Childhood
Friday 18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress up for the Children in Need ‘Spotacular’
Friday 25 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day. Children not in school.
Tuesday 29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 7 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents’ Evening, 3-6pm
Tuesday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Hackney Empire; Christmas Pantomime • Y1 TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Hackney Empire; Christmas Pantomime
Thursday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Vaccine – nasal spray (School Nurse)
Friday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Performance, 2pm
Monday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas lunch in school
Tuesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Autumn 2. School finishes at 2pm

Black History Month Party

