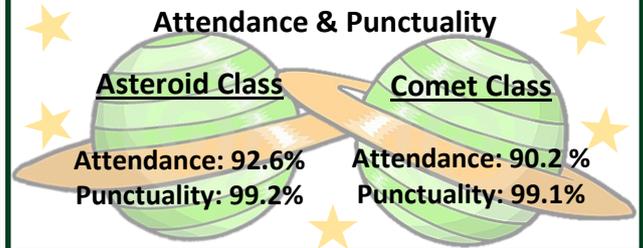




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,
We are looking forward to welcoming you tomorrow morning through our playground entrance. Children have practised where to wait and line up in the morning, and also enjoyed lunchtime play on the playground – including exploring our very own rocket ship! Please do supervise your child during drop off until 8.45am, when they will be collected by their class teacher.

We have had a busy first week back, including a number of visits from various members of our local governing body. Flo, Sophie and Diana all came to observe different aspects of the school and look at ways that we can further improve upon the systems and approaches we have in place. Thank you to all our governors for their time and valued input in helping to ensure Halley House is able to deliver the highest quality provision to all our children.

Claire Syms



Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th January

- New drop off and collection routines start (note change of date)

Wednesday 13th January

- Parent Road Safety Information session, 9.00-10.00am

Thursday 14th January

- Forest School Lessons start

Monday 18th January

- Parent e-safety Workshop, 9.00-10.00am
- No PE at Petchey Academy this week

Friday 5th February

- NSPCC Number Day. Make a donation to come dressed as a number and enjoy Number Fun all day!

Tuesday 9th February

- Safer Internet Day

Friday 12th February

- Bad Hair Day for GOSHH
- Last day of Spring 1

E-Safety Workshop

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our e-Safety Workshop next Monday morning. Ms Hutchinson, who is CEOP trained (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) is leading the session and will be sharing some invaluable resources and tips about protecting your children online, outside of school. The training is designed to cover the whole of the primary phase (not just Reception) to give an understanding of what to look out for as children move through the school. The workshop will also cover some of the ways in which we safeguard children online in school.

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:
Anna
Tiger-Rose

Comet Class:
Amara
Andre

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

Road Safety

Ms Duarte and Ms Syms had a productive informal meeting with Hackney Road Safety representatives Elaine Beckett and Su Guy this week. We discussed signage options (including banners and 'Twenty is Plenty' reminders), road markings and the possibility of guide rails outside the school entrances (on both Arcola Street and Shacklewell Lane). Prior to confirming any improvements that may take place, Su is keen to come to talk to parents directly about road safety around the school and what we can all do to be proactive in mitigating any potential risks. We have booked an information session for **THIS WEDNESDAY** morning at 9.00am, where Su will outline some of the possibilities for making our immediate area safer, as well as answering some of the questions or concerns you may have. Please do come along – as always, your views are very important to us.

Spring Term drop off and collection – tomorrow.



In the morning, children will access the ground floor playground through the gate on Shacklewell Lane, which will be opened by a member of staff at 8.30am and locked at 8.55am.

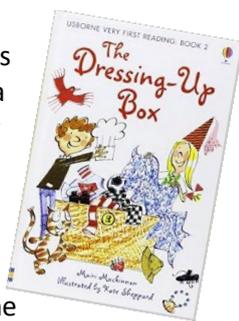
Parents and carers will need to supervise their child in the playground until 8.45am, when class teachers will collect their classes for registration. Children attending Breakfast Club will continue to use the main entrance on Arcola Street and will be supervised by Breakfast Club staff until they join their classes entering the building at 8.45am. Late children arriving after 8.55am in the morning will need to use the main entrance on Arcola Street.

Dismissal at the end of the school day (3.30pm) will also be from the playground. The gate will be opened at 3.30pm and locked at 3.45pm. Dismissal from both After School Club and After Care will continue to be from the hall.

These arrangements will come into effect from Tuesday 12th January 2016 (please note the change of date).

Miss Hutchinson's RWI Group

Please can all children in Miss Hutchinson's RWI group bring in a fancy dress costume and/or accessories in a bag on Tuesday 12th January? They will be writing about their costume in the lesson, linked to their current storybook 'The Dressing up Box.'



We have a selection of outfits in school, too and there will be lots of opportunities for role play!

New member of staff

We are delighted to inform you that we will imminently be welcoming Heather Britton to the Halley House School team. Heather will join us as a Teaching and Learning Support Assistant; she has experience working in a similar role in a school in Hackney, as well as working as a Forest Schools assistant during school holidays.

Heather will be working across Comet and Asteroid classes, as well as providing specific support as required. Heather is a keen guitar tutor outside of school and we are certain we are going to make very good use of her enthusiasm and extensive talents! We



are sure you will join us in welcoming Heather to Halley House School once she starts!

Prospective Parent Open Mornings, 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 12th January

If any of our current parents would like to attend Tuesday's open morning to informally talk to prospective families about your experiences and thoughts of Halley House School so far, please speak to Ms Lim.



Information checking

We will be completing a further data checking exercise this week to confirm the information we hold on you and your child is correct. Please do double check contact numbers carefully and make any amends as necessary. **ALL** forms will need returning to the office, even if there are no changes to be made – you will be asked to sign a copy of the form to verify that the details we hold are accurate.

Curriculum leaflets

Curriculum leaflets for Spring 1, Patterns, are available from the Parent Information Board by the school office. Children will be exploring patterns in all sorts of different ways, including in nature, maths and music! Please check the leaflet for ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.



School Trips and Visits

An overview of all planned school trips for the Spring term will be issued next week. There may be instances where an additional trip or visit is scheduled, but we would like to give you as much notice as possible for all our outings. Please note that we **must** have written confirmation that your child can attend a trip **prior** to the date of the trip itself. If you are concerned at any point that you may have somehow missed a trip letter, please ask for a spare copy from the office so your child does not miss out! We are going to be celebrating World Book Day and British Science Week as well as exploring our local area during the Spring term. Thank you to parents and carers who have suggested ideas for trips or visitors – please do keep your suggestions coming in!

Extended Schools

Thank you to all parents who have made payments for the Spring term. Please do remember to provide a screen shot to the office email, as it enables us to quickly verify the payment has been made. New clubs for this term – tennis, music and Glee – have made a fantastic start to the year!



Extended Schools



Roof Terrace fun!

