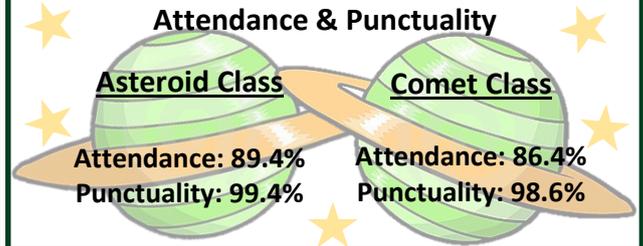




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, This is our last newsletter before the Easter break and start of the summer term. We have enjoyed a busy and very productive Spring term, and are (optimistically) looking forward to some fairer weather to continue our gardening exploits after the break. Children had a fantastic time on Friday morning participating in our mini sports day for Sports Relief – many thanks to our talented Super Sports coaches who joined us for the course of the morning; their relentless energy ensured children were given no opportunity to notice the cold and grey during a very active session! School finishes at 2pm this Thursday, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April for the start of our Summer term. Have a wonderful break ahead!

*Claire Syms*



### Diary Dates

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

- Parent Outdoor Learning Workshops, 9.00am and 5.00pm
- Little Stars Stay & Play, 9.00-11.00am

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

- Caring for Pets Workshop, 1.30-2.30pm

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

- Scholastic Book Fair closes
- **End of Spring 2 – school finishes at 2pm.**

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

- First day back of Summer term

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

- FOHH Meeting, 3.45pm

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

- Owl Time! Real life owls come to visit Halley!

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

- Science Dome – Space & Dinosaurs!

### Friends of Halley House – a message from Miss Duarte

The next scheduled meeting for all members of FOHH will be on the first Tuesday back after the Easter holidays (**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**) at 3:45pm. At this meeting we will consider the possibility of electing three or four members who can collectively share responsibility for the running of the group and organisation of events. Some members have already shown an interest in the idea of collective leadership – please do get in touch if this is something that interests you, too! We will also discuss how we can involve businesses and community members in our Friends group, plan a summer event for our next cohort, and organise an out of school 'social' for FOHH members. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting – enjoy the Easter holidays!

## SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

#### Asteroid Class:

Enya  
Jahzara

#### Comet Class:

Amara  
Jhauniya

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

### Monday Mission!

This half term's Missions are all about **Changes**. This week, we are learning about changes in the seasons!

What do you notice changing in **nature** as the seasons move from **Winter** to **Spring**?

Can you explain what changes will happen later in the year, as **Spring** moves into **Summer**?



Can you make your own 'Seasons' drawing showing what changes during the **cycle**?



## Sport Relief Try-athlon



Thank you to everyone who came along on Friday to cheer on our Halley House athletes as they enjoyed a range of different sporting activities! We

also raised £26 for Sport Relief! Of all the money raised, 50% goes to supporting projects in the UK and 50% goes towards transforming lives across the world's poorest communities. You can find out more about some of the invaluable work here:

<https://www.sportrelief.com/where-your-money-goes>

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair continues every day this week until Wednesday – if there are any titles that you would like to order but can no longer see on the shelves, please let a member of staff know and we will order it for

Scholastic to deliver (if in stock) on

Thursday when they collect the fair – just in time for some extra holiday reading! We still have a

little way to go to reach our £300 target and secure some books for our library, so don't forget to encourage

friends, family and neighbours along, too!



## Caring for Pets Workshop

Children will be enjoying an interactive workshop on Wednesday this week, learning about pets at home and how to care for them. Miss Heather will be bringing in her own pet rabbit

(who may or may not also be fulfilling the role of Easter

Bunny), and talking to the children about the responsibilities and rewards of taking care of an animal.



## Website updates



You can find all previous editions

of our newsletter on the website. We also advertise any job vacancies here, and you can find copies of our school policies, information on Pupil Premium funding and allocations and our approach to an inclusive environment under the 'Our School' tab. We have also updated our guidance on parent, carer and visitor conduct, which you can find under the 'Parents' tab.

## Maths Homework – Dominoes!

Please see the attached 'Dominoes' activity to try at home this week! Don't forget to keep practising your 'Beat That!' questions, too.

## Outdoor Learning Parent Workshops

Please remember to sign up to one of our outdoor learning parent workshops **tomorrow**. Miss Duarte is running the sessions at 9.00am and 5.00pm – please select one of these slots if you have not already done so. The workshops will give a further insight into our outdoor learning approach, what we believe children gain from these experiences and some ideas of activities you can try together at home. We also welcome your suggestions and if there are sessions or activities you would like to help run as part of our wider curriculum, we would be delighted to hear from you!

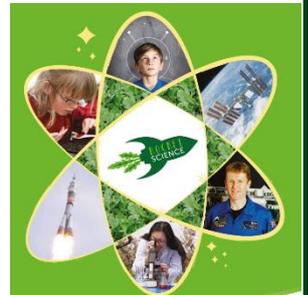
## Parent Pay

All families should now have received a letter detailing arrangements to access and activate individual ParentPay accounts. We are aware of some current issues preventing parents from viewing (and selecting) the correct 'products' (After Care, After School Club, recorders etc). Whilst we work to rectify these technical difficulties, please ensure you have returned the paper copy detailing ASC requests to the office to secure your child's place. If you have not already done so, please follow the guidance provided to ensure your account is set up. The school office will provide an update on progress with ParentPay tomorrow, and will advise if an alternative payment method (BACS) is required.

## Rocket Science!

We will be receiving our packs of space seeds on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April, ready for sowing on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, we have been busy preparing by ensuring we have all the correct seed trays and measuring equipment. We

have detailed scientific instructions, including randomisation techniques for taking measurements, to follow over the course of the experiment, which lasts for 35 days. It is difficult to tell who is more excited at the moment – adults or children!



## Donations

A huge thank you for all the donations we have received in just two terms of being open! Whether books for the school, plants for the playground or contributions to one of our many charitable fundraising events, we sincerely appreciate your generosity and support for a whole range of good causes! You can still donate toys or equipment to Little Stars Stay & Play, and pre-loved books that are still in good condition will always be well received! These books will be put to good use in book corners in classrooms or in our library. You can drop off items at the office – please do speak to a member of staff if you have any queries. Thank you!

**Get ready to...**

**...dance!**

**...run!**

**...smile!**

**...jump!**

**...warm-up!**

**HHS Try-athlon  
for Sport Relief!**

**...sprint!  
Mr Campbell & Ms  
Hutchinson!**

**...throw!**

**...hurdle!**

**...try something new!**

