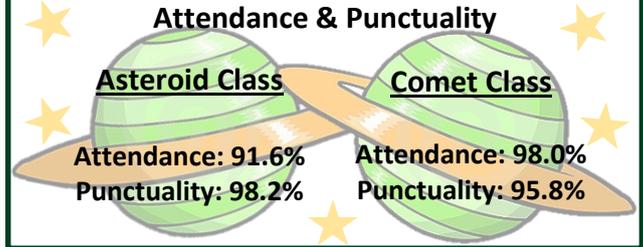




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, What a busy week! I think we somehow managed to squeeze in five full days into 4 last week! Thank you for all your contributions, whether it was being part of our monitoring visit, preparing for the Open Evening or talking to some of our new families. We have another few busy weeks ahead, and some exciting plans from FOHH (see main entries) to take advantage of the recent warm spell of weather! Swimming lessons, due to start tomorrow morning, form part of our PE Curriculum and we strongly encourage all children to participate – we are sure they are going to have a great time! Please return consent forms if you have not done so already. We have been working hard on our attendance; figures for the year have been slowly creeping up, but we still have a lot of work to do to meet our target of 96.5%!

Claire Syms



Diary Dates

Monday 9th May

- Open Morning for Reception Admissions 2016

Tuesday 10th May

- FOHH Little Stars Stay & play 9.00-11.00am
- Swimming Lessons start at King's Hall, 10.30-11.00am
- RWI group visit to Butterfield Green 1.00pm

Monday 16th May

- Open Morning for Reception Admissions 2016
- Parents' Open Evening

Saturday 21st May

- FOHH picnic – London Fields

Wednesday 25th May

- School Photographer in
- Forest Schools @ Butterfield Green 1.15-3.00pm

Thursday 26th May

- **NO** Forest Schools – moved to Weds 25th

Friday 27th May

- End of Summer 1. School finishes at normal time.

Monday 6th June

- First day back of Summer 2

Open Evening

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to last Wednesday's open evening. We had an excellent turn out from both current and new or interested families. It was lovely to see some of the children playing and talking together, too! It was great to hear so many positive messages being communicated by our current parents, and to see the enthusiasm of our new families – I am sure this is indicative of another successful year ahead. Special thanks to staff and parents who stayed right to the end to help with clearing up, too! Both the school and FOHH have more events planned in the run up to the Summer holidays – keep your eye out for key dates and do make sure you come along.

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:

Alanna
Ricky

Comet Class:

Nicky
Camille

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

Monday Mission!

This half term's Missions are all about using our imaginations for our topic 'Let's Pretend'.



What superhero powers would you have?
Can you draw and write a caption about it?



On your marks... swimming is about to start!

We are super excited about our first swimming lesson tomorrow morning! We have heard lots of reports of families practising getting changed at home to encourage children to be independent – this is great! Please remember that there will be lots of adults on hand to help before and after the lesson, too. If you have not done so already, please do ensure absolutely **EVERYTHING** is very clearly **NAMED!**

Allergies & Dietary Requirements

To confirm that the details we hold on children are correct, we are asking ALL families to complete an allergy/dietary requirement form. Please ensure you complete this in as much detail as possible. For example, if you have selected 'vegetarian', please indicate if this includes fish or not. If your child has no allergies or specific dietary requirements select 'none' on your form. Please return all forms to the school office **no later than Friday 13th May.**

Eclipse Class

Children from Asteroid and Comet classes will be combining next year to form Eclipse Class in Year 1. Children's daily experience of school will be very similar to their current one; for some lessons and activities they will be taught in smaller groups (for example, RWI, music) and for some they will be taught as a whole class (for example, PE, PSHCE). As you are aware, Asteroid and Comet classes regularly combine during the school day, and children have formed really strong bonds with each other and members of staff – we are certain they will go from strength to strength in Year 1. Details of class teachers and support staff will be communicated to all parents during the second half of the Summer term. There will be opportunities to 'Meet the Team' (including some new faces!) later this term for both our current and prospective parents; children will also have lots of opportunities to prepare for the transition – including discovering their new classroom!

Sainsbury's Vouchers

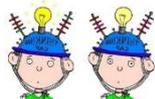
We are still collecting Sainsbury's vouchers, so do keep dropping them into the office! Vouchers can be handed in up to 8 July, after which we will start placing our order for new cooking and sports equipment for the school.

Bake Sale!

FOHH will be hosting a bake sale on the last Friday of each month to raise money for our end of year Summer fete. Cake donations will be warmly received as well as volunteers to help set up and run the stall. If you would like to be involved please see Stacey (Elijah's mum). The next bake sale is scheduled for **Friday 27th May at 3.15pm.**

Maths Homework – Problem Solving

This week's maths homework is about logical reasoning. Please see the attached guidance for more information.



FOHH Picnic - Saturday 21st May

Message from FOHH

FOHH have planned a social for all parents to get together. Please hold the day of Saturday 21st May for a picnic get-together! We would love the parents and guardians of Halley House children to get together socially. We are organising a picnic around lunchtime in London Fields. Further details will be confirmed soon. We also plan to organise another one after half term for anyone who can't make his one. See you there with cucumber sandwiches!

Missing uniform

We are struggling to locate some missing items of uniform, particularly blazers – PLEASE double check all items at home to ensure your child has not mistakenly brought the wrong one back with them. Thank you.

Golden Time

Last Friday saw children enjoying their first session of 'Golden Time.' This special, fun-packed weekly 30 minutes (we decided to add 5 bonus minutes to the original 25!) is for children who have kept all 25 behaviour points. Points lost during the week will result in a reduction of time in the session (1 point lost = 1 minute of time lost). 22 children enjoyed all 30 minutes, and no child missed out on more than 3 minutes – what an incredible achievement!

Hackney Learning Trust Photographers

Thank you to parents and carers for accommodating a last minute request for photo permission from Hackney Learning Trust last week. The photographers enjoyed a wonderful morning in school with us on Thursday and we are sure they got some brilliant snaps! Some photos may be selected to be used in the Hackney Admissions Brochure for 2017. It is likely that the school will use some on our website and in our own publications. Please be assured that if you did not grant permission, your child was not photographed on the day. The school will receive proofs of photos prior to any publication, also. Remember that our own school photographer is in on Wednesday 25th May.

Warm weather

Please remember to apply sun protection lotion and send in a hat for your child if it looks like it will be a sunny day. We have discussed staying safe in the sun with the children, so they should be able to tell you how they can stay protected. Children always have access to water during the day and we will keep them in the shade in exceptionally hot weather.

Parent Questionnaire

The deadline for responses to the Parent Questionnaire for the Summer term was Friday, 6th May – if you have yet to submit yours, please hand in to the office (or complete online) by the end of the day today. We look forward to sharing our findings with you!

Ahoy me hearties!
Pirating fun!

