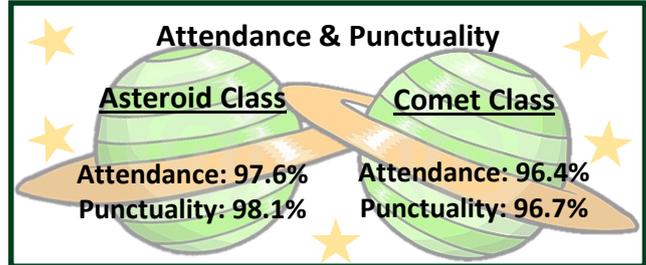




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, We have been experiencing the whole range of British weather lately! From shirt sleeves at St. Mary's to thunderstorms on the roof terrace, we have almost seen it all! We continue to make lots of plans for next year – you will notice some dates for new families that will be joining us; please do come along to these events, too, if you can! We have all really enjoyed seeing and hearing about the learning that children have been doing *outside* of school, too, whether it is castle construction, maths investigations, or musical endeavours! It was lovely to see such a great turnout at Petchey on Saturday – the children looked and sounded absolutely fabulous!

*Claire Syms*



### Our numbers keep growing...

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Ms Hutchinson and her husband are expecting their first baby in November this year! Ms Hutchinson intends to continue working at Halley House until the October half term break, so you will still see her at the start of the next academic year before she begins her maternity leave. As a totally committed, passionate and highly valued member of our founding team, we know you will all miss her as dearly as we will whilst she is enjoying all the new adventures ahead, but we will be keeping in very close contact with her and her family's new addition; a 'cuddle queue' is already forming...! We are sure you would like to join us in wishing Ms Hutchinson the very best for the remainder of her pregnancy and subsequent maternity leave!

### Diary Dates

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

- Little Stars Stay & Play 9.00-11.00am
- Swimming at King's Hall
- BPET Trustee Visit to HHS, 1.00-3.00pm

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

- Trip to Tate Modern for A.S.S.E.M.B.L.Y

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

- Welcome Evening for new admissions, 5.30-6.30pm

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

- NO Forest Schools this week (visitors to HHS)

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

- INSET day (children not in school)

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

- Spanish Week

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

- Children's end of year reports sent home

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

- Teddy Bears' Picnic for new admissions

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

- Parents' Evening 3.00-6.00pm

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

- Uniform Event – Uniform4Kids, 5.00-7.00pm

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

- Sports Day!

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

- Transition morning for new YR and Y1 children

## SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

**Asteroid Class:**  
Enya  
Sumayyah

**Comet Class:**  
Andre  
Jayden

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

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

End of term and  
end of year!  
School finishes  
at 2pm.

### Monday Mission!

This half term's Missions are all about using our geographical skills and knowledge for our topic 'Going Places'. This week's mission is linked to our book, 'Amazing Airplanes!'

Can you make your own holiday postcard?  
Draw and write your own postcard about your favourite holiday, or your favourite dream holiday!



## HHS Performance at the Petchey Academy

Thank you to all the families who joined us on Saturday at the Petchey Academy for HHS children's performance of 'Lean on Me'! Children were treated to a drumming performance by some of the children from Petchey, before they got ready for their own moment in the limelight. We were so proud of all of our singers and how smart they looked on stage, and we have enjoyed watching the performance again in today's assembly! Very well done to all our participants on the day, and to all the children for their enthusiastic rehearsals in the run up!

## Ukulele trial!

We are thrilled to let you know that we are going to start ukulele lessons in ASC for a 5 week trial, starting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (next week) and running until the end of term. This will be in addition to the existing clubs on that day, Mandarin and Athletics. If you would like your child to change clubs, **you can**. Forms will be sent to ALL children this week to opt into the new club. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis – **15 spaces are available**. Miss Heather will be leading the sessions, which will be composed of age-appropriate 'theory', as well as (of course) lots of practical experience! Children will have access to the instruments in school; if you would like to purchase a ukulele for your child to keep at home to practice on, please see the following link for a recommended site: <https://www.gear4music.com>



*Miss Heather is a multi-instrumentalist with over 10 years' experience playing in a variety of different bands as a session drummer, guitarist and singer for a range of musicians*

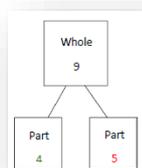
*across a number of prestigious venues and festivals. She has a First Class Honours degree in Music from Goldsmith's University of London, grade 8 drums, guitar and music theory, and has extensive experience teaching private music tutoring to students from 4 years of age to 40, as well as delivering music workshops for children with SEND! Miss Heather is very excited about leading our own ukulele classes!*

## Preview day at Tate Modern

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers who have indicated that they wish to accompany the children on the Tate Modern visit this Thursday. It is with regret, that on this specific occasion, we will not require any parent volunteers. Halley House were allocated a number of spaces for adults to attend, based on our ratios, which will therefore be covered by school staff for this trip.

## Maths Homework

This week's maths homework (attached) is all about Fact Families.



## New Assistant Head – Mrs Amy Stephens

We are delighted to let you all know that a new member of staff, Mrs Amy Stephens, will be joining us at Halley House as an Assistant Head from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Amy is a hugely experienced teacher across the primary age, with a passion for EYFS and KS1. Amy is also a qualified SENCo and will be acting as our Inclusion Manager during Ms Lim's maternity leave. I am sure you will join us in making her feel very welcome and getting to know her ahead of September!

## School lunches

We have recently trialled a different provider for our school lunches and, following high approval ratings, we are pleased to announce that we will be using Youngmore Ltd for the remainder of this term. Staff and children have been enjoying the new range, which is prepared off site using fresh, locally-sourced ingredients wherever possible, and delivered to school every day. Children continue to have a daily salad bar and fresh fruit as part of their lunch, as well as a vegetarian option; full menus will be sent home to all families this week.

## St Mary's Secret Garden

Last Monday the children visited St Mary's Secret Garden in Hoxton. The sun was shining and the children had a great time hunting for mini beasts and insects in different habitats. Centipedes, slugs and worms were unearthed in the compost heap, butterflies were spotted in the flower patch and blackflies were spied on the broad beans in the vegetable patch. The children also learnt many new and interesting facts such as hoverflies look like wasps but they are not as bright and don't sting, and the blackflies on broadbeans are pests as they take all the goodness away from the beans.

## ParentPay

Please ensure any payments are made using **ONLY** the ParentPay system. **We are no longer using the old BACS method for any payments.** Thank you.

## We ❤️ Maths

The maths homework is not compulsory, however it is lovely when the children bring in homework that they have completed to show



their teachers and peers. We love to see the children's enthusiasm extended beyond the classroom, too! Roux enjoys the maths homework and is always so pleased with what he has achieved and shows us every week! Last week Roux enjoyed investigating how many different ways he could separate the line of coloured cubes and even spotted some patterns. Well done and keep it up! If your child has completed something they are particularly pleased with at home please do encourage them to bring it in to share!

# St. Mary's Secret Garden



...and from this beautiful weather – to this!



## 'Lean on Me' Performance

