



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, I'm going to keep my message short and sweet this week and advise that there are some important messages in today's newsletter. I would guide you to the following paragraphs as a priority:

- **Parent View – Share Your Views of Halley House School**
- **What are the contributions towards school trips used for?**
- **School uniform**

Parents in Asteroid Class are very kindly asking after Miss Shiels. I can confirm that Miss Shiels is unwell but we hope to welcome her back to Halley House School later this week.

You see may have seen that we are currently recruiting for class teachers. As a growing school, we need to plan for the future now in order to attract the strongest candidates possible to Halley House School. We are looking for an EYFS teacher, a Year 2 teacher and a Year 3 teacher. I will write again once we have news on the outcomes of the selection processes.

Jennifer Malone

Attendance & Punctuality	
Asteroid Class Attendance: 98.1% Punctuality: 77.8%	Comet Class Attendance: 93.6% Punctuality: 88.9%
Eclipse Class Attendance: 91.2% Punctuality: 100%	Quasar Class Attendance: 92.5% Punctuality: 97.5%
Galaxy Class Attendance: 94.1% Punctuality: 97.7%	

Well done to Eclipse class, for 100% punctuality last week. It is **vital** that your child is in school every day and on time so that they don't miss out on any learning.



Reception		
Asteroid Class	Stella	Emir
Comet Class	Le' Shai	Freya
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Martha	Caetano
Quasar Class	Itta	Demario
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	Jayden	Andre

Monday Missions

Reception: This week our focus is outer space! Can you draw and label a picture of all the planets? Remember to bring it in to school to show your friends and teachers!

Year 1: We are learning about life under the sea. Can you find three animals that live under the sea and write a factfile about them? This could include which ocean they live in, what they eat and how long they live for!



Year 2: Using your prior knowledge from topic, design your own flying machine from the past. You could make it or draw it. Bring it to school to share with Galaxy Class.

What are the contributions towards school trips used for?

Further to my previous messages about the short fall in contributions towards school trips, I believe that there may be confusion about the use of money being requested. Let me clarify what the contributions are used for.

Thanks to TFL, the transport to and from the sites visited in London are free, as is the entry into many of the sites visited. The provision of Universal School Meals means that children attending infant schools are provided with a free lunch while out on school trips.

However, like all schools, we are required to cover the cost of workshops or activities provided to the children while they are out on school trips.

Schools are not allowed to make a profit from the organisation of any school trip so the outstanding contributions being requested now are to cover the actual cost of all trips taken during the autumn term 2017.

We have not accounted for such a high level of non-payment in our school budget so this means that, unless we are able to cover the costs of the autumn term trips, we will have no choice but to use funding that has been designated for other purposes at the school, such as the purchase of resources for the children.

I hope that you will appreciate that it also means that we cannot commit to organising any school trips for the spring term until we have collected outstanding contributions. It would be irresponsible of me to compound an already-serious financial situation.

I would be very grateful if outstanding contributions could be made on ParentPay as soon as possible.

I thank you for your consideration to this important issue.

New Procedure for signing in pupils who arrive late

If you are late you must sign your child in using the inventory computer system in reception. This will record the time of your arrival and the reason for your child's lateness. It is vital that your child is on time for school; as being late every day even by five minutes vastly reduces their learning time.

London Marathon

On Sunday 22nd April I will be running the London Marathon for Macmillan, a charity close to my heart. Training is now well underway (possibly a little later than should have been). I would be hugely grateful for any donations. Thanks so much, Mrs Hutchinson.

Parent View – Share Your Views of Halley House School

In the autumn term 2017, parents whose children started in EYFS in September were asked to share their views about the school. The outcomes from this survey will be posted on the school website this week.

The governors and Trust are also keen to understand the views of parents across the entire community so are now inviting you to share your views via Parent View on parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.

Parent View is an Ofsted website rather than a Trust website, giving you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about Halley House School, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. All results remain anonymous. Ofsted will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Once on the website, click on 'Give your views'. You will then be asked to register prior to being able to complete the survey.

School Uniform

It is great to see that the vast majority of pupils at Halley House School wear the correct uniform to school each day. I have, however, had to make contact with a small number of families this term to ask that school coats be worn. The challenge for other parents when their children see other children wearing their 'weekend coats' to school, they want to know why they can't do the same and it causes those early morning issues that we all want to avoid!

I would also remind that we prefer pupils to wear black shoes to school rather than trainers.

If your child needs to wear another coat or trainers to school for any reason, I would ask that you advise the class teacher at drop off in the morning.

Many thanks

EYFS Class Assemblies

Due to staff sickness and a new member of the team in EYFS, the assemblies scheduled to take place on 31st January and 7th February have been postponed. Many apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We will advise about the new days in due course.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=DaniellaHutchinsonKemal&pageUrl=1>

Staying Safe Online Parent/Carer Workshop

In the digital age in which we live, there are many ways that young people can communicate with other people. We will be holding a parent/carer workshop on **Wednesday 24th January from 9.15-10.15** which we strongly advise parents and carers to attend. The session will be run by a representative from Education Child Protection (a specialist training company) and is a 'must' for all those who are concerned about the safety of their children when using technology.

There are 3 areas to be covered in the session:

- How we educate children regarding staying safe online
- Update into the online world of children
- Making things safer at home

This dynamic, high quality presentation enables parents and carers to understand the wide array of applications and websites out there today, particularly those that children and young people use.

Parking in front of the school

We have received complaints about parents pulling up in their cars in front of the school gate first thing in the morning. In order to ensure that everyone who is using the footpath stays safe, I would ask that parents park their cars away from the school and walk their children in. There are double yellow lines outside of the school to prevent cars parking in this area and I would ask those of you who have started to park outside of the gate to respect that it is an offence to park there.

Spring 1

Swimming Wednesday 24th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 Swimming 9.20am-11.30am
Swimming Thursday 25th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 Swimming 9.20am-11.30am
Open Morning 31st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Parent Open morning 9.15-10.15am
NSPCC Number Day 2nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children to dress up as numbers to support the NSPCC giving a charitable donation

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Reception: Reception have been learning about places around the world. For the first week, they focused on London and read the story *Naughty Bus*. *Naughty Bus* gets into lots of trouble and Comet Class had lots of fun creating their



