



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, Would you agree that it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas? It's hard to ignore, isn't it, with the myriad of adverts on the television and the focus on Christmas in shops? We are equally as organised at Halley House and the teachers have now chosen the script for our end of term performance. There's nothing quite as special as seeing infant pupils performing dressed as camels, stars and kings! As you will see in this newsletter, the Friends of Halley House are also starting to organise festive events for the school community. It's such a wonderful time of the school year and I hope that you have been able to pop the key dates into your diaries for the weeks leading up to the Christmas holiday.

As a reminder, we look forward celebrating 'Children in Need' this Friday. Pupils are allowed to wear their own clothes in return for a donation of £1 or non-perishable foods (such as soup, beans, pasta).

*Jennifer Malone*

Attendance & Punctuality	
<b>Asteroid Class</b>	<b>Comet Class</b>
Attendance: 97.2%	Attendance: 95.6%
Punctuality: 77.8%	Punctuality: 94.4%
<b>Eclipse Class</b>	<b>Quasar Class</b>
Attendance: 89.9%	Attendance: 100%
Punctuality: 89.5%	Punctuality: 79.2%
<b>Galaxy Class</b>	
Attendance: 95.5 %	
Punctuality: 75.9%	

## SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Reception		
Asteroid Class	Xavier	Stella
Comet Class	Luc	Freya
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Victoria	Isaiah
Quasar Class	Mya	Theo
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	Oscar	Alice

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

### Monday's Missions

YR: Last week we read 'Little Red Riding Hood' in topic and discussed the importance of being safe. Can you remember some of the things we must do to stay safe?

Y1: Can you match two butterflies to each number on the flower. The two butterflies must add up to the number on the flower. Is there a butterfly with nowhere to go?



Y2: Using your Black Thinking Hat (The Negatives Thinking Hat) What would be challenging about being a superhero? Why?

### **Art Gallery - Private Viewing: Wednesday 6th December 3-6pm**

Kate Hodgson, our specialist Art teacher has been working hard with the children in Years 1 and 2 this half term. They have produced some fantastic work and we would love to show it off. We will be holding a private viewing on Wednesday 6th December alongside Parents' Evening - we do hope you'll be able to pop in. Kate will be in the hall from 3-6 to discuss more about what the children have been doing.

### **Children in Need Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

As you may have seen from the TV advert for Children in Need Day, the theme this year is: '*Let's Find Your Thing*'. It could be anything: a hobby, a challenge, a dare .... as long as it's your thing. Once you've got it, add a fundraising twist and you're all set. We will be having a 'dress down day' at Halley House on 17<sup>th</sup> November and, in exchange, we invite the pupils to either donate £1 for Children in Need or tinned food or pasta for the Hackney Food Bank. Please ensure that any food donated is not perishable as we won't be able to use it.



### **RWI Parent Workshop on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

RWI (Read Write Inc.) is the phonics scheme we use at school to develop children's reading, writing and comprehension. Ms Lim will be running an introductory RWI workshop for all parents and carers on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 9:15 – 10:15am. If you would like to find out more about how we teach phonics and literacy in school and how you can support your child's literacy at home, please come along.



### **Volunteer Induction Meetings (Existing and new volunteers)**

We are now ready to run volunteer induction meetings for all existing and new volunteers. Miss Malone is available to deliver these (preferably in small groups) on the following dates and times. Please contact the office to advise which session you would be able to attend. Many thanks.

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am-10.15am

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2.15pm-3.30pm
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am-10.15am
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2.15pm-3.30pm

### **Year 2**

Will be visiting the Barbican Centre on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November to see the London Symphony Orchestra. We will be needing parent help on this trip, so please see Miss Dippie if you are available. As this is a paid trip, it is important that we do have parent contributions for Autumn term paid, as otherwise this trip may not be able to go ahead.

### **FOHHS News**

#### **Festive donations needed**

We are gathering prizes and resources for our Winter Wonderland fayre on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We need:

raffle prizes

small gifts for a lucky dip

spare bottles of red wine for making mulled wine

please deliver to Jo in the office.

We also need:

**A Santa for our grotto!** And a costume. Could you volunteer or know where we could borrow an outfit?

All help gratefully received.

#### **Other Festive events:**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Festive jumper day. Wear a sparkly, patterned or Christmas themed jumper and donate a £1 (or more) towards books for our Grotto.

#### **Spare Clothes**

Can you please supply your child with a change of clothes in case of accidents.

#### **Late pick-ups**

As we are now well and truly into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Autumn and everyone knows what time to pick-up their child we will be re-introducing the late pick-up fee. The fee will be charged as follows: £5 for the first 5 minutes and £1 per every minute thereafter.

The wider curriculum



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<b>Autumn 2</b>	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Workshop – E-safety, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children in Need day, wearing own clothes with spots on</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RWI Parent Workshop, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y2 Trip to the Barbican</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inset day, school closed to pupils for staff training</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception trip to the Science Museum</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent/Carer Teacher evening R, Y1 &amp; Y2</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent/Carer Teacher evening Y2 only</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Concert <b>9.30am</b></li> </ul>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Wonderland Fayre</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas lunch in school</li> </ul>