



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, Another busy week has flown by and it feels as though we are already racing towards half term! Reception children coped admirably with their first full day today, and we have heard some lovely reports from families about how much children are already enjoying being in school. We have another busy week next week, too, with our first Open Morning for Admissions 2018, our school photographer coming in to take some 'action shots' during the morning on Friday and our Macmillan Coffee Morning also at the end of the week – please donate something delicious if you can!

Claire Syms

Caterlink Taster Session

All parents are invited to sample some of the healthy and delicious food served to children by our new catering company, Caterlink, this Thursday between 4 and 5pm. Children (and staff!) have been really enjoying meals this year, particularly as they are prepared and cooked on site and we are looking forward to sharing some of the menu choices with you. Please come to the office before Thursday to sign up if you are interested in attending so that we can get an idea of numbers and our caterers can prepare accordingly!



Attendance & Punctuality

Asteroid Class

Attendance: 100.0%
Punctuality: 95.2%

Comet Class

Attendance: 97.8%
Punctuality: 97.8%

Eclipse Class

Attendance: 97.9%
Punctuality: 98.8%

Quasar Class

Attendance: 95.0%
Punctuality: 98.1%

Galaxy Class

Attendance: 94.4%
Punctuality: 98.4%

Well done Asteroid Class again this week, with a perfect attendance record! All KS1 classes improved on their first week but there is still room for improvement! **Please remember that holidays in term time cannot be authorised.**

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Reception		
Asteroid Class	Inez	Kush
Comet Class	Luc	Tiggy
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Lizzie	Kamden
Quasar Class	Logan	Demarrio
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	Elijah	Kelis

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

Monday Missions!

Reception: This week Reception have been learning about different jobs in our community! Our whole school focus this week is our value of being 'Aspirational' and working hard towards our goals, too. Can you draw what you would like to be when you are older?

Make sure you bring your pictures in for show and tell!



Year 1 Eclipse Class

We have had a wonderful first few weeks getting to know each other in Eclipse Class. We have been talking about culture and identity and are making a display to show where our families are from so we would love it if you could send in any pictures of you with your family! If you are from a different country then please let us know which one so we can add you to our class map!



Reception - Baby/ Family pictures

As part of our topic this half term, we are asking children to bring in photographs of themselves as babies, or a picture of them with family members. Please send in any pictures this week so that we can talk about the similarities and differences between ourselves and members of our families. Please clearly mark any original photos that you would like returning with your child's name and class.



Year 2 Galaxy

This term we are learning about our bodies and how they work. We are discussing our skeletons, muscles and organs. We are also learning about Florence Nightingale and how the changes she implemented in nursing changed nursing forever. The children are learning how hard it was for her to implement the changes. Ask your child to fill you in on what they already know about ***Florence Nightingale – the lady with the lamp!***



Parent Governors

Thank you to parents who have expressed an interest and sent in their nomination forms. It is great to see such a positive response and indicative of the commitment our parent body shows towards the school. The ballot will open this week, on Wednesday 20th September, and will close on Wednesday 27th September at 6pm. Ballot letters with instructions for voting and summary details of candidates will be sent electronically to all parents and carers this Wednesday. Ballot papers can be collected by all legal guardians of children in the school from the main school office. Please return your folded ballot paper to the box on our main reception desk before next Wednesday to ensure your vote is counted. Best of luck to all our candidates!

Parent Portal on Website

We have a new section on our website under the 'Parents' tab where parents can access year group-specific information. You can view curriculum booklets and timetables and, in time, you will be able to view and download trip letters, booking forms, class photos and much more! Relevant passwords will be emailed to all parents and carers so that you can view this protected area of our school website. Any suggestions and comments regarding content are welcome!

After School Clubs

After School Clubs began this week and got off to a flying start! We are really looking forward to the term ahead with all our new Autumn clubs – we expect some fantastic action shots to appear in our newsletters this half term! All clubs should now have been paid for the duration of the term, failure to do so could result in your child losing their space/s. If there are any queries or discrepancies please do not hesitate to contact Miss Tali or Miss Jo in the office. Please remember, if your child attends After School Club pick-up is at 5pm from the Shacklewell Lane entrance. For those children who attend After Care please arrive **before 6pm** to pick-up your child, as school shuts promptly at 6pm.



FOHH Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our first FOHH meeting of the year last week. All HHS parents and carers are automatically members of the group, and it was great to hear some fantastic ideas of how to support our growing school! **Selina Anderson (parent of Kaelan, Comet) volunteered and was elected Chair, and Viv Rowdon (parent of Mia, Asteroid) was appointed Vice Chair – congratulations to both!** This year we have also elected class representatives to ensure all families are able to get their views (and talents!) shared. Details as below:

- Asteroid – Viv Rowdon
- Comet – Selina Anderson
- Quasar – Catherine Skinner
- Eclipse – Erica Wald and Victoria Cannon
- Galaxy – Emma Vuletic



All parents and carers are encouraged to join our parent Facebook group to keep up to date with FOHH plans. Search for 'Halley House School Parents' under groups and you will find the page! Just request to join and our Facebook Admins will be able to give you access to all the latest news and information!

Curriculum Information Sessions

All year groups are holding curriculum information sessions this Wednesday after school from 4-5pm. Class teachers will explain core content of the curriculum, approaches we use in school and how you can help at home. Workshops will be held in the relevant year group classrooms – Asteroid (YR), Eclipse (Y1) and Galaxy (Y2) – do come along if you can!

Parent Volunteers

Many thanks to those parents who have offered to volunteer for us with outdoor activities and clubs. It's still not too late to offer your services. All of our regular volunteers are required to undergo a DBS check. Please pop in to see Miss Jo in the office, and she will advise you as to which documents you need to provide for the check to be completed.

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 1	
Monday 18 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Clubs and After Care starts for all • Reception children in school full time
Wednesday 20 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Welcome Workshops – all year groups, 4-5pm • Finance Committee Meeting, 8.15-9.30am • Ballot opens for Parent Governor Elections
Thursday 21 st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caterlink Tasting Session for parents, 4-5pm
Friday 22 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans for Genes day – wear denim and donate £1
Wednesday 27 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am • Ballot closes for Parent Governor Elections
Friday 29 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9-10.30am • School Photographer in school all morning – group photos • New Parent Governor announced
Monday 2 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Headteacher, Ms Malone, starts • LGB Meeting, 6-8pm
Tuesday 3 rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 4 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Interim Headteacher, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 5 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Interim Headteacher, 4-5pm
Friday 6 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Questionnaire opens
Monday 9 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Outdoor PE and Outdoor Adventures start this week – PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED*
Wednesday 11 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am • Informal Parents' Open Evening, 4-6pm
Friday 13 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Parent Questionnaire submissions
Wednesday 18 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2018, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 20 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Autumn 1. School finishes at 2pm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Please sign up on the sheets by the main school office for supporting regular off-site activities 	

Who's Who: 2017-18!

Please see details below for key roles and responsibilities of members of staff at school this year. You can also find out more on the school website. We are all more than happy to help if you have any questions or suggestions, or if you are not sure who you need to speak to. You are always welcome to arrange a meeting with a specific member of staff directly with them, or through school office staff.



Ms Claire Syms
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Daniella Hutchinson
Assistant Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Soozii Lim
Assistant Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms Rachel Dippie
Galaxy Class Teacher



Ms Emma Foster
Eclipse Class Teacher



Ms Mahmuda Khatun
Quasar Class Teacher



Ms Amanda Shiels
Asteroid Class Teacher



Ms Emily Harris
Comet Class Teacher



Ms Tali Khanom
HLTA
Extended Schools Lead



Ms Tracey Peacock
Y2 Teaching Assistant



Mr Leonard Boateng
Y2 Teaching Assistant



Ms Connie Ioannou
Y1 Teaching Assistant



Ms Nourreen Raheem
YR/Y1 Teaching Assistant



Ms Sumaiya Mehter
Y1/YR Teaching Assistant



Mr Jesse Elias
YR Teaching Assistant



Mrs Joanne Kessell
Office Manager



Mr Shakir Campbell
Senior Admin Assistant



Mrs Margaret Smith
Resources Assistant
Midday Supervisor



Mr Mauricio Jimenez
Site Manager



Mr Cesar Orellana
Cleaner