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Newsletter

Monday 19th September 2016

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We are now into the full swing of the Autumn term, with Reception children now in full time, and Extended Schools open at the beginning and end of the day. ParentPay accounts should now all be operational – if you are having any difficulties, please do speak to office staff, who will be happy to help. Off-site activities and trips and visits are also approaching in abundance, so do keep an eye on the Diary Dates page and regularly check book bags for any trip letters coming home. We send as much information as we can electronically, but you can always find hard copies in the Parent Board by the main reception area or information on our external noticeboard. Information sheets will be sent home this week for all parents and carers to check that we hold all the correct information. We are looking forward to seeing you all at this week's workshop!

Claire Syms

Attendance & Punctuality

Asteroid Class

Attendance: 94.8%
Punctuality: 100.0%

Comet Class

Attendance: 97.7%
Punctuality: 100.0%

Eclipse Class

Attendance: 94.0%
Punctuality: 98.9%

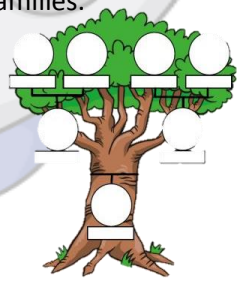
After School Clubs

After School Clubs made an excellent start this week, with children thoroughly enjoying their first taste of Martial Arts and Art Club on Monday. HHS strongly encourages all our children to participate in enrichment activities outside of the core school day – if you haven't signed up already for this term, have a look at some of the exciting clubs we have on offer!

Monday Mission!

As part of our Topic work about 'Ourselves', Y1 have been learning all about families.

Can you ask an adult to help you create your very own family tree?



SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:
Dolly
Theodore

Comet Class:
Martha
Israel

Eclipse Class:
Eleanor
Ricky

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

Parent Workshops

We have a number of upcoming Parent Workshops – our first one is this Wednesday, 21st September at 4pm. Workshops for parents and carers for children in Y1 and YR will be held in classrooms (Eclipse for Y1 and Asteroid for YR) and led by class teachers to provide more information on the structure and content of the school day.

There are also subject-specific workshops for maths (Maths Mastery) next week on Wednesday 28th September, and literacy (Read, Write Inc.) on Wednesday 19th October. These workshops are offered at both 9am and 5pm, so please do come along to one of the sessions if you can!

Informal Parents' Evening on Wednesday 12th October is a chance for you to have a look through children's work and progress so far this half term. Our first formal Parents' Evening, with individual appointments for families, will be held in Autumn 2.

Jeans for Genes Day

Remember that children can wear jeans this Friday, 23rd September, and bring a donation in support of the 'Jeans for Genes' charity. The theme of the campaign this year is 'Overdo it in Denim', so see if you can do top to bottom completely in denim! Can you double, triple or quadruple your denim? Add a denim shirt, jacket, tie, hat, bag, hairband and shoes. The more denim the better! Children should continue to wear the rest of their school uniform unless they have a denim substitute! Money raised will help transform the lives of children with life-limiting genetic disorders. You can find our more at: www.jeansforgenes.org

Macmillan Coffee Morning

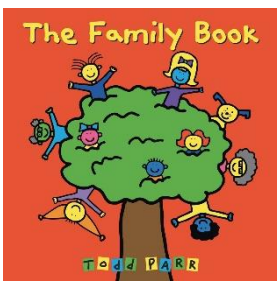
Remember to sign up to help out with our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September. All offerings will be greatly received! Lola, our FOHH Chair, is coordinating so please do get in touch if you are able to help with decorating the hall, publicising the event, or baking a cake (or 3)! Please email FOHH@halleyhouseschool.org.uk if you have any suggestions or would like to help out.

Medicines in school

Please ensure that any medical items such as creams or inhalers are given to the Lead First Aider (Miss Tali) in the school office. Please ensure directions for use are included with the medicine. **Items must not be left in children's book or PE bags.** Where possible, please ensure medicine is administered at home; qualified first aiders only will administer medicine as necessary whilst children are in school.

Y1 Philosophy

As part of our philosophy lesson, Year 1 have been reading 'The Family Book' by Todd Parr and discussing their own families. They have been learning that there are many different families and our own family is unique to us. Y1 have spoken about the different things that they like to do with their families and how they can show their family members that they love them. They have been recording their work on this topic in their special class book, and would like to include some family photos! Please bring in a family photo **by Monday 26th September** for Ms Duarte to photocopy for the class book!



Morning routines

Thank you to all families who have helped us to make such a positive start to ensuring children are in school on time, every day. School gates open every morning at 8.30am. **All children should be in the playground by 8.45am.** Year 1 children now line up by the fence for both drop off and collection, unless the weather is inclement (when they will line up under the underpass as last year). There are 2 bells in the playground in the morning; one at 8.45am, which is a signal for parents and carers to say final goodbyes and handover to class teachers, and one at 8.50am to signal that classes can start making their way into the building. The school gate closes promptly at 9.00am; children arriving after this time will need to use the main entrance on Arcola Street. **If children are late (after 9.00am), a responsible adult must come into the main office area to sign them in using our electonic system.**

Site Security

We have now said a fond farewell to our day time security guard, Austin. We have all enjoyed working with Austin during the last academic year, and lots of our children and families got to know him really well! He has promised to stay in touch and we look forward to updating him with stories of our Halley adventures! We will continue to have security on site overnight until this Friday, 23rd September, at which point we will have full handover of the building. Our Site Manager, Mr Cesar Correia, will take over the lead role in opening up the school in the morning and will continue to ensure our premises are maintained and improved during this year!

Reading at home

The main 'homework' that we ask Reception children to undertake after school involves reading at home with an adult. All children should have brought home a Home Learning Record last week, so you can record details of additional stories you share or activities you do at home, as well as the reading you enjoyed using the books from school.

PE Days - reminder

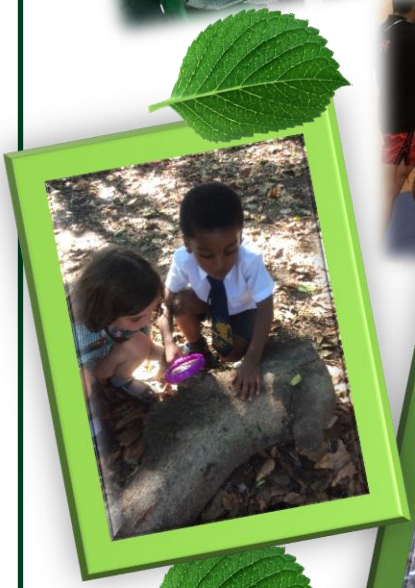
Children should come to school in their usual uniform and will get changed for PE during the day. Children must have their PE kits with them on the following days:

Reception: Mondays and Wednesdays
Year 1: Mondays and Thursdays

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 1	
Monday 19th September	• After School Clubs and After Care starts for all • Reception children in school full time • Trial session – Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Tuesday 20th September	• YR TRIP/VISIT – Police visit to school • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 21st September	• YR & Y1 Parent Workshops, 4-5pm
Friday 23rd September	• Jeans for Genes Day – wear jeans and make a donation to charity! • Parent/child information sheets sent home for checking
Wednesday 28th September	• YR & Y1 Maths Mastery Workshops, 9-10am and 5-6pm
Thursday 29th September	• Y1 TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Hackney City Farm
Friday 30th September	• Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9-10.30am – all welcome!
Monday 3rd October	• All parent/child information sheets to be returned to school office
Tuesday 4th October	• Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 5th October	• YR TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Discovery Centre • Y1 TRIP/VISIT – Trip tp Discovery Centre
Thursday 6th October	• FOHH Meeting, 9-10am
Friday 7th October	• Parent Questionnaire opens
Monday 10th October	• YR Outdoor PE starts – **PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED***
Wednesday 12th October	• Informal Parents' Open Evening, 4-6pm
Thursday 13th October	• YR Outdoor Learning starts – **PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED***
Friday 14th October	• Deadline for Parent Questionnaire submissions, 6pm
Tuesday 18th October	• Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 19th October	• RWI Parent Workshops, 9-10am, 5-6pm
Friday 21st October	• End of Autumn 1. School finishes at 2pm. • Curriculum Booklets for Autumn 2 sent home
***Please sign up on the sheets by the main school office for supporting regular off-site activities**	

Autumn 2	
Monday 31st October	• First Day of Autumn 2
Friday 4th November	• Attendance & Punctuality Awards for Autumn 1 sent home
Tuesday 8th November	• Halley Day!
Wednesday 16th November	• Wear blue for Anti-Bullying Week

After School Clubs



Y1 Outdoor Adventures