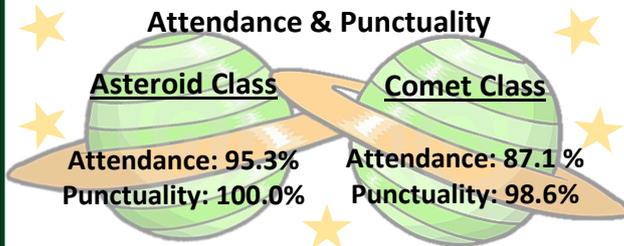




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, We are now approaching our halfway point in the year! It is incredible how quickly this half term has flown past, and how much the children have achieved in such a short space of time. We still need your support to drive up our attendance figures; last week saw an improvement from the previous week but we are still some way short of our overall target of 96.5%. We set such a high standard because we do not want any of our children to miss out on vital learning experiences due to absence. Please remember to inform the office if there is an occasion when your child is not able to come to school. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday this week for 'Tea on the Terrace', and would like to wish all our families a very restful and enjoyable half-term break ahead, to return re-invigorated for the next half term!

Claire Syms



NSPCC Number Day

Children and staff had a fantastic day raising money for the NSPCC and enjoying lots of maths activities last Friday. As a result of all your very kind contributions, we have raised:



to date! This is a tremendous achievement! If you would like to make any last-minute donations, please do so to the main office before the end of the week, when we will send off our fundraising total. Also have a go at our number challenge at the end of this newsletter, and enjoy making your own number cards at home for hours of number fun!

Diary Dates

Monday 8th February

- Parent e-safety Workshops, 9.00-10.00am and 5.00-6.00pm

Tuesday 9th February

- Safer Internet Day

Thursday 11th February

- Forest School @ Hackney Downs
- Tea on the Terrace, 4.00-6.00pm. Join us for tea and a tour of our completed school!

Friday 12th February

- Bad Hair Day for GOSH
- Last day of Spring 1

Monday 22nd February

- First day back of Spring 2

Saturday 27th February

- Playground Working Party, 11am-2pm

Monday 14th March

- Parents' Evening, 3.00-6.30pm

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:

Kelis
Rio

Comet Class:

Hailey
Amara

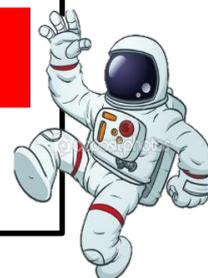
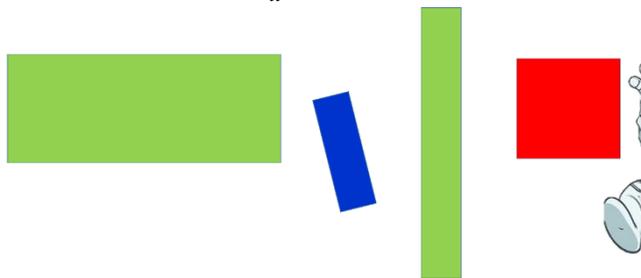
Well done for working so hard and being such good role models!

Monday Mission!

This week's mission involves comparing shapes. Can you make up your own 'Same and Different' challenge to bring in to school?

Same and different

- What is the same and what is different about them?



Baby Photos

Please can all children bring in a baby photo of themselves on Monday 22nd February? Children will be using the photos as part of their topic on Changes. Please ensure children's names and class are clearly written on the back of the photo. All photos will be returned on Friday 26th February.



Tea on the Terrace

Please join us for Tea on the Terrace this Thursday, from 4pm. There will be opportunities to see the children's roof terrace and classrooms on the third floor, as well as tea and coffee – hopefully the wind will have calmed down a little by then! We will also be conducting tours around the rest of the building, including the 1st and 2nd floors, now our internal works are complete. These tours will take place at 4.30pm, 5pm and 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Playground Working Party

We have had lots of offers of help for Saturday 27th February, which is fantastic. We are hoping it is going to be a very productive lunchtime session! Please remember to indicate what resources (including tools) you are able to bring with you, and do leave any donated resources at the school office during this week and the first week back after half term.

Some of the items we are looking for include:

- **Brightly coloured children's wellies**
- **External paint suitable for use on rubber, wood or brick (preferably bright or school-linked colours)**
- **Old tyres for flower beds/pots/planters**
- **Any remnants of wood/timber that we can reuse**
- **Lavender, mint or fragrant/aromatic herb plants**
- **Packets of seeds for flowering plants and easy-grow vegetables**
- **Bags of compost**
- **Plastic flowerpots for seeds**
- **Climbing plants such as climbing hydrangea, honeysuckle, Wisteria or Virginia Creeper**

E-Safety Workshops

Thank you to all parents who attended one of the E-Safety workshops on Monday. Please see the attached presentation that was used at the session, and guidance pack for reference. If you were not able to attend this time or would like any further clarification, please do speak to Ms Hutchinson if you have any questions about any of the materials. Tomorrow is Safer Internet Day and children will be completing various activities to help them enjoy the wonders of ICT whilst learning how to keep themselves safe online. We will also be holding follow up E-Safety workshops for parents during the Summer term.

Little Stars Stay & Play

Friends of Halley House are launching Little Stars Stay & Play for parents and carers with younger siblings aged 0-4yrs on Tuesday mornings at Halley House School from 9am to 11am. Come along on the first Tuesday after half term (23rd February) for coffee and informal play, and to share ideas to help shape how we run the sessions. After this, sessions will be open to the local community, so feel free to bring friends along the following week. It's a great opportunity for people to find out about our school, and for future Halley House children to play and build friendships ahead of their school years!

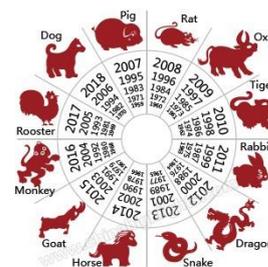


Can you help us?

- **Donations needed: If you have any good quality toys or play equipment suitable for 0-4's please bring it in to the school office.**
- **Are there any designers amongst us, who could help us design a flier/ poster to promote the group?**
- **Do you have any time to help sort toys, set up our space or help host and coordinate? Please talk to Rowena (Anna's Mum) if you can help in any way.**

Chinese New Year Celebrations

The Mandarin Department at The Petchey Academy have very kindly invited all our children to watch the Chinese Artists' Performance on Tuesday 1st March, as part of ongoing Chinese New Year Celebrations. Today, 8th February, is the start of the Chinese Year of the Monkey



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March by dressing up as our favourite characters from our favourite books! Children can also bring in their most-loved stories on WBD to share in school. We have an interactive workshop planned for the day and all children will receive a book token, too!

Curriculum Booklets

Curriculum Spring 2 booklets have already been handed out to all children in book bags. If you would like another copy, there are some spares in the Parent Board by the main office. Our Topic next half term is 'Changes' and there are lots of exciting activities planned!



NSPCC Number Day



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Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.™





CHALLENGE!

Who did these numbers belong to?