



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

Children enjoyed their second week at school last week and made a smooth transition to attending a full school day. Thank you for all your support with facilitating this, particularly with regard to ensuring you are punctual for drop off and collection. It has been great to hear so many positive comments from our parents and families to date; we would love to hear about your experiences of your child starting at Halley House School – please do send your comments to office@halleyhouseschool.org.uk so that we can share some thoughts on our website. We are all very excited about the commencement of After School Clubs this week – do look at next week's edition for the photos!

Claire Syms

Diary Dates

From Monday 21st September

- ASCs begin

Thursday 24th September, 09.00am

- Friends of Halley House School meeting

Thursday 1st October, 09.00-11.00am

- Macmillan Coffee Morning and school tour

Thursday 8th October, 09.00-10.00am

- EYFS Workshop with Ms Lim

Questions?

If you have any questions or comments about your child's day at school, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance.

For other queries, you can contact the office by speaking to Miss Tali or Mr Campbell at the desk, calling 020 7504 0548, or emailing office@halleyhouseschool.org.uk.

We have an open door policy at Halley House School and you are welcome to make an appointment if someone is not immediately available to see you.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club started last week and children have been enjoying their Rice Krispies, bagels and puzzles with friends! Our Galaxy Brekkie is only £1 a day and pre-booking is not required, so do send your child to come along and join the fun!

School lunch

Packed lunches will be provided for all children again this week. Unfortunately, it is taking longer than expected to confirm a cook for the school who will use our brand spanking new kitchen on site. We hope to offer hot meals next week (which will be prepared off site and brought in for serving) as a temporary solution. Menus and updates will be shared with you as soon as they are available.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear the correct uniform *every day*. Please ensure that each item is clearly labelled, as there have already been some instances of blazers and book bags being mislaid!

Friends of Halley House School

Don't forget that our 'Friends of Halley House School' initial meeting is **this Thursday at 09.00am** in the school hall. PCTA groups are vital in supporting the work of the school and raising extra funds for activities or resources to benefit our children. Miss Duarte will be on hand to help answer queries and would really like to see as many of you as possible on Thursday!

Extended Schools

Monday 21st September at 4pm will be the start of our first After School Club! There has been an excellent response to the clubs we have on offer and we are confident children are going to gain a lot from attending. Thank you to all parents and carers who have made their payments already – if you still need to do this, please speak to Miss Tali, our Extended Schools Leader, in the office, who will be able to confirm the amount you need to pay. Clubs for next half term will be published by 16th October, and payments will be due by 21st October.

Parent Governors

We are looking to appoint two parent governors to our local governing body (LGB). Forms to express an interest are available from the school office. If we have more than two interested parties, we will hold elections. Being a parent governor is another great way of getting involved with your child's school and helping to shape its direction. Meetings are held every half term; our first one is scheduled for Thursday 22nd October, from 6-8pm. Please see Miss Syms if you have any questions.



Behaviour



Halley House School has a positive behaviour policy that encourages children to make safe and appropriate choices for their own learning and conduct when in school. All children start the day with 5 points. There is a very clear scale of sanctions and warnings if children are not following the school rules. Once a point has been taken off, it cannot be regained.

Children that have kept all 25 points each week will be recognised in our Monday morning 'Star Gazing' assembly, along with our 'Stars of the Week' from each class. To achieve 'Star of the Week', children will need to display exceptional learning or behaviour during the week. Every three weeks, we will hold a special prize-giving assembly for children that have kept 75 points. Parents and carers will be invited to attend to join the celebrations. Children will also receive a letter home commending them for their excellent conduct.



Teachers and support staff use a range of silent signals during the day, including the 'Stop' signal and '1, 2, 3' – see if your child can show you the actions and explain when they are used during their lessons and play times!

Volunteers

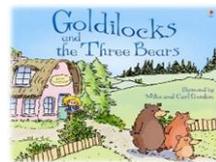
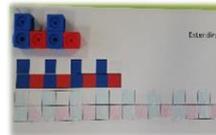
We welcome parent and community involvement in our school so if you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering at Halley House, please speak to Miss Syms, or pass a message to the school office detailing your availability and any preferences (for example, general classroom support, reading partners).

PE @ Petchey

From Monday 28th September, both classes will use the outdoor astro turf at The Petchey Academy for one of their weekly PE lessons. Please ensure children have their full PE kit (including tracksuit) for the start of the week so that we don't have any knees turning blue as the weather inevitably worsens! In the event of rain or particularly bad weather, please be assured that children will stay on site and use our large indoor hall instead.



PE days for both classes are Mondays and Thursdays.



Halley House Curriculum

Last week saw both Asteroid and Comet Classes start formally following our curriculum. This included *Read, Write Inc.* and Maths Mastery lessons in the mornings and lots of interesting activities related to our book of the week, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, in the afternoons. Have a look at the next page to see some of the things we got up to!

Macmillan Coffee Morning & School Tour

On Thursday 1st October, we will be holding a coffee

morning and school tour. Children will be preparing for the event with some baking and decorations for the hall - please do come along and bring a contribution! Suggestions to aid our fundraising are always welcome. The school tour will consist visits in small groups to both classrooms, during RWI or maths sessions. Ms Lim, our EYFS Lead, will be holding a workshop the following week to provide greater detail on the curriculum and timetables children are following, and the strategies and techniques we use in school.



Contact details

It is imperative that we hold the correct details on file for every child, including any medical or dietary needs and emergency contacts. A data sheet will be sent home to all parents and carers this week with the information we currently hold; **please check this carefully** and make any additions or amends as necessary before returning to the school office no later than **Friday 25th September**. Many thanks for your assistance.

Breakfast Club and lunch in school!



Read, Write Inc. lessons start



"Who's been eating MY porridge?"



PE



...phew! What a busy week!