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Newsletter

Monday 29th

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,
Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the playground developments that took place on Saturday – it was wonderful to hear so many positive responses as families came into school on Monday morning! We have lots of exciting plans ahead for continuing to develop the school and its grounds, so do keep a lookout for future dates in our newsletters! Fundraising ideas are welcome throughout the year, so do speak to FOHH or the school office if you have a suggestion you would like to put into action. Before we know it, the Summer term will be upon us and, as a staff group, we have already been making lots of plans for the next academic year, including staffing arrangements, the curriculum, and organisation of new classrooms as we prepare for the next chapter in the Halley House School adventure!

Claire Syms

Little Stars Stay & Play - Reminder

Rowena would be delighted to see you tomorrow morning at the second session of Little Stars Stay & Play from 9am to 11am. Remember that members from the local community are also welcome from this week, so do invite friends and neighbours. We still need your thoughts and ideas about how to publicise and run these sessions, so if you can offer any support to FOHH, it will be hugely appreciated.



SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:

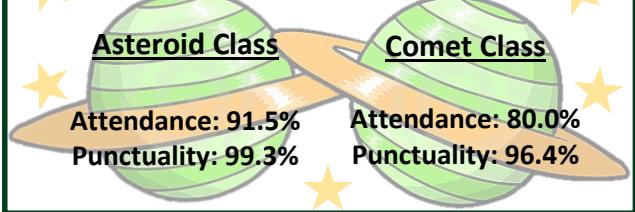
Anna
Ricky

Comet Class:

Roux
Jhauniya

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

Attendance & Punctuality



Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st March

- Little Stars Stay & Play open to all, 9-11am
- Trip to The Petchey Academy for Chinese Artists' Performance

Thursday 3rd March

- World Book Day! Come dressed as your favourite book character!
- World Book Day Rainbow Fish Workshop
- Forest School @ Hackney Downs

Monday 14th March

- Parents' Evening, 3.00-6.30pm

Thursday 17th March

- Scholastic Book Fair opens

Friday 18th March

- Wear red and compete in Halley House's own 'Try-athlon' for Sport Relief!

Thursday 24th March

- Scholastic Book Fair closes
- End of Spring 2 – school finishes at 2pm.

Monday Mission!

This half term's Missions are all about Changes. This week, we are learning about how we change during and after exercise.



Try and do some **exercise** at home this week!
How many star jumps can you do in 1 minute?

How does your body change during and after exercise?

Put your hand on your heart before you start exercising and then again when you have finished – how has it changed? Can you explain why?



Playground Working Party



Thank you so much to all the staff, parents and Friends for your 'greener playground' contributions and donations, and for giving up your valuable time over the weekend. We had a thoroughly enjoyable and productive day on Saturday and there was a pervasive air of enthusiasm and community spirit cutting through the *bitter* cold! We achieved a lot and the playground entrance already looks a lot more welcoming – complete with friendly Loch Ness monster! Children will be planting flowers and vegetables in the wellies and tyres during this week, and making further plans to make the space their own in the coming weeks and months. We intend to hold another working party in the summer term – any suggestions and further donations before then would, of course, be most welcome.

Science & Gardening!

March and April promise to be busy months ahead for our budding horticulturalists and scientists at school.



We expect to receive our 'Rocket Seeds' at some point over Easter and will then launch our out-of-this-world experiment! Sunflowers, radishes and seed potatoes should also be appearing on site soon. Children will be responsible for sowing and tending to their plants, and hopefully sharing some delicious produce with you in time! In association with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), Wild About Gardens have some fantastic suggestions of some outdoor and gardening activities you might like to try at home, too:

<http://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/things-to-do.aspx>

Toys in school

Please remember that children are NOT permitted to bring toys into school, unless specifically requested as part of a curriculum activity. If children are required to bring something in from home, this will always be communicated to parents and carers in writing to avoid any confusion! We do not want children's belongings getting accidentally damaged or lost.

Maths Homework – Memory Match!

Please see the attached 'Memory Match' activity to try at home this week!

Recorders

We have bought a set of recorders for all children in school. They will be having lessons during school time in the Summer term. If you would like to purchase a recorder for practising at home, they are available from the office for just £4! The recorder comes with its own case and instruction leaflet, too. Please make payments by BACS, and remember to send a screen shot to the office email to ensure you receive your recorder!



Scholastic Book Fair



We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 17th March until Thursday 24th March. As well as a huge range of lots of lovely books to buy and enjoy at home, if we meet our school sales target, we will also receive FREE books for school! Further details and posters around the school will be appearing soon, so do find a spare moment in your diaries to come along with your child during that week and make your selections!

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is on Monday 14th March; we will be releasing appointment slots shortly so that you can choose your preferred times.

Class teacher vacancy – September 2016

We have started advertising for new staff for the next academic year. Full details of the class teacher vacancy, which is currently being advertised, can be found on our website, under the 'Recruitment' tab. All applications should be posted to the school address or emailed to office@halleyhouseschool.org.uk. Other positions will also be appearing here over the remainder of the Spring term and into the Summer as we continue preparations for our next intake of children! We are really excited about the plans we are making as we prepare to enter our second year at Halley House School.

Term dates 2016-17 – reminder

Term dates for 2016-2017 were issued to all parents and carers last week. They are also now published on our website and hard copies can be found on our Parent Board by the school office, and on the external noticeboard.

Parent Workshops on Stammering

Speech and Language therapists from the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children are running their next workshop on Friday 11th March. Please see last week's attached leaflets for further details if you, or someone you know, is interested in attending.

Playground Working Party!

