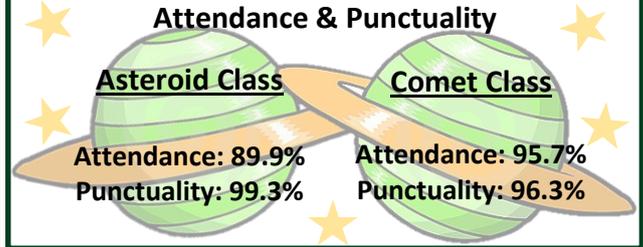




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, I hope you all enjoyed the long bank holiday weekend and managed to squeeze in a barbeque or two! This week, children are bringing home behaviour letters and prizes if they have kept all of their points for the last three weeks – a truly fantastic achievement! We are also introducing a special Friday afternoon activity/playtime session for children who have kept all 25 points that week to celebrate their successes. Sincere thanks to parents and carers who attended the discussion group this morning to share their experiences of Halley, and to all of our parents, carers and Friends who contribute to enriching our school life in so many different ways – we are incredibly fortunate to have you all on board! I am looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow evening for our first event to welcome some of our new families to the HHS community.

*Claire Syms*



### Diary Dates

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

- Open Evening for new parents – 6-8pm

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

- Forest Schools @ Butterfield Green

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

- Open Morning for Reception Admissions 2016

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

FOHH Little Stars Stay & play 9.00-11.00am

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

- Swimming Lessons start at King's Hall, 10.30-11.00am
- RWI group visit to Butterfield Green

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

- Open Morning for Reception Admissions 2016
- Parents' Open Evening

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

- School Photographer in

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

- End of Summer 1. School finishes at normal time.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

- First day back of Summer 2
- Reception trip to St Mary's Secret Garden

### Open Evening for existing and new parents

Thank you for all the contributions from FOHH in preparation for tomorrow's open evening. The evening will be a chance for our current parents to reflect on some of the successes so far this year as well as share your views with some of our new families joining us in September. HHS staff, members of our local governing body and Bellevue Place Education Trust representatives will also be in attendance. We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at some point over the course of the evening, and sharing our plans for what lies ahead – we look forward to seeing you there!

## SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

**Asteroid Class:**  
Rosabel  
Kelis

**Comet Class:**  
Amara  
Kairon

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

### Monday Mission!

This half term's Missions are all about using our imaginations for our topic 'Let's Pretend'.

Yo ho ho! A pirating we will go!  
Can you create a pirate treasure map?



### Monitoring Visit

Many thanks to all our governors and parents who contributed to Tuesday's Leadership & Management monitoring visit by Bellevue Education. We had a very positive morning with Laura and Mark and look forward to sharing some of the details from their report with you when we are in receipt. They both commented how well the school is supported by very enthusiastic and engaged governors and parents – we absolutely couldn't do it without you. We have a similar visit from Hackney Learning Trust on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, so do let the school office know if you are interested in meeting with our adviser from the borough to share your views again.



### Owl photos!

Photographs of children with one of the owls from our visit are now available to buy. Miss Duarte will be available in the playground to take payments (in cash) after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. All photos are presented in a cardboard 'frame.' One photo costs £8; two cost £10. The visits Owl Time make to schools are provided free of charge - all proceeds from photos go directly to the company, which reinvests the funds towards the continued care of the owls and providing further highly enjoyable and educational visits to schools around London.

### Science Dome

It was fantastic to see our friends from one of our sister schools, Kilburn Grange, last Friday for our Science Dome experience. Children really enjoyed the workshops and, amongst other things, learnt a lot more about Tim Peake's space adventures. The dome really helped to immerse children in the different environments – the dinosaur session even made a member of staff jump! Particular thanks to all KGS staff and children for contributing so positively to a fun-packed day!

### End of half term

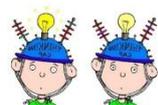
School finishes at the normal time on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – 3.30pm for school pick up, 5.00pm for ASC pick up and 6.00pm for AC pick up. Clubs will run as usual on this day.

### Big Maths Beat That!

It has been 10 weeks since the issue of our Big Maths... Beat That! challenge and we have had some lovely reports from families about the progress children are making at home. The slides are attached again for you to practise – remember that the aim is for children to complete the questions with instant recall (no thinking time).

### Maths Homework – Problem Solving

This week's maths homework is about working backwards. Please see the attached guidance for more information.



### Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons will start next week, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Letters and authorisation slips have been sent out with all children today – please pick up a spare copy from the Parent Noticeboard if you are missing yours! Letters include dates of all sessions, and some practical preparation tips ahead of next week. At this stage, we have sufficient school staff and volunteers to support swimming lessons and we do not currently need parent helpers for these outings – we are sure children will be very excited to tell you exactly what they have been doing though!



### Behaviour

From this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, children will be rewarded for their excellent behaviour over the course of the week with a special activity and playtime session. Points lost during that week will result in a reduction of time in the session (1 point lost = 1 minute of time lost). We are very proud of children's behaviour both on- and off- site and are sure there is going to be a very high participation rate in the full 25 minutes of fun!

### RWI Adventures

Miss Heather's RWI group are planning a trip to Butterfield Green on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm. The children have started to read green books and will be reading a story called 'My Dog Ned'. We will be visiting the park to observe the dogs that walk and play there and discussing some adjectives to describe the different dogs. The following day the children will write about their observations in their Read Write Inc. lesson where they will draw on their fun experience of watching the dogs play. The children will be supervised by an adult at all times and will be observing the dogs from a safe distance. Letters will be sent home to all children in this group.

### Parent Questionnaire

The Parent Questionnaire for the Summer term has been sent out in both hard copy and electronic form. Thank you to all those that have already completed and returned their forms. The deadline for responses is this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, so make sure your views are heard!

### School photographer

Ed Bray will be returning to the school to take class photos in the morning and shots of outdoor learning in the afternoon on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Forest Schools will be moved this week from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to capture just some of the outdoor experiences children enjoy on a regular basis. Please ensure children are in full uniform, with hair brushed, ears washed and teeth sparkling on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>!

## Cooking Club Creations



## Spanish food tasting – some varied responses!

