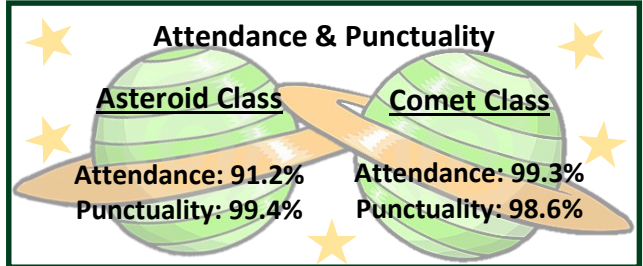




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, We have a busy week lined up this week, and lots going on as soon as we come back from the half term break, too! Please note that outdoor learning has been moved to Wednesday this week, to coincide with the school photographer coming in. Do ensure all consent forms have been returned to the office or your child's class teacher this week, ready for the trip on the first Monday back – and keep an eye out for more details about HHS's involvement in The Petchey Academy's fun day on the first weekend back. This week's Monday Mission is all about using recycled materials from around the house for children to make their own castle! We would love to see the results of these projects after the half term break - do bring them in on Monday so we can display them around the school! I hope you all have a relaxing and restful half term break – see you on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

*Claire Syms*



### Diary Dates

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

- Little Stars Stay & Play, 9.00-11.00am
- Swimming at King's Hall

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

- School Photographer in
- Forest Schools @ Butterfield Green 1.15-3.00pm

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

- **NO** Forest Schools – moved to Weds 25th

#### 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, 9-12 noon

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

- Beat the Street

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

- Family Fun Day at the Petchey Academy

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

- INSET day (children not in school)

### School Photographs this week

Our school photographer will be in this Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. Children will be having class and year group photos in the morning. We have moved our weekly trip to Butterfield Green from Thursday to Wednesday this week so that we can capture some of the exciting outdoor learning children undertake! Please remember to ensure children are in their full, correct uniform on Wednesday – ties are not compulsory as part of the Summer uniform, but all children should ensure they have their blazer and school jumper or cardigan on Wednesday.

**SUPER STARS!**

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

**Asteroid Class:**  
Rio  
Alice

**Comet Class:**  
Darcy  
Eleanor

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'. This week's mission is a creative project to complete over half term!

**Design a castle for a king or queen!**

Can you use recycled 3D materials to **make** your castle?



### **BPET Parent Survey**

Please do take the time to complete the Bellevue Place Education Trust survey; the link was sent out to all parents and carers last week. The deadline for all responses is this Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, so do make sure your voice is heard!

### **Summer 2 Curriculum booklets**

Curriculum booklets for our next topic, Going Places, were sent out last week. Additional copies can be found in our information board and an electronic version is also attached here for your reference.

### **Roald Dahl Workshop – The Enormous Crocodile**

On Wednesday Olly Davy came to visit the children and held a workshop around Roald Dahl's, 'The Enormous Crocodile'. The children were given the opportunity to design a creative response linked to the part of the story where Trunky The Elephant throws The Enormous Crocodile into space after numerous attempts to disguise himself to gobble up lots of juicy children. The children created some fantastic illustrations! They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as different characters from Dahl's stories and looked wonderful! We had an Enormous Crocodile (of course!) and many Charlie Buckets, Matildas and Fantastic Mr Foxes - to name just a few!

### **Interactive Learning Diary**

We have started trialling new software for recording observations of children's learning. Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) enables staff to attach photos and media files (such as video or audio) to descriptions of children's learning, as well as offering a Parent Portal function. ILD offers a personalised insight into your child's learning and development in school. This is now open to all parents/carers of children in Reception. Letters containing details of how to access your unique registration number will be sent home this week, after which you will be able to not only review your child's learning, but also contribute to it with observations and photos of your child's learning at home!

### **Family Fun Day at the Petchey Academy**

The Petchey Academy are holding their family fun day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 11-3pm. We are hoping to present a short performance by HHS children as part of the day – letters with full details will be coming home this week, and we would love to see as many of our families there as possible!

### **Maths Homework – Problem Solving**

This week's maths homework is about conjecturing. Please see the attached guidance for more information. Next half term the maths activities will be based on activities children carry out in class so that they can consolidate their learning at home.



### **Bake Sale!**

Don't forget that FOHH will be hosting a bake sale on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm. We would really like to spread the word to as many community members as possible, so do let Stacey (Elijah's mum) know if you are able to help with advertising, donating or helping run the stall!



### **Miss Lim's RWI Group**

This week the children in Miss Lim's group are reading 'The dressing up box' and talking about different fancy dress costumes and characters! On Friday, children are welcome to bring in their own favourite fancy dress costume from home to wear and use as inspiration for their descriptive writing! They can choose any costume or character they like. There will also be a range of props and costumes for children to choose from in class. Children should come to school in uniform as normal, and please do ensure any items from home are clearly labelled with children's names!

### **ParentPay payments**

Please remember to make contributions for swimming and the upcoming trip to St Mary's Secret Garden using ParentPay. We do rely on voluntary contributions and your support to continue offering enrichment opportunities in the form of excursions and visitors. Please do speak to the school office if you need any further guidance with ParentPay.

### **Beat the Street**



Halley House School will be taking part in 'Beat the Street' from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. For 6 weeks, we will be taking part in an initiative to make the most of the walk to and from school, around town and to work, and whilst exploring parks and green spaces. 'Beat Boxes' will appear on lampposts around the 4 East London boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest for participants to tap! Each tap earns points for the school team - certificates and a whole range of prizes are all on offer! See the attached letter for more information and if you wish to 'opt out.'

### **Creative fun**

Miss Heather's RWI group had a fantastic morning creating their own potions for the book 'The Spell'. Stitch the Witch has a difficult time creating a potion to turn her mischievous cat into a frog. We hope that our potions – filled with frog's foam, fairy dust and slimy insects – will be more successful! We used our magic wand to cast our spells and created our own names and labels for our potions! We will be writing about our potion making in our RWI lesson on Wednesday.



# The Enormous Crocodile

