



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

Thank you to all parents for their nominations for parent governor. In a very closely fought ballot, Hugo Hutchison (Maximillian's dad, Asteroid class) and An Porter (Eleanor's mum, Comet Class) emerged triumphant as our elected parent governors – well done to both and welcome to our founding Local Governing Body!

We hope you all enjoyed our coffee morning and school tour last week, and thank you for all your charitable donations. We have received positive feedback from many of you following our school events, or more generally about your experience of Halley House School, which we are always delighted to receive. We would like to collect and record some of this feedback at the end of this half term in the form of a questionnaire, and welcome your comments and suggestions about what we could do even better, too! In the meantime, please do share your views in our 'I'd Just Like to Say...' box at the front desk or via email to office@halleyhouseschool.org.uk.

Finally, I am sure you will be glad to hear that we can now confirm healthy hot lunches will start this week!

Claire Syms

HOT LUNCHES ARE COMING!

We are thrilled to let you know that we have managed to confirm hot lunches starting on **Wednesday 7th October**. These will be delivered in for the time being, whilst we find a viable option for meals prepared on site. Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience with packed lunches to date – we are all very much looking forward to embracing a full dining experience from now on! Menus are attached and available from the parents' notice board in the reception area; please note that we will require specifications (e.g. vegetarian/non-vegetarian) for your child for the whole week ahead, by Monday morning at 9am. You can email this to office@ or return the form to the office by hand.

Diary Dates

Thursday 8th October, 09.00-10.00am

- EYFS Workshop with Ms Lim

Thursday 15th October, 5.00-7.00pm

- Black History Month party

Monday 19th October, 3.00-7.00pm

- Parent – Teacher Conferences

Friday 23rd October

- Last day of our first half term!

★ SUPER STARS! ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:

**Elijah
Rosabel**

Comet Class:

**Amara
Eleanor**

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

Black History Month Celebrations

Our Black History Month party is on Thursday 15th October after school, from 5-7pm. We need food/decoration donations and parent volunteers to help us set up and run the event.

Please contact Miss Duarte or Vice-Chairperson of FOHH, Alan, if you would like to be involved.

Please note that taught After School Clubs (French and gymnastics) on Thursday 15th will **not** run, although the school will provide care and supervision until 5pm. All children must be collected by 5pm (hopefully to attend the event with parents/carers!) as After Care facilities will not be available.

Book bags

Books for shared reading will be going home from this Thursday – please check your child's book bag. Books will be changed *weekly* to enable you to revisit the story over the course of the week and develop children's familiarity with stories, story language and vocabulary. Halley House School does not use a 'banded' book scheme for home reading. We have, instead, made a conscious choice to use high quality picture-books, exploring a range of themes and settings, written by a range of authors – some of whom you may recognise from your own childhood reading, and some from the 'new kids on the block'! We do not expect children to independently read these stories at this point, but we do hope the shared reading process proves to be a hugely valuable and enjoyable one for all concerned! You can find hints, tips and links to useful information regarding home reading on our website.

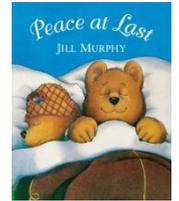


EYFS Information Morning and Workshop

On Thursday 8th October, Ms Lim, our EYFS Lead, will be holding a workshop to provide further detail on the curriculum (including *Read, Write Inc.* and Maths Mastery) and timetables children are following. There will also be information and guidance on the strategies and techniques we use in school, and some hints and tips about some of the things you can do at home to help your child.

Peace at Last

Our core text this week is Jill Murphy's charming 'Peace At Last'. To go alongside our text we will be planning a teddy bear's picnic role play for children to enjoy in class during their afternoon topic curriculum lessons. All children are invited to bring along their own teddy bear (or other favourite furry friend) to the picnic activities during the week. Please ensure all teddies are clearly labelled with your child's name. These will remain in school for the week and children can take them back home on Friday.



Key information

Please remember to check the school website for upcoming dates, important information and school policies. Hard copies of school policies are also available from the school office upon request.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for all your kind contributions, donations and home-baking efforts – all in a very good cause. The children certainly relished the preparation and 'quality assurance' testing!

