



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many of our parents, carers and friends at our Black History Month party last Thursday – sincere thanks to all for your donations, support and smiles! Fundraising events like these will really make a difference to our children’s experiences in school, and we are already looking forward to the next FOHH occasion!

I hope you found the parent-teacher consultations on Monday productive; please do take the time to complete this half term’s Parent Questionnaire as we welcome your comments and suggestions about what we can do even better in Autumn 2. Keep an eye out for our special BHM booklet and suggested activities for half term coming out later this week!

*Claire Syms*

**Attendance & Punctuality**

<p><b>Asteroid Class</b></p> <p>Attendance: 100%</p> <p>Punctuality: 99.4%</p>	<p><b>Comet Class</b></p> <p>Attendance: 96%</p> <p>Punctuality: 97.3%</p>
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**Read Write Inc. Speed Sounds Cards**

**AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE TO BUY NOW!**

Practising Speed Sounds at home will really help accelerate your child’s progress with their reading. Handwriting phrases will also be sent home this week for some practise over the half term break! Please pay for Speed Sounds cards via BACS: **HHS/Your Child’s Name/RWI**

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Account: 33257968

**Diary Dates**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

- Last day of our first half term!

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

- INSET day - children not in school

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

- First day back of Autumn 2 for all children

**Black History Month Celebration**

Thank you to our FOHH for organising and running our first after school event, in honour of Black History Month. Particular thanks to FOHH’s lead organisers and parents and friends who ran activities or stalls on the night. Not only was a fantastic time had by all, but we also raised an incredible...

**£178.20!**

FOHH will decide at their next meeting/s what the money should be put towards to enrich our children’s experiences of Halley House School.

There are simply too many wonderful photos, from BHM activities throughout October and Thursday evening itself, to put into our newsletter this week, so watch out for the special ‘Black History Month at Halley House School’ booklet that is coming home at the end of the week!

**★ SUPER STARS! ★**

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

**Asteroid Class:**

**Enya  
Tyreese**

**Comet Class:**

**Andre  
Nickoy**

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

**Cashless Payments**

We will not be accepting **ANY** cash as payment after half term. All payments, for Breakfast Club, After School Clubs, After Care or resources (such as RWI cards), **MUST** be made by cheque (payable to Bellevue Place Education Trust) or BACS. Please do ensure you use the following example format as a reference for the payment so that it can be correctly traced! HHS/Your Child’s Name/ASC

**Bank: Lloyds**

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## Parent Questionnaire

We want your feedback! Please take 5 minutes to fill in our short online survey about your comments and thoughts on our first half term, using the following link:

<http://goo.gl/forms/U2bTDt65Kz>

Hard copies are also available upon request.

## Behaviour Award Letters



Children from Asteroid and Comet classes who managed to keep ALL of their 75 points for the last three weeks received letters and prizes to take home on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We had a special assembly where children proudly displayed their letters and rewards, and demonstrated what they do every day to ensure they stay on 5. We are delighted that so many children received letters this week. You can help out at home by reminding your children of our expectations when they are in school.

## Police officer visit

As part of our work on 'People who help us' and how to stay safe both in and out of school, we have booked a visit from a local police officer! PC Abigail Cameron will be joining us on Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm to explain what she does, how she helps to keep us safe, who we can contact in an emergency – and all the important elements of her uniform and equipment.



## After School Clubs for Autumn 2

We have had a brilliant half term of clubs and activities, and excellent participation from our children in the enrichment activities on offer. We have made a few changes to our After School Clubs for next half term:

Wednesdays: **Basketball** instead of Multisports

Thursdays: **Mandarin** instead of French

Fridays: **Music** instead of Street Dance

All other clubs remain the same. For a full timetable and reminders of how to pay, please see details sent out by our wonderful Extended Schools Leader, Miss Tali, later this week. Please ensure you confirm that you have made your payments prior to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November; your child will not be able to attend their club/s until this has been done.

## News from FOHH

Congratulations to Cheryle (Jahzara's mum) who has volunteered to be Chairperson for Friends of Halley House and Laverne (Chidera's mum) who has also volunteered to be Vice-Chairperson alongside Alan (Hailey's Grandad). FOHH are still looking for a Treasurer so do get in touch if you think this could be you! If you have any questions, queries or ideas for FOHH events please contact the Chair or Vice-Chairs, or raise your suggestions at the next meeting.

## Andre's Great Aunt Visit

We are very lucky to have Andre's Great Aunt visiting us at school this Wednesday to read one of her favourite stories linked to Black History Month. What a treat this will be for the children as we continue to celebrate Black History Month at Halley House School! Look out for the photographs in the special BHM booklet!

## Site Update

We now have carpet on the second floor! Blinds have also been added to windows on the remaining floors. Building works continue apace and will do so throughout the half term break; you will have recently noticed our very smart new signage on our internal front doors and underneath the office desk area.



Our outdoor areas are due for completion by 09/11/15 – recent spells of bad weather have made it difficult to complete waterproofing on the roof itself and the third floor terrace, but we are very excited about seeing the proposed play surface design (below) taking shape! The terrace will come complete with retractable canopies, new safety barriers (half-painted wooden cladding, half reinforced frosted glass), window boxes for plants and lots of other items that we are sure will appeal to our children! Watch this space for the next update!

