

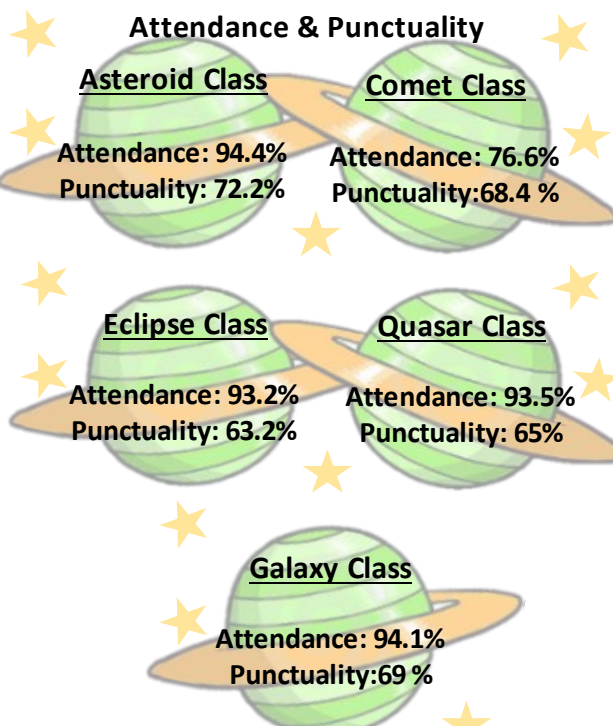


Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, What a wonderful week we all shared at Halley House School last week. As I said after the nativity play on Wednesday, being at a primary school at Christmas is so precious and provides such special memories for you all as families. The children did an amazing job with their singing and acting of 'Humph the Camel' under the guidance of a brilliant team of teachers and teaching assistants. Thank you for coming along to kick-start the Christmas celebrations at Halley House School.

Two days later, we were lucky enough to be treated to a magical Winter Wonderland Fayre. Santa Claus even turned up to meet the children! Thank you so very much for giving your time at this busy time of the year, Santa Claus. It was so lovely to see so many families spending family time together at the school. You managed to raise an incredible £820! Enormous thanks have to be extended to Viv Rowdon and Selina Anderson for organising the event and for corraling enough volunteers to help to set up on Friday afternoon and for corraling a different team of parents to tidy up the hall in an impressive half an hour once all visitors had left. Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped out on Friday. It is very much appreciated.

On behalf of the staff, the governors and The Trust, I wish you all a very happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Gennifer Malone



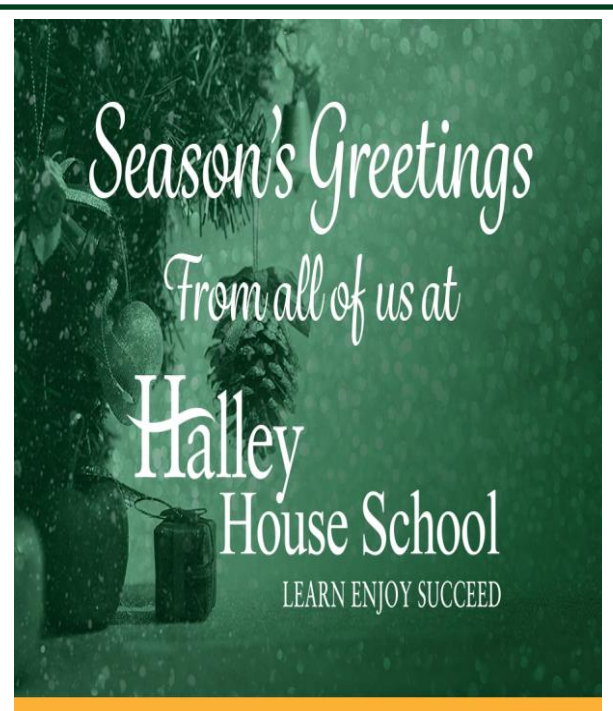
Every week we publish the attendance and punctuality figures for each class. It is **vital** that your child is in school every day and on time so that they don't miss out on any learning. Please remember to inform the school office by 9.30am if your child is absent for any reason.

★ SUPER STARS! ★★

Our Super Stars of The Week will be published here!

Reception		
Asteroid Class	Josiah	Inez
Comet Class	Sammy	Tiggy
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Yusef	Asfa ★★
Quasar Class	Kauthar	Logan
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	Kairon	Hailey ★

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



Little Stars Stay & Play

Our popular and successful Little Stars group will resume on Tuesday 9th January, 9-11am. Please do come along with your 0-4 year olds and join in the fun!



Volunteer Induction Meetings

If you weren't able to attend one of the induction sessions run by Miss Malone in November, please don't worry. Further sessions are planned for next term as outlined below. Please do contact Jo and Shakir in the office to book a place.

- Tuesday 9th January 9.15am-10.30am
- Tuesday 9th January 2.15pm-3.30pm
- Friday 12th January 9.15am-10.30am
- Friday 12th January 2.15pm-3.30pm

£855 Shortfall in Contributions to Pay for School Trips

As you will no doubt have read in the press, school budgets are being squeezed to the extent that many schools are having to operate with funding that is insufficient to meet their operating costs. As such, it is imperative that school budgets are managed very carefully. With regret, I need to advise parents that, unless we receive more voluntary contributions for the autumn term trips, it is unlikely that future visits out of school can be booked. At the moment, we are waiting for payments that amount to £855. This is broken down into year groups as follows:

- EYFS: £195
- Year 1: £405
- Year 2: £255

I would be very grateful if outstanding contributions can be made on ParentPay as soon as possible as we have not accounted for such a high level of non-payment in our school budget and this will potentially become a cost to the school that we cannot afford to absorb. Many thanks for your consideration to this serious issue.

EYFS Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) Parent Portal

All parents/carers of children in Reception are invited to register for access to their child's online learning profile. At HHS, staff use Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) to record observations of your child's learning. Parents and carers are invited to view these observations and through the portal, have the ability to add comments or upload your own observations of your child's learning at home! Sports, hobbies and family excursions can all create exciting new learning experiences for children and can greatly assist in their educational development

Letters will be emailed out separately containing details of how to register for access. You will be given a unique registration code which you can use to set up a parent account with a secure password. Please note that registration codes will only last **30 days** before they expire. Should you need a new code, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Attendance & Punctuality Reminder

School starts promptly at 8.55am, which means all children need to be in the school playground **by 8.45am** (gates open at 8.30am), ready to be escorted inside by class teachers.



Parents and carers should supervise children until 8.45am and handover with the class teacher. **It is vital that children attend school every day** – good attendance and punctuality leads to a much calmer start to the day for your child, and ensures they do not miss out on any learning or activities. Children also receive special certificates and prizes every half term for exemplary attendance! **Please do inform the office** if your child has a medical appointment or scheduled reason for absence *before* the period of absence whenever possible. **Family holidays during term time will not be authorised. Please telephone or email the office** if your child is unwell and will be absent from school. Any paperwork (such as appointment confirmations) should also be handed to an office member of staff for copying and adding to your child's file.

Bellevue Place Educational Trust

Our Trust appointed Governor Simon Ward is leaving Bellevue Place Educational Trust on Thursday 21st December. Simon has worked for the Trust for four years and was its first employee. He has been instrumental in the setting up of all seven of the Trust schools including Halley! We wish him the best of luck for the future. As a Trust appointed governor, Simon will be replaced by the Trust in the near future.

Uniform

Please, please come and claim your child's uniform from the bin in the playground. The pile has grown even larger.

Clubs

Please remember to book your child's place on their choice of club. Late bookings in January will not be accepted. Please also remember to settle any outstanding balances on ParentPay.

DIARY DATES**Autumn 2**

Tuesday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Christmas lunch for the children
Wednesday 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of term, school finishes at 2pm
Wednesday 3rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Training day
Thursday 4th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First day of term for the children (all clubs & aftercare begin)
Thursday 4th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All clubs and after care begin for Spring term
Tuesday 9th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Morning
Wednesday 10th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dental checks for YR & Y1 to take place
Thursday 11th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Morning