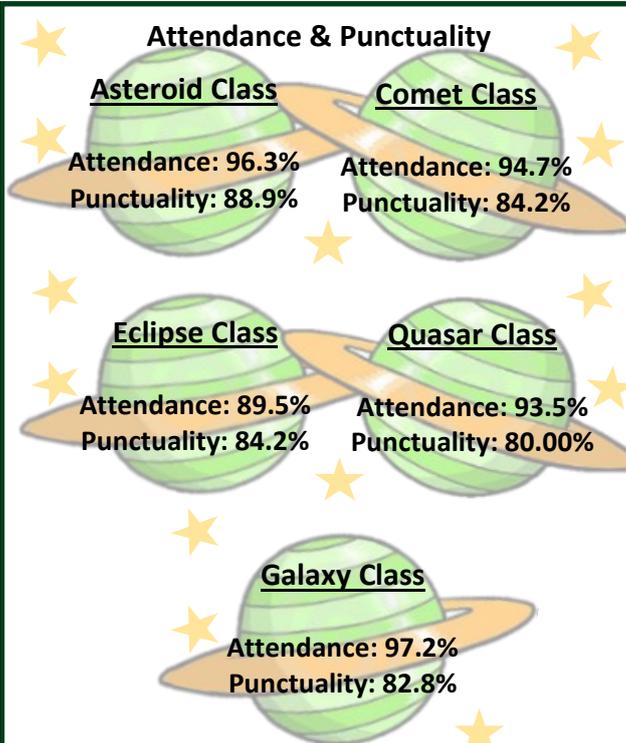




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

The first half of the spring term is flying past and we are finally enjoying some (slightly) warmer temperatures today after several bitterly cold days last week. Please do ensure the children continue to be wrapped up warm when coming to school and provide the correct items for PE and Outdoor Adventure days so that children can get the most from the sessions. The pupils in Asteroid Class have recently done some sterling work in helping to maintain our attendance record (which is still slightly below our target), with several days last week (and again today) of 100% attendance! It is really important that children do come to school every day on time so as not to miss out on vital aspects of their school day. A polite reminder that we school finishes at 2pm next Friday. All our off-site activities and extended school services are already in full-swing – it promises to be another busy half term ahead!

Jennifer Malone



It is **vital** that your child is in school every day and on time so that they don't miss out on any learning.



SUPER STARS!

Reception		
Asteroid Class	Mia	Benoit
Comet Class	Alvin	Freya
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Yusef	Victoria
Quasar Class	Ela	Mya
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	Olivia	Beatrix

Monday Missions

Reception: We will begin exploring counting in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s in maths- such tricky work! Can you use a 100-square to find a pattern when counting in these groups?

Year 1: We have been learning about geographical directions including north, east, south and west. Do you have a compass at home? Can you draw a map of what is to the north, east, south and west of your house?

Year 2: Using the B.A.R thinker's key, how would you adapt a paper plane? What would you make **bigger**? What would you **add**? What would you **replace**? Test your design, is it able to fly?

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 2nd Feb

We are going to have a mega maths-inspired day to raise money for the NSPCC this Friday. The children (and staff) are invited to come to school dressed in an outfit with a number on it and bring in a suggested donation of £2. We are going to have lots of fun with numbers - look out for photos in the newsletter next week!



Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th Feb 2018

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the **safe** and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. We want to raise awareness of online safety issues and teach children ways of staying safe online. We will meet some familiar characters who we have met previously on Safer Internet Day such as Digi Duck and Smartie the Penguin. We will also meet some new characters with additional top tips about how to stay safe online.

BPET Update – January 2018

This is an update from Bellevue Place Education Trust, the organisation that oversees the running of Halley House School and six other primary schools across London. To provide an overview of the work carried out by the Board and Central Trust Team that supports this work, this update will be included in the newsletter at the end of the month.

The Trust is overseen by a Board of Trustees, led by Claire Delaney. The Board is supported by an Executive Team, led by Chief Executive Mark Greatrex. For more information on governance structure, please [click here](#).

The BPET Board has the responsibility to:

- Establish the core education vision
- Hold Headteachers and LGBs to account for the standards of attainment and achievement of pupils, the quality of teaching and learning, the behaviour and safety of pupils, the leadership and management of the school, the pedagogy, curriculum and learning environment for the children.
- Arrange for educational audits to evaluate performance regularly with cognisance of the latest of OfSTED guidance and to make recommendations to improve effectiveness
- Set school targets (jointly with LGB)

- Budgeting and reporting procedures and manage the financial and administrative policies (HR, ICT)
- Statutory compliance work
- Staff contracts and HR policies
- IT network strategy
- Major procurement policies
- Headteacher recruitment and appointment
- Evaluation of Headteacher performance
- Administrative and support services as required

Other educational programmes including but not limited to: leadership training, extended school programme.

The Board can delegate responsibilities to Committee(s) of the Board. Currently the Board has established a Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and Remuneration Committee. It reviews this structure annually.

Parent Trustees appointment

Last year the Board of Trustees commissioned the National Governance Association to carry out an external review of the governance of the Trust, which included a workshop that Heads and Chair of Governors were invited to. Whilst the subsequent report found the governance of the Trust strong, it did make a recommendation for parent governors with certain skill sets to join the Board.

Following this, we are delighted to announce that Chris Gallant and Dina Choudhury joined the Board as elected parent Trustees in December 2017, they will both serve a four year term. Chris has extensive experience in marketing and communications, and Dina is a Chartered Accountant. For more information on the Board of Trustees, please [click here](#).

INSET Day

On 3 January 2018 over 180 staff from across the Trust came together for an INSET day at Rutherford House School. This year we were delighted to be able to offer a number of high quality external providers, as well as sessions led by the experience we have across the Trust. Examples of sessions included Developing Growth Mindsets, Engaging Learning Environments and Teaching Maths for Mastery. These Trust-wide training days provide staff with the opportunity to share best practice and meet staff in a similar role.

Maths provision across the Trust

The Trust is delighted to announce that we are working with a specialist maths consultant, Robert Wilne, who will be working with us on maths provision across our schools. Robert has taught mathematics in both state and independent schools for 20 years and was previously the Head of Maths at Highgate School. He was also the founding Headmaster of London Academy of Excellence in Newham. Robert will be working

across the Trust with Head teachers and Maths leads on an ongoing basis to develop the maths teaching to be the very best it can be.

Learning Reviews

This month Bellevue Education will be conducting Learning Reviews across the schools. These reviews are a two day process which involves visiting the school and meeting with senior leaders. During these visits the Bellevue Education team will be looking at all aspects of educational delivery and will also be meeting with parents and key stakeholders. Due to four schools being in an Ofsted window, these visits will take place this month to highlight any recommendations for improvement. The other schools that are not expecting Ofsted will accompany an expecting school so that every school can take part.

Spring 1

Swimming Wednesday 24th January

- Year 1 Swimming 9.20am-11.30am

Swimming Thursday 25th January

- Year 2 Swimming 9.20am-11.30am

Open Morning Wednesday 31st January

- New Parent Open morning 9.15-10.15am

NSPCC Number Day 2nd February

- Children to dress up as numbers to support the NSPCC giving a charitable donation

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February

- Safer Internet Day 9.15-10.15am



