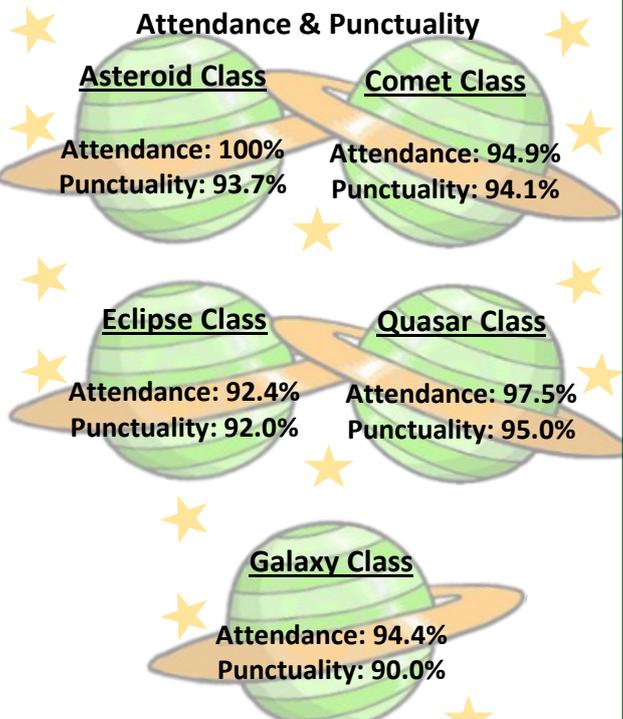




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, Please note that our E-Safety workshop has been moved to Wednesday 25th May. **It is vital that all families sign up to attend** if you can. We also have a second fete planning meeting next week, after school on Tuesday. All offers of support and ideas, along with any donations, are always welcome! After our initial meeting, we are already starting to collate some exciting ideas that build on last year's event – make sure you are part of it! There are also some key dates coming up in Summer 2, so do check our diary page and have a look at our quick check attendance guides also attached.

Claire Syms



Well done to **Asteroid Class** for achieving **100%** attendance! **It is really important that ALL classes improve their punctuality.** Children should be in the playground by 8.45am, ready to be registered at 8.55am. Children arriving after 9am are missing out on important learning opportunities!

Welcome Evening – Friday 18th May, 5-7pm

All parents are invited to attend our Welcome Evening for new admissions this Friday between 5pm and 7pm. There will be refreshments available and opportunities to catch up with other existing families, as well as meet some of the new families joining us in September. We would love to see as many of you there as possible – we know that our new families always relish hearing **your** experiences of Halley House to date. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday!



SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Reception		
Asteroid Class	Kayden	Kush
Comet Class	Tsubame	Alvin
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Ava K	Israel
Quasar Class	Itta	Ela
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	Elijah	Roux

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

Monday Missions!

Reception: We have been discussing superheroes that we may see every day (nurses, teachers, lollipop man). Can you think of an everyday superhero that you would like to be? Draw and label a picture to show everyone in class!

Year 1: In Art we have been sketching flowers and plants. Can you find some flowers or plants in the garden or the park to sketch? Remember to use shading and toning to make your picture realistic.

Year 2: Find out what you can about the Hackney Carnival

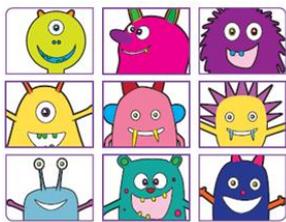
KS1 SATS

Well done to all Year 2 children who completed their first SATS papers this week. All children were focussed and clearly tried their best when sitting their tests, which is exactly what we ask for! Keep up the hard work Y2!

Mr Soyka

We are, in equal measure saddened and delighted that our Interim Deputy, Mr Soyka, has secured a headship at a school in Borehamwood. Mr Soyka has only been with us for a short time, but has been a really positive force in the school, and instrumental in developing teaching and learning this half term. We will miss him greatly! Mr Soyka's last day at Halley House will be Friday 25th May, as he is starting his new position after the summer break. I am sure you would like to join us in wishing Mr Soyka all the very best for all his new adventures ahead, and we look forward to keeping in touch with him in the future.

Y1 Phonics Screening Check and Y2 recheck



All Y1 children will be undertaking the national Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning 11th June. The check usually takes each child 10-15 minutes to complete and is used to ensure children are able to decode (read the sounds letters make and

blend to read whole words) at an appropriate level. This is just one aspect of reading. Children will read a total of 40 words, some of which are 'nonsense' words. The check is administered by a teacher and the format is designed to cause the least amount of anxiety or worry – children usually really enjoy the short session! Please just continue to read with your child at home, as we know this makes the biggest difference in school. Y2 children who did not meet the threshold last year, or who do not have any results from a previous setting, will take the check this year. We are confident that all our children will try their best and do brilliantly!

Attendance at HHS

As you are aware, good attendance and punctuality is vital to your child's success in school. **Please ensure you telephone the school preferably before 9am, and certainly no later than 9.30am, if your child is absent for any reason. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.** Please refer to the attached guide and supplementary information on illnesses to ensure your child is able to come to school every day and on time, ready to learn, enjoy and succeed.

School Photos Thursday 17th May 2018

Don't forget to send your children in looking smart for their school photo. As Reception children normally wear their PE kit on a Thursday could you please ensure that they come in wearing their full uniform (and not PE kit) for this day only. Please ensure PE kits are brought in for later in the day!



Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed another fabulous trip, this time to Victoria Park. Children saw a very colourful sunken garden with



beautiful flowers. They also planted a seed (which will grow into a sunflower), looked for bugs in the bug hotel and saw a bee hive. In the bug hotel, there were lots of insects that kept on landing on the children but they really enjoyed the experience! Towards the end, the year group had a lovely picnic and enjoyed exploring and playing in the park.

Hot Weather precautions

Please remember to send your child to school with sun screen already applied, a hat and a bottle of water. Children always have access to fresh water throughout the day in school, both in- and outdoors. We are also fortunate to have some shaded areas in both of our main playground spaces – from the underpass on the ground floor and from our vibrant retractable canopies on the roof terrace. Please also remember that children are permitted to wear short sleeve shirts or a **plain white PE T Shirt** as part of their Summer uniform. Children continue to enjoy lots of outdoor learning and activities and must wear suitable footwear at all times in school. Open toed shoes are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

New teachers September 2018

We have secured some excellent teachers for September 2018 to join our growing team. New staff will be attending our welcome evening this Friday – we strongly encourage our existing parents to attend too; not only to share your experiences of Halley House to date but also to meet some of the new members due to join our team!

Year 1

After two long weeks of waiting Eclipse class were able to release their butterflies into the wild during outdoor adventures! We have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies and have been able to watch as our caterpillars changed through each stage to become butterflies. The butterflies must think we took great care of them as even when we released them they stayed with us for a long time, some even rested on our hands and clothes! Please see some more of the photos below.



DIARY DATES	
Summer 1	
Tuesday 15th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am • E-Safety Parent Workshop, 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 16th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 4 of 10)
Wednesday 16th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eclipse Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 17th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School photos – Kittles • Scholastic Book Fair opens
Friday 18th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Evening for new admissions September 2018, 5-7pm
Sunday 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hackney Half Marathon
Tuesday 22nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am • Fete Planning Meeting, 4.15pm
Wednesday 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 5 of 10) • Quasar Class Assembly 9am • E-Safety Parent Workshop, 9.15-10.15
Thursday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Booklets for Summer 2 sent home • Scholastic Book Fair closes
Friday 25th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Summer 1. School finishes at 2pm
Summer 2	
Monday 4th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day back of Summer 2
Tuesday 5th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 6th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 6 of 10)
Friday 8th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teddy Bears' Picnic – new admissions
Monday 11th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New YR families to join YR Outdoor Adventures
Tuesday 12th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 13th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 7 of 10)
Monday 18th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New YR families to join YR Outdoor Adventures
Tuesday 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 20th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 8 of 10)
Tuesday 26th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Event, 5-7pm • YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 8 of 10)
Tuesday 3rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am
Wednesday 4th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition morning - ALL
Saturday 7th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHS Summer Fete
Friday 13th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of term and year! School finishes at 2pm



**Year 1
explorations!**

