



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

It has been a busy few weeks since the start of term, and Reception children are now enjoying full days in school. Off-site learning, including outdoor PE and Outdoor Adventures has also commenced for all KS1 and KS2 classes; thank you to parents and carers who have already signed up to support – we simply could not offer such a varied and enriched curriculum without your continued help. We always welcome suggestions and ideas from our school community, so please do get in touch if there is something you would like to offer to help further develop our school. After School Clubs commence this week – we are offering 3 clubs every evening this year and there are some fantastic choices if you have not already signed up!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: Reception are having a big focus on recognising and writing our own names! Help us to practise writing our names when we draw or paint when we are at home!



Year 1: In Maths, we have been exploring different ways of making the number 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Can you make those numbers using three or four different numbers?

In Geography, we are focusing what country is special to them. Can you discuss what things are important in your chosen special place?

Year 2: In maths we have been learning about 2 digit numbers.

What is my mystery number?

Year 3: Parents, look at your child's homework passport to see "what will be you creating this week?"

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	3 rd September		10 th September	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	99.3%	99.3%	97.87%	98.85%
Comet	100%	100%	98.5%	98.49%
Eclipse	91.11%	97.6%	100%	98.75%
Quasar	100%	97.92%	100%	98.75%
Galaxy	97.9%	98.94%	100%	98.56%
Cosmos	91.7%	97.27%	99%	98.48%
Hawking	88.46%	96.38%	95.8%	94.8%

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 are:

14/09/18			
Reception			
Asteroid			
Comet			
Year 1			
Eclipse	Mattia	Freya	
Quasar	Kayden	Navea	
Year 2			
Galaxy	Archie	Victoria	
Cosmos	Mekal	Kauthar	
Year 3			
Hawking	Amari-Jordan	Olivia	

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

SEND Multi-Agency Support

We are very pleased to be continuing our close ties with our multi-agency SEND support from Hackney Learning Trust. Dr Ed Chilton will be continuing as our Educational Psychologist this year. We will also be welcoming a new Speech and Language Therapist, Suleka Mohammed. Suleka will be introducing herself to all existing pupils and families on our caseload in the next few weeks. **We will be holding an introductory coffee morning on the 4th October at 9:15am. All parents/carers are invited to come along and meet with Suleka and our SENCo, Ms Lim.** Our previous therapist Lizzy Fergusson will be moving on to supporting local secondary schools. We'd like to thank Lizzy for all her support and wish her the very best of luck in her new role!



Year 1 - Ourselves

Quasar and Eclipse have had an amazing start to their year, and have made a really successful transition from Reception to Year 1. In Topic, children have done lots of work about themselves, including learning about body parts and sharing who is in our family. In upcoming lessons, they will look into how their bodies have changed since they were born. We would appreciate if you could provide a picture of your child when they were a baby. It would be exciting for them to share it with their class!



Reception P.E

P.E will begin for all Reception children this week on **Tuesdays and Fridays. We are asking for Reception children to come in wearing their P.E kits on both days.** For the moment, these sessions will be on site at Halley House, with P.E at Petchey Academy commencing every Friday from the 12th of October. Parent volunteers are required to help for off-site PE at Petchey- so please sign the volunteer sheet in the front office!

Reception topic 'All About Me!'

For our topic, the Reception team would like the children to bring in pictures of themselves as babies. These pictures will be used for displays and will allow children to discuss their similarities and differences. Please label the picture with your child's name and hand them in to a member of staff.



Class Trip for Year 2

This half term as part of our "Marvellous Medicine" topic, Year 2 is learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, and their importance in the history of medicine. As part of this learning, we will be visiting the National Portrait Gallery to see their portraits and further develop our portrait drawing skills that we will be working on with Ms Kate over the half term. We will be visiting the National Portrait Gallery on **Tuesday 9th October.** Parent volunteers are needed to make this trip possible, so please let the class teachers know if you can attend. Please make sure you complete the permission slip for your child and return to school by **Friday 28th September.** Packed lunch will be provided by school.

Black History Month

Next month, we will be celebrating the culture and history of black people. Each year group will have a focus person of a particular importance whom they will research, produce creative writing and draw portraits.



Extended Schools - After School Clubs



My name is Miss Natasha and I am the new Extended School Lead. I am very excited to take on this new role, and I have planned a variety of fun activities for all children to participate in this term. All clubs have started today and we are delighted to see a lot of new faces! There are still places available so please do sign up if you have not done already! We also have a new Extended Schools email address, so please direct all your enquires to: extendedschools@halleyhouseschool.org.uk

Year 1 PE and Outdoor Adventures

P.E will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Outdoor Adventures will be on Tuesdays afternoon. Please provide your child with appropriate footwear, spare socks and trousers/skirts (in case of rain or mud accidents!). This allows them to access all the activities. Parent volunteers are required for both PE and Outdoor Adventures so please sign the volunteer sheet in the office or inform the class teacher.

Year 3

Year 3 has had a blast since starting back this half term! In literacy, we have been reading the text 'The Bus Ride' where we have been discussing the importance of being different. We have been running wild during PE and Outdoor Adventures, discussing the importance of space and what we need to do to keep ourselves, others and the environment safe. We've had great fun settling into our new year!



Our topic this term will focus on Rivers around the World. We transformed our classroom into a river and discussed what life would be like living alongside one. Hawking class wanted to remain on land! We will be looking at the animal fauna in and around the Amazon, writing poems as we sail down the Ganges River and also looking at comparisons between the The Mackenzie and Yukon River. As part of this learning, we will be going on our own boat trip down the River Thames!



All parents and carers are automatically part of our parent-teacher-community group, Friends of Halley House (FOHH). We always love hearing from our existing families, including those that have just joined us this year, prospective families who are considering Halley House as their school of choice, and members of our wider community. We appreciate suggestions and ideas for fundraising, social events or other ways in which we can support the wider development of the school; being an active member is a great way to get to know our school better, too! We also understand that time outside of school is precious and lives are busy – any time or support you can offer is always hugely appreciated. We know it makes a difference to our children's experiences and successes in school!

Friends of Halley House (FOHH)

Macmillan Coffee Morning!

We have some really exciting events planned for this year and will be releasing our annual calendar later this month. Our first event starts with our Macmillan Coffee morning on:

FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 9.15-10.45AM.

We are asking for donations of sealed and homemade baked goods. Please leave donations with Jo in the office. All donations will go to Macmillan Cancer support and we look forward to seeing you all for a coffee, treat and a chat!



Charitable & Fundraising Goals!

We have been successful in raising funds for both charities and our school since we opened in 2015. Our annual Summer Fete has proved very popular in the last two years, and we were able to undertake the first round of our playground redevelopment in July 2017 as a result of this and other fundraising activities (including our Halley House Hawks spectacular Hackney Half run!)

This year we are hoping to raise funds for the following:

- New books for the school library, including books that can be used as part of our new Accelerated Reader programme (an online reading comprehension programme, initially for Years 2 and 3)
- Further redevelopment of our outdoor space, including:
 - Bike racks
 - Artwork on the external walls of the building
 - Additional gardening resources and trees, plants and shrubs on site
 - Additional games and equipment for break and lunchtimes
 - Pastoral Care resources in the playground (such as a 'Buddy Bench')

First Meeting!

Our first full meeting this year is

THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2018.

We need as many of our members to come along as possible as there are a number of positions that need filling on our central team so come along to find out more! We will also need Class Reps for each class in the school and, of course, **LOTS OF EAGER VOLUNTEERS!**

We look forward to seeing you there and working together throughout this year!



Selina and Viv
(Chair and Vice Chair)

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 1	
Monday 17th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Clubs and After Care starts for all • Reception children in school full time
Wednesday 19th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Welcome Workshops – all year groups, 4.15-5.15pm
Friday 21st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans for Genes Day – wear jeans and make a suggested donation of £2 to charity
Wednesday 26th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10am
Friday 28th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macmillan Coffee Morning - all welcome, 9.15-10.45am
Wednesday 3rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10am • No Pens Wednesday
Thursday 4th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech and Language Coffee Morning for all parents/carers, 9.15-10.15am
Monday 8th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR Outdoor PE and Outdoor Adventures start this week – *PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED*
Wednesday 10th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am • Informal Parents' Open Evening, 4-6pm
Thursday 11th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOHH Meeting
Wednesday 17th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 18th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Draw
Friday 19th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month assembly • End of Autumn 1. School finishes at normal time; ASC still running.
*Please sign up on the sheets by the main school office for supporting regular off-site activities	

Autumn 2	
Monday 29th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Autumn 2
Tuesday 30th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Stars Stay & Play resumes for Autumn 2, 9-11am
Friday 9th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOHH Coffee Morning & Cake Sale
Monday 12th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 16th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children in Need Day • School Disco
Friday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOHH Winter Wonderland Fayre preparation meeting
Friday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Wonderland Fayre
Friday 21st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm

Welcome to our fantastic new Reception children!

Exploring

Making friends

Learning

Being imaginative

