



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We are still enjoying the bright sunny days at school, although now the weather has taken a definite turn for the cooler it is important that children come prepared with their school coats to ensure they can ensure all our varied outdoor provision during the day. We are also entering the time of year when coughs, colds and sniffles start to become more prevalent so please do take extra measures to ensure children are healthy and well to attend school every day. It has been fantastic seeing so many parents and carers as part of our Friday celebration assemblies so far this year – children really enjoy seeing you all and the support for their achievements is wonderful. I look forward to seeing you all at our coffee morning this Thursday, too. *Claire Syms*

### Monday Missions

**Reception** We have read Elmer in class and are learning about how to be a good friend as well as what makes us the same and different to others! Can you describe what things we can do to be a good friend or help us describe what makes us different or similar to others?



**Year 1** We have been looking at repeating patterns in terms of colours and shapes. Can you make a pattern at home?

We are learning to write the days of the week. Can you practice how to spell the days of the week?



**Year 2** I am an odd number. The value of my tens is 6. The value of my ones is two more than 3. What is my number? Can you make up your own number problems to bring into class?

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

### Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	17 <sup>th</sup> September		24 <sup>th</sup> September	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	95.6%	97.7%	93.5%	96.4%
Comet	99.6%	99.6%	94.4%	98.7%
Eclipse	96.3%	98.0%	96.3%	95.0%
Quasar	100%	97.0%	98.8%	97.5%
Galaxy	100%	99.4%	96.5%	97.8%
Cosmos	95.5%	99.0%	95.5%	98.4%
Hawking	91.9%	96.8%	98.5%	95.5%

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:

	21/09/18		28/09/18	
<b>Reception</b>				
Asteroid	Kaliyah	Kayran	Frankie	Sohrab
Comet	Ayyub	Farrah	Amelie	Artemas
<b>Year 1</b>				
Eclipse	Elif	Luc	Tsubame	Alvin
Quasar	Harleen	Josiah	Stella	Julia
<b>Year 2</b>				
Galaxy	Iman	Israel	Lizzie	Kamden
Cosmos	Darcey	Logan	Ella B	Milo
<b>Year 3</b>				
Hawking	Anna	Nathaniel	Jayden	Eleanor

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

## Attendance and Punctuality



We are continuing to work closely with the Hackney Learning Trust attendance service. Denise Howard is our new Attendance Officer this year and will be holding attendance surgeries and meetings during the course of the Autumn term to ensure all families have excellent attendance and punctuality. This year, HLT are authorised to issue instant fines for unauthorised holidays. Please remember that holiday-related absence in term time can only be approved in **exceptional circumstances**. If you have any questions or concerns about attendance and punctuality, please speak to Jo in the office in the first instance.

## School Uniform

Please be reminded that school uniform is compulsory and items of clothing with the school logo are included as part of the uniform. The school waterproof jacket and plain black shoes must be worn. Children in years 1, 2 and 3 should come to school **every day** in their school uniform, bringing their PE kits with them on the appropriate days. Reception children **only** are permitted to come to school wearing their PE kit on the relevant days. If there is a reason why your child is unable to wear their uniform to school please inform your child's class teacher. Please also remember to clearly label each item of uniform with your child's name to minimise the chances of items of clothing being lost or misplaced. Please speak to the school office if you have any questions regarding the uniform.

## Reading in Reception



Children in Comet and Asteroid class will be taking home a book from school this Wednesday to 'read together' and 'share' with adults and siblings at home (please note that this is not a decodable reading book just yet). Key questions or points to discuss around the book could include:

- Questions about the characters
- Sequencing the key events from the story
- Making predictions
- Discussing what they liked/disliked about the story and/or characters
- Spot/read the sounds (or small words) they already know (whose finger will find it the fastest?)

As the children learn more letter sounds they will begin to put their oral blending skills into practise and read (decode) simple words. When they are ready Miss Ashley and Miss Shiels will send home appropriate books or small activities that are designed to support their reading development. If you have any questions please do speak to a member of the Reception team.

## Outdoor Adventures for Year 2

Galaxy and Cosmos classes are now fully into the swing of outdoor learning. Over the past few weeks we have been exploring the habitats in Butterfield Green. The children have been hunting for caterpillars (made out of cotton string) and building shelters for them using the natural surroundings. Teamwork has played an important part in our activities and the children have showed great perseverance in building their shelters. Any parent volunteers for our sessions on Monday afternoons would be much appreciated. You can sign up at the school office. Please also be reminded that children should come to school in full uniform on P.E. days and they will get changed at school. P.E. for both classes is on Wednesday and Friday. Parent volunteers are needed for PE on Fridays when we go to Petchey Academy. This is from 10.50 until 12. If you are able to help, please sign up in the office.



## Read Write Inc. Speed Sounds Cards

Packs of Speed Sounds cards are available to buy from the school office to help with your child's reading at home. Set 1 sounds are ideal for Reception children, and Set 2 & 3 packs are for Years 1 and 2. Packs cost £8 and can be paid for through your Parent Pay account. There will be a Read, Write Inc parent workshop after half term - do ask your child to show you how to use the cards in the meantime as they are already very adept! Later this term we will also be offering reading and writing kits to purchase from the office to use at home!



## Volunteers for Reception Offsite Activities

Comet and Asteroid class still need lots of volunteers to support our children during our offsite activities on a Monday afternoon and a Friday morning (10:30 - 12:00). If anyone can help please let a member of the Reception team know or contact the school office. Thank you.

## Jeans for Genes Day

Many thanks to everyone for taking part in Jeans for Genes day. We raised £215.30!



## Macmillan Coffee Morning



Many thanks to the FOHH for organising the coffee morning last Friday and to those who donated the delicious cakes. We raised £69.47.

### Mobile phones in the playground



Please remember that mobile phones are not permitted in the playground during drop off and collection times. This is for safeguarding reasons and helps to ensure that all adults remain vigilant when supervising their

child/ren. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### Free Hackney Cooking Courses

There are a range of free cooking courses in the borough – please see below and the attached flyer for more details. Do get involved!

#### 1. Family Cooking for Life

This class is open to families with children or young adult carers. It will teach how to cook healthy options on a budget, how to eat healthy food without compromising taste, and all the tricks for healthy desserts to satisfy those sweet cravings! For this class, 3 children maximum (3 years old minimum) per adult are accepted.

#### 2. International Cuisine

This class will teach families how to cook the foods of their multicultural neighbours, in a healthy way. It will also be an occasion to improve their cookery skills and to get to know the ideal salt and sugar intake for their family, how to get good fats and oils into their diet, and how to read food labels properly.



### Music group tuition @ HHS



We intend to offer group instrumental tuition from the Spring term onwards. The tuition will be delivered to groups of 4-6 children at a time, in 30-minute sessions once a week

during the school day. We hope to be able to offer, through the music service at Hackney Learning Trust, a range of instrumental tuition, which may include guitar, flute and violin. A short survey will be sent to all parents and carers in the coming weeks so that you can express an interest in the tuition and specify any particular instruments (please note we cannot guarantee to be able to meet all requests but you can always ask!) **The tuition will be open to children in Years 1 to 3 at this stage.** We are very excited to be able to offer this provision and hope many of our children will benefit from it!

### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Hackney

Hackney Ark is a centre for children and young people with disability and special educational needs (SEN). It brings together services from across the fields of health, education and social care to provide an integrated response to the needs of disabled children and their families. There is a wide range of therapists and support available at Hackney Ark by referral.

#### Activities on offer include:

- Portage drop-ins every Monday afternoon, offering early-years development and play advice Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
- Toy Library every Wednesday afternoon
- Regular siblings groups for the brothers and sisters of disabled children with ASD
- Community Children's Nursing Team (CCNT)
- Autism support group for the parents and carers of children with ASD
- Positive Parenting sessions offering tips and the chance to share advice

#### Hackney Ark Contact details

tel: 020 7014 7000



### Holiday Music Course

Hackney Music Service is delighted to be able to invite your child to take part in the 16th Autumn Term Holiday Music Course. As usual, the course will run for three days from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 inclusive at William Patten Primary School. If you wish to apply for a place on any of the courses, please complete the enclosed Holiday Course application form and return by midday Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the attached for full details and how to apply.



### Informal Parents' Evening

All parents and carers are invited to pop in to our informal parents' evening on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October (next Wednesday). This is an opportunity to talk informally with your child's class teacher/s, have a look through your child's work books and see what they have been doing in their classroom! Appointments are not required. Please remember that if you do wish to discuss something specifically with your child's class teacher, you are welcome to arrange a meeting at any point in the term. Formal parents' evening is held in Autumn 2.

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
<b>Autumn 1</b>	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10am</li> <li>• No Pens Wednesday</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech and Language Coffee Morning for all parents/carers, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Outdoor PE and Outdoor Adventures start this week – <b>*PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED*</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>• Informal Parents' Open Evening, 4-6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOHH Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Big Draw</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black History Month assembly</li> <li>• End of Autumn 1. School finishes at normal time; ASC still running.</li> </ul>
<b>*Please sign up on the sheets by the main school office for supporting regular off-site activities</b>	

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

#SuperStarSport

PE at Halley House!



#teambuilding

Ask me, "Why is it important to be part of a team?"

What a fantastic start to our PE curriculum this year! We have a fun and exciting curriculum, taught by specialist coaches from Super Star Sport. They have made a great start to enhancing physical activity at school, working with all year groups from Reception up to Year 3.

PE is an integral part of the children's understanding of what a healthy lifestyle looks and feels like.

The children will learn invasion games such as football, netball and tag rugby. They will also partake in learning gymnastics, swimming and athletics, and will develop their understanding and knowledge of the differences between the different types of exercises. The focus of PE this year is to encourage and promote team building and the benefits exercise can have on our body and mind. We will also be looking to join in some inter-school competitions! This year is going to be a great year for PE and sports!

#welovePE

#differentwaystotravel



Ask me, "Why is a warm up so important?"

#cooldown



#warmup



#stretching