



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,  
We have a jam-packed newsletter this week, with lots of information about the end of this year and the start of the next. There are also two different competitions for children to have a go at home, so do get involved! We really do need commitments from parents and carers to support our school fete for it to run successfully, so please do sign up at the main office if you have not done so already – thank you!

*Claire Syms*

### Extra Monday Mission – competition for all children!

At Halley House School we strongly believe in enriching our curriculum through trips, visitors and workshops, and we have had some fantastic experiences in all year groups throughout the year. All children are invited to write a letter to Ms Syms, explaining what trip they would like to go on next if they were given the choice. Children will need to persuade Ms Syms why their idea is the best, considering what learning opportunities the trip might present, how it relates to what is being taught in school and why their year group deserves to go! Multimedia letters (e.g. drawings or use of ICT) are most welcome, as is any additional relevant material, but they will need to be persuasive to get Ms Syms to book the trip for the year group for the Autumn term! All letters must be given to Ms Syms by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. Year group winners will be announced on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

### Attendance & Punctuality

#### Asteroid Class

Attendance: 100%  
Punctuality: 98.7%

#### Comet Class

Attendance: 100%  
Punctuality: 99.3%

#### Eclipse Class

Attendance: 99.4%  
Punctuality: 98.8%

#### Quasar Class

Attendance: 95.5%  
Punctuality: 97.4%

#### Galaxy Class

Attendance: 90.5%  
Punctuality: 96.6%

Well done to Asteroid and Comet for achieving 100% attendance! Eclipse Class were also very close! Remember that children need to be attending at least 96% of the time to get the most out of school life!

## SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Reception		
Asteroid Class	Xavier	Julia
Comet Class	Isabelle	Karishma
Year 1		
Eclipse Class	Asta	Ava D
Quasar Class	Keziah	Mon'Ay
Year 2		
Galaxy Class	Anna	Jahzara

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

### Monday Missions!

#### Reception:

We are learning about pirates in class! Can you make up and write your own pirate sea adventure using your amazing phonic knowledge? Make sure you bring it in to read to everyone in class!



#### Year 1:

In Science we have been considering the problem of littering on our beaches. Can you design a poster to discourage people from littering and explain why it is bad for the environment?



#### Year 2:

We are learning about habitats in different countries what type of habitat would you like to learn more about? Can you write some questions about what you would like to find out? Bring them to school to share.

### Staffing Changes Next Year



We are delighted to welcome 4 new teachers and 2 TeachFirst participants to Halley House from September. Please see the photo page for a quick reference to who's who!

We will be sorry to see Ms Merrills and Ms Iqbal leave us at the end of this academic year, and would like to thank them sincerely for all the hard work and enthusiasm they have displayed during their time at Halley House. We are looking forward to celebrating their remaining few weeks with us, and would like to wish them the very best for all their future endeavours. We are sure you would like to join us in passing on thanks to them both.

Ms Foster will be taking a short sabbatical from September-December and will re-join us on 1<sup>st</sup> December, working across KS1 and being responsible for maths across the school.



### Classes next year

Please see the table below for details of class teachers next year:

Current Class	New Class	Class Teacher
n/a (YN)	Asteroid (YR)	Ms Amanda Shiels
n/a (YN)	Comet (YR)	Ms Deborah Ashley
Asteroid (YR)	Quasar (Y1)	Ms Mahmuda Khatun
Comet (YR)	Eclipse (Y1)	Ms Natalie Andrew
Eclipse (Y1)	Galaxy (Y2)	Mr Rob Challens
Quasar (Y1)	Cosmos (Y2)	Ms Rachel Dippie & Ms Ruby Muir
Galaxy (Y2)	Hawking (Y3)	Ms Michelle Clarke & Mr Samuel McDonald

Children will meet their new teachers and spend time in their new classrooms next Wednesday morning, 4<sup>th</sup> July, as part of their transition morning.

### School Uniform Event Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 5-7pm

Don't forget to come to the school uniform event on Wednesday this week. Although this event is primarily for our new starters in September we have asked for a variety of uniform sizes to be available so that our

current students can purchase new uniform for the next year. It will also be another great opportunity to welcome our new families to the school community, too!



### School Disco

The school disco is this Friday, from 5-6pm. Children attending the disco will be supervised by school staff from the end of the day (3.45pm) until 6pm. Clubs will run as normal from 4-5pm. Children are permitted to wear an outfit of their choice. Drinks and healthy snacks will be provided. Parents wishing to attend the disco must let FOHH (Viv or Selina) know by Thursday evening so that we can account for numbers in the hall. Many thanks to everyone who has returned their permissions slips and £1 already!



### Reception Dragon Detectives!

Reception children had a very busy week, as they had a surprise visit from a dragon who had lost her precious egg. Children were astounded when Ms Syms burst into their classroom after lunch to explain that the strange noises coming from the roof all morning had been coming from a mystery beast! Scorch marks and footprints were on the roof **and** some were even found in the classroom! Reception children investigated the evidence and came to the conclusion that a dragon was the culprit. During the week children were inspired to independently write letters to the dragon, promising to help find her missing egg. Eventually it was found in the garden area, tucked under some fragrant smelling plants. Children had such an exciting week and are waiting to see if they will have any more mystery visitors before the end of the year...



### Year 1 Trips

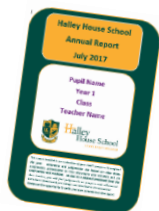
In Year 1, children have been very fortunate to have booked different trips this term. They will be attending the Bee Workshop with The Garden Classroom on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at King Henry's Walk. Both classes will be leaving at 9:30 and will be returning to school at 12:30. No packed lunch will be required. Year 1 will also be attending another trip on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to the Gurudwara. Children will leave school at 9:30 prompt and will return by approximately 2:15pm. **If you are providing your child with a packed lunch for this trip, please ensure that it is strictly vegetarian as no meat is permitted at the venue.** Many thanks for your cooperation.

### Year 2 Writing

In Year 2, children have been looking at how to retell a story in their own words. On Friday they listened to Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons' and acted out a story to the music. Children then used actions to help create their own retell. Ask your child to share their amazing stories!

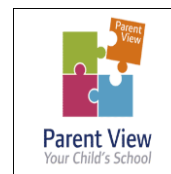
## Annual Reports & Parents' Evening

Annual reports will be sent electronically to all families this year on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. A hard copy will be available at Parents' Evening the following week on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July for you to complete any parent/carer comments you wish to make. Please remember to select an appointment slot using Arbor if you have not done so already. Reports include an assessment of children's effort and progress, as well as their attainment (including any statutory assessments) and targets going into next year.



## ParentView

Thank you to everyone who has completed this short survey so far. We would still hugely appreciate more responses ahead of our impending inspection, so please click on the link to the right if you have not already done so!



## ParentPay



As we rapidly approach the end of the academic year, please ensure all payments are up to

date. If you have not yet made a voluntary contribution to trips or paid for swimming lessons, and you are able to do so, it would be much appreciated. Similarly, if you would like to make a donation directly to the school, you can do this through your ParentPay account.

## Ambulance Drawing Competition!



The London Ambulance Service is launching a competition for children under 11 to celebrate 70 years of the NHS. To enter the competition just complete a drawing of an ambulance or members of the crew. The winning school/club will be in with a chance of a visit from some of the crew, who will run an interactive session. The competition will be judged by the Chair of the London Ambulance Service, Heather Lawrence OBE. Judging will be based on pictures that best capture the work of London Ambulance Service. All children will have an opportunity to do a drawing in school and they are also welcome to create their own artwork at home. Please ensure all entries are handed into school no later than **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July** to ensure they can be sent off in time for judging! Good luck!

## Reminder – NO ASCs on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Please remember that there will be NO After School Clubs on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July due to a special BPET Celebration Event. Children may be collected straight from the Petchey Academy if you are there to watch Sports Day. All other children will be dismissed as normal at 3.45pm from the school playground.

## National Democracy Week

Please note the Prime Minister/President dress up day has changed to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July to avoid a clash with the Y1 school trip. Children can come as a past or present democratic leader from around the world next Thursday!

## Asteroid Class Assembly

Asteroid Class parents, please come and join us on Thursday for your child's class assembly. The Assembly starts promptly at 9 and lasts for about 15 minutes. Comet Class Assembly will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## School Fete

Please ensure you have signed up with the school office to help out on the day or ahead of time with donations. We cannot run the fete without your support so please do let us know how you can help– it is very much appreciated! The Annual School Fete is a great opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate all our achievements from the year with the school community, as well as raise some vital funds for ongoing development of our school. We hope to see as many of you there as possible! Money raised from last year's fete went towards the first phase of our playground redevelopment, including the resurfacing and play equipment on the ground floor. We would love to continue to develop this area by adding to our gardening and wildlife zones, and add some artwork to the brick façade on the Shacklewell Lane side of the building. All fundraising throughout the year makes a big difference to our children's experiences of school and we are really looking forward to adding to this through this year's fete!

## Holiday Play schemes in Hackney this Summer

There is always lots going on in and around Hackney over the holidays – please have a look at the links below for some ideas for holiday clubs/childcare options.

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/holiday-playschemes>

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/sites/default/files/document/Playschemes.pdf>



DIARY DATES	
Summer 2	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> <li>• Y1 TRIP/VISIT - Trip to Bee Workshop at King Henry's Walk</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Event, 5-7pm</li> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 9 of 10)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asteroid Class Assembly, 9-9.15</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL TRIP/VISIT - Hackney Herbal in school for planting workshops</li> <li>• FOHH School Disco</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR TRIP/VISIT - Trip to the British Museum</li> <li>• National Democracy Week</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little Stars Stay &amp; Play, 9-11am</li> <li>• Y1 TRIP/VISIT - Gurudwar Sikh Sangat, Bow</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition morning – ALL</li> <li>• Annual Reports sent home</li> <li>• PLEASE NOTE NO RECEPTION SWIMMING LESSONS THIS WEEK</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presidents/Prime Minister Dress Up Day – DATE CHANGE</li> <li>• Comet Class Assembly, 9-9.15</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day 2-3.30pm at The Petchey Academy</li> <li>• NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HHS Summer Fete, 2-5pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YR Swimming Lessons (Lesson 10 of 10)</li> <li>• Parents' Evening</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of term and year! School finishes at 2pm</li> </ul>

Please see following page for next year's term dates.

### HHS Term Dates 2018-19

#### **Autumn Term 2018**

<b>First Day</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	75 <i>(35 first half-term; 40 second half-term)</i>

#### **Spring Term 2019**

<b>First Day</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	61 <i>(31 first half-term; 30 second half-term)</i>

#### **Summer Term 2019**

<b>First Day</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	53 <i>(23 first half-term; 30 second half-term)</i>

Core school hours: 8.55am – 3.45pm

NB – For reception children the school will provide a settling period, with children attending mornings only from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. All children will be full time by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

\*Staff development day on the following dates as INSET Days:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

#### **Bank Holidays for 2018/19**

25 December 2018	Christmas Bank Holidays
26 December 2018	Christmas Bank Holidays
1 January 2019	New Year's Day Holiday
19 April 2019	Good Friday
22 April 2019	Easter Monday
6 May 2019	May Bank Holiday
27 May 2019	Spring Bank Holiday
26 August 2019	Summer Bank Holiday

Term Dates are published on the school website, and a hard copy can also be requested from the school office.

## Dragon Detectives!



## New Staff 2018-19



**Mr Rob Challens**  
Y2 Galaxy



**Ms Michelle Clarke**  
Y3 Hawking



**Ms Ruby Muir**  
Y2 Cosmos  
(with Ms Dippie)



**Ms Deborah Ashley**  
YR Comet

Photos of  
Ms  
Andrew  
and Mr  
McDonald  
to follow  
next week!