



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,  
Reception children have now started their off-site activities, including their first visit to Petchey for PE and Butterfield Green for Outdoor Adventures – they have been incredibly mature and sensible when they have been out and about and are a credit to the school! Thank you to parents and carers who have started accompanying classes on these regular visits – we really value your support. It seems incredible that we are already approaching the half term break – as always we have fitted lots in to Autumn 1, and are eagerly looking forward to what awaits next half term. There are lots of things to do in half term in and around Hackney – take a look at the attached document if you need some more ideas!

*Claire Syms*

### Monday Missions

Reception: have been reading 'The Gruffalo'! Can you make your very own forest picture using natural materials? Make sure you bring your pictures in for show and tell!



Year 1: We are practising counting forwards and backwards in twos, fives and tens. Can you count in twos, fives and tens from any number? Give it a try at home.

The days are getting shorter! Record the timings of the sunset every day and discuss why that happens.

Year 2: In history we are learning about how Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale were significant people in the history of medicine. Can you use KidsRex to find out more information about either Mary Seacole or Florence Nightingale?

### Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	1 <sup>st</sup> October		8 <sup>th</sup> October	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	92.6%	98.59%	98.26%	99.12%
Comet	98.4%	99.19%	94.67%	98.59%
Eclipse	97.5%	94.23%	97.5%	98.08%
Quasar	99.38%	97.48%	97.5%	98.72%
Galaxy	97.5%	98.72%	97.92%	97.87%
Cosmos	95%	99.47%	92.5%	97.3%
Hawking	96.54%	92.9%	93.46%	93.83%

Our overall attendance as a school (96.6%) is currently still above our target of 96.5%, which is a great start to our school year. Well done everyone! Please remember that sniffles and colds are **not** usually a reason for children to miss school, so keep them wrapped up warm, maintain good fluid levels and ensure they get plenty of sleep to help keep those winter bugs at bay!

### ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

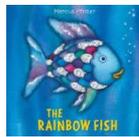
	05/10/18		12/10/18	
<b>Reception</b>				
Asteroid	Mia	Leah	Orlando	Tyler
Comet	Akira	Terrell	Dottie	Sebastian
<b>Year 1</b>				
Eclipse	Sammy	Bianca	Le'Shai	Selina
Quasar	Inez	Benoit	Xavier	Koko
<b>Year 2</b>				
Galaxy	Ava K	Martha	Tiannah	Isaiah
Cosmos	Ruth	Isla	Manyiel	Maryam
<b>Year 3</b>				
Hawking	Ricky	Sumayyah	Hailey	Oscar

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

### What's been happening in Reception?



Reception have had an incredible few weeks at Halley House! This term we have learnt about our families, what makes us the same and



different and made lots of new friends! During our time at school we have read lots of family and friendship books, with our favourite book so far being 'The Rainbow Fish'. With this story we made the sea outside in the construction area and discussed how we could represent



the rocks and animals that live in the ocean. We then explored different materials to create our own fish and sea pictures, and we even had the incredible opportunity to touch and draw some fish!



The most special (and most memorable) part of our learning was Miss Shiels discussing the different parts of a fish and cutting it open so we could have a look inside!

### Year 2 Visit to the National Portrait Gallery

On Tuesday Year 2 visited the National Portrait Gallery as part of our wider curriculum focus for art. The children had an amazing time and we had lovely feedback from members of the public on their focus and behaviour. Year 2 wrote recounts of their trip when they got back to school, and thought about the links with their learning, including Black History Month.

*"Year 2 visited the National Portrait Gallery on Tuesday the 9th of October. We went there because we wanted to learn about different types of portrait. We got on the 38 bus. Our task was to copy some of the portraits and we even spotted Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. I really enjoyed drawing them."* By Arthur

*"Yesterday we went to the National Portrait Gallery. First we went to look at lots of different portraits. After that we had lunch. Then we looked at the portraits of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. My favourite portrait was of Florence Nightingale."* By Ruth



### Year 2 at Forest School

Year 2 have been learning about the basic needs of humans and animals in science. As one of these is shelter, at Forest School children have been working in teams to design their own shelters. In literacy they have written recounts of their experiences to tell Hackney Council what we got up to.



*"On Monday we went to Forest School. When we arrived at Forest School, first we sat on the rocky floor. The teacher checked the area for us and then we built shelters for the Three Blind Mice, the Three Little Pigs and the Wolf! To make our shelters we used sticks, leaves and stones. I worked with Darcey and Isla. We walked back to school and then it was home time."* By Ela

*"On Monday Year 2 visited Butterfield Green. We sat first on the rocky floor and discussed what we will be doing. The teacher checked to see if it was safe and clear for us to build in. Next we built our shelters and used different materials. We used sticks and leaves. We made a very big house. I worked with Mya, Mon'ay and Israel. It was fun and it made me feel like I want to be a builder. We went to the river and made chocolate with the mud. We trotted back to school."* By Tiannah

### HHS Group Music Tuition Survey

We have had a very positive response to our music survey— thank you to all parents and carers in Years 1 to 3 who have responded already. There is still time to complete the short survey; the closing date is this Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, at 12 noon. Once we have collated and analysed responses, we will confirm availability of tutors with Hackney Music Service and provide more details ahead of tuition commencing in the Spring term. We are looking forward to getting started!



### HHS Choir

Choir Club at lunchtimes has proved hugely popular this half term and we are looking forward to showcasing some of our talent at our end of term productions! Miss Sarah, one of our music teachers, leads choir every week on a Thursday – it is a highly engaging, fun 30 minutes of singing and movement. We encourage all children (Y1 and older) to give it a go if they haven't already!



## Extended Schools Information

### Updates & Reminders from our Extended Schools Lead, Miss Natasha



After School Clubs have enjoyed lots of successes so far this term! Children have been enjoying the range of activities (and healthy snacks!) available to them throughout the week. Reception children have also made a fantastic start, settling into clubs, learning new skills and techniques as well as making new friends in different year groups. We are delighted to see an increase in the uptake of clubs across the school, with more children in Years 1 to 3 participating in clubs and trying something new, too!

This is our first term to offer three different clubs per evening, and we are extremely pleased to be able to continue to increase our provision as the school expands. As a result of this wider offer, we can now provide a more flexible childcare option by offering some clubs and care on an 'ad hoc' basis. Should you need a one-off or short-term club provision, or you would like your child to trial a club for a shorter period of time, you can now pay for individual clubs via ParentPay.



ParentPay®

Please remember that we have a dedicated Extended Schools email address:

**[extendedschools@halleyhouseschool.org.uk](mailto:extendedschools@halleyhouseschool.org.uk)**

Please do email in any queries or suggestions as we always welcome your ideas and feedback.



Late fees are enforced as per our policy as follows:

- Late collection from school is from 4pm and costs £1 per minute
- Late collection from ASC is from 5pm and costs £1 per minute
- Late collection from After Care is from 6pm and costs £1 per minute

Late fees can be paid through ParentPay. Please be aware that your child's club place may be at risk if you do not promptly pay any late fees. **All parents and carers are reminded to contact the Extended Schools Team via the school office if you are going to be late for any reason.**

Breakfast club is open 7:45 - 8:30, and we recommend that families arrive by 8.20am at the latest to ensure there is time to eat before the start of the school day. If you arrive at Breakfast Club at 8:30, please be aware that you will be required to pay the BC charge of £1.50.



Take a look at what we have been doing!

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
<b>Autumn 1</b>	
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>• HHS Group Music Tuition survey closes, 12 noon</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, 9.00-11.00am</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOHH Coffee Morning &amp; Cake Sale, 9.00-10.00am</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Bullying Week</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y3 Hawking Class Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</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>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee Morning with School Nurse, 9:30 – 10:15am (all parents/carers welcome, particularly parents/carers of children in Reception classes)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y2 Galaxy Class Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</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>• YR &amp; Y1 Christmas Production @ HHS</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal Parents' Evening, 4.00pm -7.00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Wonderland Fayre</li> </ul>
<b>w/b Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y2 &amp; Y3 Christmas Production (specific date TBC)</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>



"We are perfect partners"

It's Good to be Green!



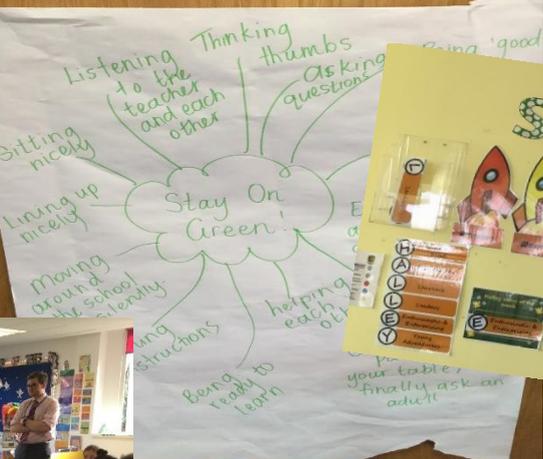
"We share and learn together"



"We listen to our peers when they share their learning"



"There are lots of ways to stay on green"



"We use our magnet eyes when others are talking"

