



Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We have enjoyed a busy start to Autumn 2, with Outdoor Classroom Day for all year groups last week, an 'X Factor' band performance in Y3 music (video to follow!) and all of our regular creative and adventurous activities as part of our curriculum. We have a number of trips and visitors planned for the remainder of this term, but we are unable to book any further activities for the Spring term until we receive additional voluntary contributions. We know how much children get from these experiences, so do please make a donation if you can! Remember that there is a bake sale this Friday, straight after drop off, so do come and join FOHH for a warming tea or coffee and slice of cake!

*Claire Syms*

### Monday Missions

#### Reception:

In maths Reception have been learning about measure! Can you choose different objects at home and order them from smallest to largest and then lightest to heaviest? You can also have fun exploring the capacity of different containers during bath time!



#### Year 1:

This week we have started our new topic 'Toys'. We are comparing toys from the past to toys now. Please talk to your child about the toys you had when you were younger. How are they the same or different from the toys we have now?

#### Year 2:

This week we have been learning about Sikhism, please discuss the five symbols that represent a Sikh.



### Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	15 <sup>th</sup> October		29 <sup>th</sup> October	
Class	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	96.7%	96.6%	98.7%	97.4%
Comet	95%	98.9%	94%	98.3%
Eclipse	100%	96.9%	100%	98.7%
Quasar	96.9%	99.2%	93.8%	98.7%
Galaxy	98.4%	98.4%	98.8%	96.2%
Cosmos	100%	98.7%	98%	97.4%
Hawking	96.2%	94.5%	93.5%	93.8%

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:

	19/10/18		02/11/18	
Reception	Asteroid	Kian	Korree	Abiel
Asteroid	Rae	Hannah	Max	Ishmael
Comet	Leon	Karishma	Zion Levi	Kaelan
Eclipse	Mia	Rylei	Munachismo	Malachi
Quasar	Freddie	Yen	Kyrone	Yusef
Galaxy	Joshua	Mon'Ay	Dolly	Itta
Cosmos	Hawking	Yvonne	Rio	Joshua
				Alanna

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

## **Voluntary Contribution to Trips**

As you know, we request a voluntary contribution of £15 per term for trips. I just wanted to remind you that if the contributions are not paid then we cannot continue to facilitate amazing learning experiences outside of a normal school setting. Trips, visitors and workshops are already heavily subsidised from the school budget and unfortunately we have no further capacity to increase this. As of today we have received less than 40% of our voluntary contributions for this term and cannot book trips for the Spring term until this dramatically increases.

## **Halley House Christmas Cards**

As early as it is so start thinking about Christmas, the children have been busy designing their own cards this week! A template mock-up card will be made available for parents/carers to view by mid-November. If you are interested in ordering any cards please visit the website below, with details of your child's first and last name and unique order code (which can be found on the back of your child's artwork) and place your orders by **20th November**. <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk> Ordered cards will be sent to school by **30th November** in time for Christmas postal deliveries.

## **Reception**

All of the children in Asteroid and Comet Class have come back to the school after the half term holidays full of enthusiasm and ready to get back to learning. We started off the term with a bang, heading over to Butterfield Park for our outdoor session on Monday. The children had a great time exploring new areas of the park and were seen using their imagination in lots of different ways. Please remember that these sessions are now on Monday mornings and all of the children will need to bring warm clothing and welly boots with them.

**Please** could all reception parents check your child's clothes to see if they have accidentally taken home the wrong jumper or blazer. A few named items have recently gone missing and we would like to reunite them with their owners. Thank you.

## **School coats and bags**



Please remember that the school coat and school bag are compulsory items of school uniform. The weather is decidedly colder now and all children continue to regularly participate in outdoor activities off-site – **the school coat must be worn in all instances**.

Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any queries or concerns about uniform.

## **Children in Need**

Children in Need is taking place on Friday 16th



November and we are inviting the children (and staff) to come to school dressed in something spotty! We are asking for a donation of £2 to join in with the dress up day and all money raised will be sent to Children In Need, helping to support the valuable work they do.



## **Extra Curricular Activities**

On Wednesday we had a fantastic assembly delivered by the Choir Master from a local choir group called the Dissenters. They are based locally in St Matthias Hall and are encouraging young singers to come along to their 'Young Dissenters' group. Please see the attached flyer for more details, or come to the office to pick up a hard copy if you are interested.

We have also been approached by a local Piano Teacher Shay Smyth who is available for private lessons. Again his flyer can be picked up from the Office.

## **Music Tuition**

Thank you for all the responses to our music tuition survey. We will be offering **guitar** and **keyboard** lessons during the Spring term – further details to follow! We strongly encourage interested children to participate, and hope to expand our offer over time.

## **Individual Education Plans (IEPs)**

Parents/carers of children with identified special educational needs will be invited to meet with their child's class teacher this half term to help create their IEP which will then be reviewed termly. Your child's class teacher will be in contact with you to arrange this meeting at a mutually convenient time.

## **Outdoor Classroom Day**

On Thursday Reception and Year 1 headed over to King Henry's Walk for class sessions as part of 'Outdoor Classroom Day'. Children braved various downpours throughout the day and Reception children absolutely loved exploring this wonderful garden, looking for signs of autumn and talking about similarities and differences in the environment.



Year 1 found it to be a great opportunity to explore nature and what is around us. The children did some bark rubbing, a tree and leaf hunt and ended it with a nature related poem. Thank you so much to Viv for leading such fantastic sessions for the children.



## Lunchtime Service



My name is Katanya and I am the new lead midday supervisor and office administrator. It has been a wonderful start to the school year and all the children have settled well into the lunchtime routine. They have been enjoying our delicious menu which has been designed based on the nutritional guidelines set by the Government for primary schools. There is a copy of the menu on the parent notice board in the playground.



We encourage all our students to try something new each day, which includes fruits and vegetables that are delivered fresh on a daily basis. Our chef Jennifer follows a strict recipe when preparing the meals, she also follows guidance from the Government's Eat Well Guide for portion sizes to ensure each student receives adequate amounts of micronutrients and macronutrients. This will aid them in their mental and physical development whilst at school.



Part of my role as both Lead Midday Supervisor and Admin Assistant is to monitor allergies and to ensure that all staff and students are aware of the various allergies. We have created allergy lanyards with the child's name, photograph and what they are allergic to and this is given to children to wear during lunchtime. This ensures that all adults in the dining room know exactly which foods individual children are allergic to.



Parents of children in YR, Y1 or Y2 are advised that you must gain written permission from the school if you wish to provide a packed lunch. If you are providing your child with a packed lunch, please remember



that we are a healthy school and confectionary such as chocolates, sweets, biscuits, drinks and crisps are prohibited. We encourage you to give your child a sandwich, a piece of fruit, cheese, yoghurt or rice cakes and water. Please remember we are also a nut and strawberry free school. Many thanks for your support.



DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2	
<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 – wear something spotty and donate £2!</li> <li>• School Disco, 4-5.30pm</li> <li>• Y1 TRIP / VISIT – Trip to V &amp; A Museum of Childhood</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>

## Extended Schools



### Art

After School Clubs and After Care are operating right up until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, when we break up for Christmas at 2pm.

Spring term clubs will be available to book from 14th December; this is on a first come, first served basis and requires a £1 booking fee through ParentPay. The booking fee will be deducted from the total amount.

### Late Pickup

Please be aware that late fees will apply for late collection.



### Ukulele



### Gymnastics



### Mini Aiders