



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

At the end of last week, we wished Ms Lim all the very best as she started her maternity leave and at the start of this week we welcomed back Ms Foster who has returned from her travels. She will be teaching across a number of year groups, including in Year 2, and resumes her responsibilities for maths, Thinking Schools and School Council – I am sure you will join us in welcoming her back if you haven't had chance already! Rehearsals are in full swing, donations are flooding in for the Winter Fayre, new volunteers have started, children's Christmas cards have arrived and our formal Parents' Evening of the year is coming up too – lots to enjoy and still to fit in before the Winter break!

Claire Syms

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	19 th November		26 th November	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	88.7%	97.55%	88.3%	96.59%
Comet	85.6%	100%	87.2%	97.25%
Eclipse	83.75%	98.51%	91.25%	97.95%
Quasar	95%	97.99%	95%	96.71%
Galaxy	93.13%	97.99%	96.25%	95.16%
Cosmos	95.5%	97.38%	93%	96.1%
Hawking	95%	95.14%	94.23%	93.06%

We have experienced a noticeable dip in attendance recently, due in large part to a Winter sickness bug that seems to be doing the rounds. Please do take extra care with hand washing and wrapping up warm to try and ward off any germs – and please do continue to inform the school office if your child is absent for any reason.

Monday Missions

Reception:

In maths we are learning about the days of the week and months of the year. Let us sing our songs to you which helps us to remember them!



Year 1:

We are busy preparing for our Christmas Production. Please encourage your child to practise the songs with actions at home.

Year 2:

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?



★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	23/10/18		30/11/18	
Reception				
Asteroid	Ashleigh	Harlei	Wilfred	Keevon
Comet	Kwame	Demi	Cavalli	Jahmil
Eclipse	Bianca	Sammy	Alvin	
Quasar	Rylei	Navea	Kush	
Galaxy	Ava D	Lizzie	Victoria	Archie
Cosmos	Kauthar	Joshua	Isla	Ella
Hawking	Enya	Beatrix	Tyreese	Jahzara

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

Donations for Trips

We would like to say a huge thank you to parents who have taken the time to go online to Parent Pay to make extremely generous donations to our trip fund! We really do appreciate your support. The staff dedicate time and energy to planning and organising trips that they believe will enhance your child's learning experience. Unfortunately, this cannot always be done without a financial cost. We do ask that all parents contribute **£15 per term** to cover all trips for their own child. If you have not already done so, please do make a donation towards the cost of these highly enjoyable and educational trips which support your child's learning and development. With regret, we simply cannot go ahead with planned trips unless we receive these much needed funds. If you require any support with making payments online, please do contact Jo in the office who will be more than happy to help.

Contact details

It is **imperative** that we have up to date contact numbers for every child in the school. Parents and carers can check and update their own details through their own Arbor login. Staff members conduct home visits if we cannot make contact with a family in the event that a child is absent from school with no explanation. **Please inform the office before 9.30am each day if your child is absent, and ensure the numbers we hold for you are correct.**

Trip to Saint Barnabas

Recently the children in Reception took a small walk over to our local church, St Barnabas, to learn about the story of Christmas. We joined in with discussion and craft work linked to the theme of Christmas and then acted out the story of the Nativity, using costumes and actions. The actions helped the children recall some of the main events and they were wowed by the beauty of the church building. What a great trip!



Star of the Week

Certificates can be awarded for achievement or progress in any of our curriculum areas, as well as for demonstrating fantastic effort or resilience. We also use this time to reward children who are following our Halley House Values, such as being helpful and kind or a good leader or learner. All areas of school life are considered! If you have any questions about your child's achievements as a 'Star' then please speak to their class teacher, who would love to see you.

Stay on Green in Reception

Stay on Green is our whole school positive behaviour management approach. Every child begins each day on 'green' and is encouraged and rewarded (with green points) for showing agreed behaviours (decided as a class at the beginning of the school year). These could include good manners, being helpful, kind words, good listening and attention, gentle behaviour etc. Each class sets a 'green points target' each week which is rewarded with 'green time' (special extra-curricular activities) on a Friday afternoon. If children display undesirable behaviours they are given warnings and may be moved to blue or yellow for non-compliance. Children are always given an opportunity to reflect on their behaviour and are encouraged to make amends. All adults will then support the child in making the right choices to make it back to green. Please also see the attached Stay on Green Guide for Parents for further information. Thank you.

Packed Lunches / Salad Bar

Just a polite reminder to parents regarding packed lunches: we are a pork, nuts and strawberry free school. If you are providing your child with a packed lunch, please remember that we are a healthy school and confectionery such as sweets, chocolates, cakes and biscuits are prohibited. During the past two weeks Year 3 students have been regularly self-serving from our extensive range of healthy, nutritious choices at the salad bar. Our older children have proved to be very proficient at explaining the composition of a healthy lunch in school and we are delighted that they are sharing this knowledge with younger children in the dining hall. KS1 children (Y2) will also regularly be self-serving their salad from the Spring term.

Influenza immunisations

Thank you to all the parents who signed the consent forms and returned them back to the school office. If your child missed the 'flu immunisation (given as a nasal spray) the NHS will be holding a catch up clinic on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th December 3pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 11th December 3pm- 5.30pm

Clinic Location: Hackney Central Library, 1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ. Please call the team on 0207 613 8374 to book an appointment. More details are available on the attached flyer.

Fundraising

Thank you to the Co Op, who donated £250 towards our Winter Fayre fundraising!

Many thanks also to Sinead (Darcey in Y2's mum) who made the introduction.



DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2	
Monday 3rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Foster returns to work
Wednesday 5th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Trip to Mirror Maze, Stratford
Friday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOHH Winter Wonderland Fayre preparation meeting
Wednesday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR & Y1 Christmas Production @ HHS (YR Asteroid & Y1 Eclipse parents/carers)
Thursday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR & Y1 Christmas Production @ HHS (YR Comet & Y1 Quasar parents/carers) Formal Parents' Evening, 4.00pm-7.00pm
Friday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Wonderland Fayre (Christmas Jumper Day)
Tuesday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photographer in from Tate TRIP/VISIT – Y2 and Y3 to Petchey for 'The Grinch' performance
Wednesday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas lunch in school
Thursday 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 & Y3 Christmas Production Spring 1 Curriculum Booklets sent home
Friday 21st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm
Spring 1	
Friday 4th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET Day. Children not in school.
Monday 7th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPET INSET Day. Children not in school.
Tuesday 8th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Spring 1. YR Health Screening Writing Fortnight begins
Monday 21st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – Y2 Trip to Science Museum
Monday 28th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Storytelling Week starts
Thursday 7th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal Parents' Evening, all year groups, 4-6pm
Friday 15th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Spring 1. After School Clubs continue as normal.

Outdoor Learning



Being outside has many health benefits, including:

- Increased immunity from coughs and colds
- Cooperation and teamwork
- Resilience
- Physical, social and emotional health development
- Improved sleep
- Decreased stress levels

...And much, much more!



Year 2 – Making habitats for small animals



Year 1 – Investigating tree bark and plants



Reception – Role play and finding mini-beasts!