



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We have now reached the final week of what has been a hugely productive and positive Autumn term at Halley. We hope you have all enjoyed it as much as we have! There is still lots to look forward to in the Spring and Summer terms, with writing weeks, swimming and music tuition just some of the highlights in our curriculum, alongside visitors, trips and events. Sincere thanks to all our families and members of our school community for all your ongoing support and many generous contributions, in terms of time, resources and donations. Our children's experience of primary school is all the richer for your involvement. Wishing you all a very relaxing festive break ahead, and I look forward to seeing you on 7th January!

Claire Syms

Attendance & Punctuality

| Week Beginning | 3 rd December | | 10 th December | |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | Attendance | Punctuality | Attendance | Punctuality |
| Asteroid | 90.83% | 94.95% | 95.83% | 96.52% |
| Comet | 95.2% | 99.16% | 95.56% | 99.07% |
| Eclipse | 88.13% | 98.58% | 93.75% | 96.00% |
| Quasar | 99.38% | 94.34% | 96.88% | 96.77% |
| Galaxy | 94.38% | 97.35% | 96.88% | 96.13% |
| Cosmos | 92.5% | 93.51% | 94.00% | 96.81% |
| Hawking | 92.31% | 93.75% | 92.69% | 94.19% |

Monday Missions

Reception:

Merry Christmas from Reception! Can you draw or write a list of things you would like for Christmas?



Year 1:

We have come to the last week of term! Please keep a diary of all the fun things you do during the holidays.

Year 2:

We have recently visited a Gurudwara Sangat. It was a great insight into the religion of Sikhism. Can you write a thank you letter to the people at the Gurudwara thanking them for our wonderful trip?



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.

★ ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

| | 23/10/18 | | 30/11/18 | |
|------------------|------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Reception | | | | |
| Asteroid | Ezra | Mayah-leih | Kiyah | Rae |
| Comet | Callum | Ella | Abiel | Ibrahim |
| Eclipse | Le'Shai | Selina | Kaelan | Luc |
| Quasar | Xavier | Inez | | |
| Galaxy | Ava K | Tiannah | Martha | Ebube |
| Cosmos | Maryam | Demario | | |
| Hawking | Tiger Rose | Elijah | Eleigh | Kiaron |

End of Term

The Autumn term finishes on Friday 21st December at 2pm. Please ensure prompt collection at the playground gates at this time. All school staff will also be finishing at 2pm on this day, after what has been an incredibly busy, fun-packed and enjoyable term. We look forward to wishing you a happy holiday season on Friday afternoon!



Farewell to Mrs Stephens



Mrs Stephens' last day in school will be this Wednesday, 19th December. During her time with us, Amy has added a great deal to Halley House and our children, teaching year groups across the school and both maintaining and improving our provision, including for those children with additional needs in her capacity as SENCO and member of the Inclusion Team. She has also been a fantastic support to many teachers and staff in the school, with her patience, expertise and sunny disposition. As you are aware, Amy is leaving us to spend more time with her family, and we will absolutely be keeping in touch and hoping to cross paths again in the future! We are sure you would like to join us in giving heartfelt thanks for all of Mrs Stephens' contributions over the years, and wish her all the best for her future adventures.

Festive Fundraising

Many thanks to all those parents who bought mince pies on the morning of the YR & Y1 performances. Our local Co-Op kindly donated all them all and so far we have raised £71.00 There will be another chance to partake in the festive fun on the morning of the Y2 & Y3 performance!



ParentPay

Please settle any outstanding debts on ParentPay. This includes payments for clubs and lunchtime meals. We are still very short on Autumn term trip contributions in every year group. Swimming payments are also available for the Spring term (years 1 and 2) and will need paying ahead of lessons. If you have any problems logging on, or any other queries relating to ParentPay, please pop into the office and we will be happy to help.

Another new addition!



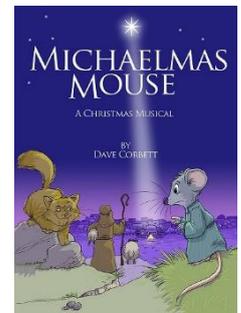
We are delighted to share that Ms Lim and her husband welcomed their baby son into the world on Friday 14th December at around 2am. Weighing in at 7.5lbs, Baby Lim is now enjoying being at home with his family – including meeting his big sister and getting some sibling cuddles!

Volunteers

We would also like to extend a very big thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters who have helped us access our events off site during the Autumn term. These events allow us to enhance the curriculum and your children's experiences even further and without your support these are unable to take place. Therefore, please head to the office to volunteer (sign up) for next term's offsite outdoor adventures and PE sessions when you can. Thank you!

Year 2 and 3 Christmas Production

A huge well done to YR and Y1 children for an amazing performance last week! Y2 and Y3 have been working exceptionally hard for their own production to perform this Thursday. Just to reiterate Mr McDonald's email, children will need a costume by Tuesday 18th December and we are really looking forward to seeing all the children in their costumes for their dress rehearsal on Wednesday. Thank you everyone who has already contributed costumes! Any questions please see us in the playground. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday for our performances!



Year 1 Writing Week Hook

To hook children into our exciting writing week, we will be having a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' on *Tuesday the 8th January 2019*. On this day we invite all children to bring in a teddy bear (or similar stuffed toy) into school. Thank you in advance!



Year 1 trip to St Barnabas Church



In RE, we have been learning about how and why Christians celebrate Christmas. We took part in creating important characters from the Nativity using lolly sticks. Also, we were very lucky to be able to re-tell the story through a role-play wearing different costumes inside the church. We had an amazing time!

Reception



What a busy time our Reception children had last week! Not only did they wow everyone with their fantastic performances in our Christmas production of 'Away in a Manger', but

they also composed and performed their own class songs using body percussion. We were very fortunate to have an experienced music teacher come and explore body percussion with the children, encouraging them to create their own beats and rhythms through clapping, tapping and clicking. It was great fun and we would encourage everyone at home to explore and compose your own songs using body percussion.

Parents' Evening Student Helpers

Many thanks to our fabulous student helpers on Parents' Evening. Enya, Leigh, Alanna, Oscar and Hailey. You all did a grand job of escorting parents to the classrooms and represented HHS in a very professional way. We are very proud of you all!

Scholastic Book Fair

Once again many thanks to all of you who came to the Scholastic Book Fair and bought books. It was hugely popular and we raised £698.95 to put towards books for the school. Particular thanks to Ms Ashley for all the hard work in organising the Fair, and to all staff for giving up their time to run the Fair during the week. We know children really enjoyed browsing and selecting some lovely new titles and hope you all enjoy sharing them together at home!

Pre- Existing Injury Forms

Please remember to come to the office and complete a pre-existing injury form if your child has had an injury outside of school.

Computer games

It has come our attention that some children may be viewing or accessing inappropriate computer games at home. Computer games such as 'Fortnite' and 'Grand Theft Auto' are inappropriate and children should not be accessing them. Certification guidelines are used to protect children from viewing age-inappropriate material. If you have any concerns, please do share them with us. We will be encouraging parents to attend our annual E-safety workshop in the Spring term.



Year 1 Eco Active Visit



In science we have been learning all about different materials and their properties.

We have also had the chance to learn about why recycling is very important for the environment. We were fortunate enough to have Eco Active visit us and carry out an exciting workshop. We got to make our own recycled paper and paper gift bags!

YR and Y1 Christmas Performances

Reception and Y1 children put on two absolutely fantastic performances to parents last week. We were so proud of all our children for joining in with all the songs, actions and signing, and of course for showcasing some fabulous acting and narrating, too! Our Y1 children were beautifully articulate in their reading and performing of their lines and everyone worked really hard during rehearsals to ensure everything ran as smoothly as possible. Thank you to all staff who organised and supported the performances, and to parents and carers for some stunning costumes (and some very tuneful singing)! We are looking forward to sharing recordings and some hi-resolution photos with you all in the new year.

Winter Wonderland Fayre

Many thanks to FOHH, the parents and staff for all their help and contributions to the Fayre, including a surprise visit from Santa himself! It was a huge success, we have raised a whopping **£1,061.60!** Well done everyone! Thanks also for all the kind raffle donations, especially Michael and Giada (parents of Olivia and Leon) for their amazing fruit baskets. We still have some unclaimed prizes. Ticket numbers: 16, 32 17 & 143! Please come to the office to claim your prize!

INSET Days

The first two days of the Spring term are INSET Days – Friday 4th January and Monday 7th January. Children will be back in on Tuesday 8th January. All of our Extended Schools provision (Breakfast Club, After School Club, After Care) will immediately resume from 8th, too.

Festive Wishes



We would like to wish all of our school community a very happy and restful winter break. We hope you have plenty of time to enjoy the holidays with friends, family and loved ones, and we look forward to seeing you refreshed and rejuvenated in January.

| DIARY DATES | |
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| Autumn 2 | |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 15th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music tuition starts |
| Wednesday 16th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Swimming Lessons start (1 of 10) |
| Thursday 17th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Swimming Lessons start (1 of 10) |
| 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. |

Winter Fayre



YR & Y1 Christmas Performance

