

Newsletter

Monday 14th January 2019

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring term! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and restorative break and are feeling refreshed for the new term! We have lots of exciting events ahead, including swimming lessons, music tuition and trips and workshops throughout the Spring term. Tomorrow is also the deadline for Reception places for September 2019 so please do make sure you have completed your application for any siblings, or reminded friends who might be considering us to apply on time. Following DfE approval and confirmation, we are taking one intake of 30 Reception pupils next year, and it looks likely that we will be oversubscribed with the current application levels!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: Our topic this half term is 'All Around the World'. Can you draw a picture to show some of the places you may have been on holiday?



Year 1: In Topic, we are looking about the five animal groups. Can you list common animals under each category?



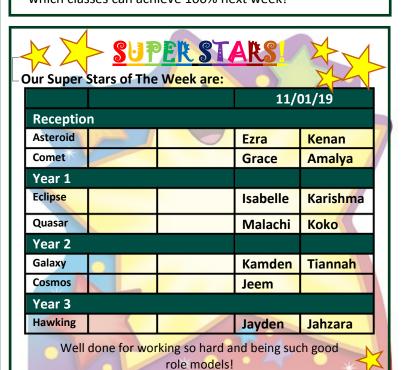
Year 2: We have been learning to read the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Write a diary of your day and include the times of each activity that you do.



Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	17 th December		7 th January	
Class	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	95.0%	96.9%	100.0%	99.0%
Comet	94.4%	97.5%	99.0%	98.0%
Eclipse	91.3%	93.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Quasar	99 <mark>.4%</mark>	96.9%	94.5%	97.5%
Galaxy	91.9%	95.2%	90.6%	97.4%
Cosmos	93.2%	96.6%	98.7%	96.0%
Hawking	93.1%	91.3%	95.2%	90.9%

Most classes made a really positive start to the Spring term, with both Asteroid and Eclipse achieving a perfect 100% last week and Comet and Cosmos not far behind! Good attendance and punctuality means children are able to fulfil our vision of 'Learn, Enjoy, Succeed' every day, without missing out on any vital opportunities. Let's see which classes can achieve 100% next week!



Halley House School Football Teams!

We would like to congratulate the following children on their selection for Halley House School's first football teams!

Boys' team: Tyreese, Joshua, Elijah, Jayden, Oscar, Andre, Kairon, Ricky and Nathaniel

Girls' team: Enya, Anna, Yvonne, Alanna, Hailey, Eleanor, Tiger-Rose, Olivia, Jahzara and Sumayyah.

Training for both teams will be during lunch time every

Friday, led by Ms Watson and Coach Kai. Both teams have their first tournament next month against our fellow Trust schools; Braywick Court,



Rutherford House, Watling Park, Whitehall Park, Deer Park and Kilburn Grange. AFC Wimbledon have kindly agreed to host our first Inter-BPET football tournament at their ground and after the tournament, the children will have the opportunity to tour the stadium.

Tuesday 26th February - Year 3 Boys' tournament Tuesday 5th March - Year 3 Girls' tournament

Year 2 Maths

In maths we have been learning about time. We have been learning to tell the time in 5 minute intervals. We have been using important words like half, quarter and o'clock. The trickiest part has been telling the difference between **to** the hour and **past** the hour. Can you help us tell the time at home?



Swimming

Swimming lessons for KS1 classes (Year 1 and Year 2) start this week. Y2 will start on Wednesday 16th January and Y1 start on Thursday 17th January 2019. Please ensure children are wearing their swimming costume underneath their school uniform. All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Galaxy Class will be leaving for the pool at 9:30am and Cosmos will be leaving at 10am. Eclipse and Quasar will be leaving together at 9.30am on Thursday (they will be combining for their lesson). Consent must be completed electronically on ParentPay; if you are having any difficulty with this please speak to the office. If you have any further questions please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Board games and puzzles

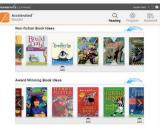
We would really welcome donations of any board games, multi-player (min. 2 person) games or puzzles that you no longer require at home. They will be particularly useful for some of our therapy sessions, as well as upcoming PSHCE sessions across the school and during playtime and After Care sessions. These items do need to be in good condition and with no missing pieces, please! Please hand any donations to the school office marked for the attention of Ms Ashley. Many thanks.

Accelerated Reader (AR) in Y2 and Y3

The children have returned back to school and have already completed their first week of their reading tests – fantastic! AR is a reading programme that tests the children's reading



comprehension. Each week the children visit our up-andcoming school library to choose their reading book. They



then take a reading test on their chosen book once every week. They answer a number of questions, sometimes five, sometimes ten, and get an overall score. For example,

if they answer all questions correctly they will receive 100% of the points their book is worth.



The children are very excited when they see their flower grow towards their reading target. They then share their progress with their peers and teachers. Please continue to

encourage your child to read every day for a minimum of thirty minutes so they are successful on their test day. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher or feel free to speak to Ms Clarke. There will also be a parent workshop to explain the process further. Happy reading!

NSPCC Number Day



We will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on Friday 1st of February 2019. This will be a fun day filled with different

maths activities, games and dressing up! Please bring in £2 to come to school dressed in your best maths-themed costume. This could be dressing up as a famous mathematician, your favourite number or just go number crazy! All money raised will be donated to NSPCC. Please come and speak to Ms Foster if you have any questions or ideas!

Music Tuition

We are delighted that we have secured Victor Gutierrez through Hackney Music Service to deliver



our music tuition this term. Lessons will start slightly later than originally intended, on **Tuesday 22**nd **January**, as Victor is performing in Prague this week. We are sure children are really going to enjoy the tuition! Thank you to everyone who has already promptly paid for lessons – if you have not yet done so, please ensure this is completed by this **Wednesday**, **16**th **January**, otherwise your child's place may be offered to someone else.

DIARY DATES				
Spring 1				
Friday 4 th January	INSET Day. Children not in school.			
Monday 7 th January	BPET INSET Day. Children not in school.			
Tuesday 8 th January	 First Day of Spring 1. YR Health Screening Writing Fortnight begins 			
Tuesday 15 th January	 Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am Deadline for applications for Reception places September 2019 			
Wednesday 16 th January	 African Drumming & Dance curriculum sessions begin (Y1-Y3) Year 2 Swimming Lessons start (1 of 10) 			
Thursday 17 th January	Year 1 Swimming Lessons start (1 of 10)			
Friday 18 th January	End of Writing Fortnight			
Monday 21 st January	TRIP/VISIT – Y2 Trip to Science Museum			
Tuesday 22 nd January	Guitar and keyboard music tuition begins			
Monday 28 th January	National Storytelling Week starts			
Thursday 31 st January	Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am			
Friday 1 st February	NSPCC Number Day! Donate £2 and dress up!			
Thursday 7 th February	Informal Parents' Evening, all year groups, 4-6pm			
Tuesday 12 th February	Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am			
Wednesday 13 th February	TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Fire Workshop (Led by Ms Shiels)			
Thursday 14 th February	Curriculum booklets for Spring 2 sent home			
Friday 15 th February	End of Spring 1. After School Clubs continue as normal.			
Spring 2				
Monday 25 th February	First day of Spring 2			
Tuesday 26 th February	 TRIP/VISIT – Y2 Trip to Museum of London TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Boys' Football Tournament 			
Tuesday 5 th March	TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Girls' Football Tournament			
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day			
Tuesday 19 th March	Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am			
Thursday 28 th March	TRIP/VISIT - Ukulele Festival, Springfield Community School			
Thursday 4 th April	Curriculum booklets for Summer 1 sent home			
Friday 5 th April	End of Spring 2. School finishes at 2pm.			

