



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We have a busy week this week, with National Storytelling Week and NSPCC Number Day on Friday (don't forget to dress up!), as well as our usual swimming, African Drumming & Dance and music tuition sessions. Our informal parents' evening is next week, so do come along between 4pm and 6pm on Thursday after school to see your child's books, learning and classroom environment. It is also a good opportunity to have an informal conversation with class teachers – do arrange a specific appointment at another time if you would like to discuss anything in more detail. Thank you to everyone in our school community for your ongoing valuable and varied contributions – examples of which can always be seen in our newsletters, and this edition is no exception!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: As part of National Story Telling Week, we encourage you to share both old and new stories with your children. Maybe you can make your own stick puppets to help retell the story!



Year 1: In PSHCE, we are discussing on what we do when we find something difficult. If there is something they find difficult, please show them how they can overcome the difficulty.



Year 2: In literacy we have been writing our own versions of The Tiger Who Came to Tea. Who would you invite to your tea party? What would you eat? Write a conversation that you might have with your special guest.



Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	14 th January		21 st January	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	83.91%	100%	86.96%	97%
Comet	93.2%	98.71%	81.94%	98.92%
Eclipse	75.63%	97.52%	95.63%	96.08%
Quasar	88.13%	97.16%	96.88%	98.06%
Galaxy	90%	95.14%	93.75%	97.33%
Cosmos	99.47%	93.65%	98.95%	97.34%
Hawking	73.46%	93.19%	88.08%	90.39%

After a really positive start to the Spring Term we unfortunately had a lot of sickness in the last two weeks. 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!

★ ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

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Reception				
Asteroid	Leah	Harlei	Tyler Jackson	Frankie
Comet	Hannah	Kian	Tyler James	Ishmael
Year 1				
Eclipse	Selina	Sienna	Freya	Elif
Quasar	Mia	Harleen	Benoit	Kush
Year 2				
Galaxy	Ava K		Martha	Victoria
Cosmos	Dolly	Logan	Isla	Milo
Year 3				
Hawking	Oscar	Joshua	Kelis	Tyreese ★

FOHH Logo



Huge (if a little belated) thanks to Tom, Y1 Julia's dad, for designing our new Friends of Halley House logo, which you have hopefully already seen on some of our recent FOHH posters and communications. Tom very kindly offered both his time and expertise in designing the logo and we think it looks

brilliant! In the whirlwind of the end of the Autumn term (and start of Spring!), we had not yet properly acknowledged our fabulous new design – thank you Tom!

Trip to the Science Museum

On Monday 21st January, Galaxy and Cosmos classes took a trip to the Science Museum. The trip began in the Materials Gallery where the classes observed a variety of objects and discussed why they are made out of certain materials. We next ventured to the Flight Gallery to explore the history of flying machines. The gallery has life-size models of a range of flying machines, which allowed us to examine the concept of flight and how the construction of flying machines has progressed. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers for joining us on our trip. A fun- and fact-filled trip was had by all!

Naughty Bus!



During writing weeks Reception children explored lots of different texts, paying particular attention to Naughty Bus! We had so much fun learning, retelling, rewriting and reinventing this book, using the letter sounds that we have been learning during our phonics lessons. We even took Naughty Bus with us on outdoor adventures this week, planning new, mischievous adventures for him. Check out our super writing on the photo page! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have supported us with our offsite visits so far this term. If anyone else could spare a morning between now and the Easter holidays then please sign up in the office. Please also remember to send the children into school in weather appropriate clothing, especially on a Monday, during these cold months.

Science Fair at Halley House

British Science Week is taking place between 8th and 17th March and, to celebrate, we are hosting our first Science Fair! Children will need to complete a project at home and present it on Friday 15th March at the fair to be in with a chance of winning a fabulous prize (and the accolade of being a scientific superstar!). If you and your child would like to participate please complete the slip and return it to Ms Khatun. For more details and ideas, please read the attached letter.

NSPCC Number Day!



We are looking forward to celebrating number day on Friday 1st February 2019! This is a national celebration and we will be playing maths games, reading maths stories and many other maths related activities! Please don't forget to dress up in your best maths themed costumes. This could be a famous mathematician, your favourite number or any other maths related idea! Please speak to your child's class teacher for ideas! Don't forget your £2 (suggested) for your donation to NSPCC.

Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 would like to invite all parents to our class assembly on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 9:00am. This will be a joint assembly with both Cosmos and Galaxy class performing! It will be based around our topic lessons which are focusing on flight. We look forward to seeing you there!

Road Safety

We strongly encourage all of our families to walk, scoot or cycle to school wherever possible, as a healthy lifestyle choice that also supports the sustainability of our environment. Public transport also helps to alleviate the pressures on the narrow roads around our school. As you are aware, we have no parking facilities on site and very limited options for cars to park around our building. If it is **absolutely unavoidable** for you to make a car journey to school, please take the utmost care when driving and parking in the vicinity of our school, particularly with regards to crossing areas and pedestrians (many of whom are our own families!) Hackney Council will be holding a Road Safety Parent Workshop later this term.

Holiday Club

Ms Natasha, our Extended School Lead, is exploring options for a holiday club at HHS during the school holidays and would like to know if HHS parents would be interested in using such a service. A short survey will be sent to all parents to gauge interest and options for provision. We welcome specific feedback and if you would like to email any suggestions in addition to completing the survey, please email Ms Natasha on: extendedschoolslead@halleyhouseschool.org.uk

E Safety Workshop

ParentZone will be delivering a parent workshop on e-safety on Tuesday 5th March 2019. They are hosting two sessions, one at 9-10am and one at 5-6pm. The sessions will be identical in content. All parents are requested to attend one of the sessions. **In a highly digital, ever-changing technical landscape for our children, we cannot emphasise enough as a school how important it is for parents to attend one of these sessions.** Class teachers will be asking all parents and carers to sign up to one of the sessions in the playground ahead of the workshops.

DIARY DATES	
Spring 1	
Monday 28th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Storytelling Week starts
Thursday 31st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 1st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSPCC Number Day! Donate £2 and dress up!
Thursday 7th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal Parents' Evening, all year groups, 4-6pm
Tuesday 12th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 13th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Fire Workshop (Led by Ms Shiels)
Thursday 14th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Class Assembly (Galaxy and Cosmos) Curriculum booklets for Spring 2 sent home
Friday 15th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Spring 1. After School Clubs continue as normal.
Spring 2	
Monday 25th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Spring 2
Tuesday 26th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – Y2 Trip to Museum of London TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Boys' Football Tournament
Tuesday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Girls' Football Tournament
Thursday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day
Tuesday 19th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT - Ukulele Festival, Springfield Community School
Thursday 4th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum booklets for Summer 1 sent home
Friday 5th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Spring 2. School finishes at 2pm.

Extended Schools

It has been a great start to the Spring term! Children are really enjoying the wide variety of After School Clubs on offer. It is good to see some new faces too! A new **HOT** meal menu has been introduced this term and the children are loving it! Also, a new After Care Activity plan has been implemented with a wide range of activities such as Arts and Crafts, Yoga and Fitness, Story time and much more. **Come along and enjoy the fun!**

