



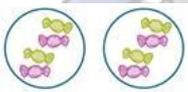
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We are nearly halfway through the academic year – already! We have a number of upcoming parent workshops in the second half of term, so please do keep an eye out for dates and book yourselves in. Our fundraising priorities through FOHH this year are 'Trees and Books', which includes planned gardening and 'green' developments on site as well as growing our school library - please do come along to the next meeting if you have more ideas or would like to help in any way. We are hoping that our long-awaited bike storage will be installed over the half term, ready for immediate use in Spring 2. We are delighted that so many of our children choose to scoot, walk or ride to school and hope the storage will encourage even more families to do the same. Have a restful break when it arrives,

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: This week the children will be learning about grouping and sharing! Collect a variety of objects, how can your child group the objects and how can they share the objects?



Year 1: Represent 27, 25 and 17 using different resources at home. Discuss how many tens and ones each number has.

Which number has the greatest value?

Which number has the least value?

Year 2: In science we are learning about different materials and their properties. Can you find these materials in your house? What objects are made from them? Why do you think these materials are used for these objects?



Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	28 th January		4 th Feb	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	98.3%	97.3%	97%	98.7%
Comet	98.4%	99.2%	96.8%	98.8%
Eclipse	96.3%	97.4%	100%	99.4%
Quasar	94.4%	97.4%	93.8%	94.6%
Galaxy	97.5%	98.1%	98.1%	96.8%
Cosmos	94.2%	97.2%	93.7%	94.9%
Hawking	91.5%	95.4%	84.6%	96.4%

Classes are working hard to recover from a dip in our figures as a result of prolonged spells of illness; well done to both Reception classes for w/b 28/01 and to Eclipse and Galaxy for w/b 04/02. 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.

★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	01/02/19		08/02/19	
Reception				
Asteroid	Keevon	Ashley	Kaliyah	Abiel
Comet	Ayyub	Max	Cavalli	Dottie
Year 1				
Eclipse	Mattia	Alvin	Sammy	Le'Shai
Quasar	Emir	Stella	Josiah	Kayden
Year 2				
Galaxy	Mekal	Ruth	Demarrio	Joshua
Cosmos	Archie	Ava D	Isaiah	Lizzie
Year 3				
Hawking	Nathaniel	Izzy	Elijah	Andre

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

All Around The World

Reception have been having fun this half term learning about different countries and continents around the world! Some of our most memorable



moments include learning numbers to ten in Swahili and going on safari on our travels to Africa! We also learnt about and celebrated Chinese New Year, thinking about why the colour red

is important during this time and making objects such as paper lanterns to hang up in our classrooms!



This week we will be exploring Australia through the book 'Possum Magic', with Reception children looking at and creating their own interpretation of Aboriginal art!



Winter Clothing – polite reminder

Although we seem to be emerging out of the very cold snap we experienced earlier this month, please do continue to ensure that your child is wearing a school coat as well as a hat, scarf and gloves. It is important that your child is wrapped up warm and snug when they come to school, especially for all of our regular weekly outdoor activities. If children have waterproof trousers that they would like to wear to Outdoor Adventure sessions they are of course also welcome to bring these in for an additional layer of protection against the elements!

Menorah making in Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Jackie (Julia's mum) where we learned all about Hanukkah. We started out by listening to the story and then together we sang Hanukkah songs. The children were assigned different



roles and together we constructed a menorah. Some of us built the candleholders, others used clay to make shells out of templates and a couple of us made the candle-holder title.

We all thoroughly enjoyed it! Thank you to Jackie for taking the time to

teach us!

Year 1 Swimming reminders

Year One have been immersing themselves in the swimming programme this term. It has been an incredible addition to our curriculum, which all of the children are enjoying. Some quick reminders – it would be easier for the children if they were not dressed in tights, as they take off shoes and socks before entering the changing area. Also, if Y1 pupils come in wearing PE kit on Thursdays it will help them change quicker, allowing them to spend more time in the pool. Finally, all girls are required to wear a one-piece swimsuit (no bikinis).

World Book Day

Halley House will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March 2019**. World Book day itself is Thursday 7th March, but we have a number of off-site sessions on Thursdays and want to make sure all our children can make the most of the day! We are encouraging both children and staff to come to school dressed as their favourite character from fiction or role-model from non-fiction for the day. During the day all classes will be taking part in 'The Great Bookish Bake Off'. Exploring recipes such as 'Gruffalo Crumble', 'Worm Spaghetti' and 'Owl Ice-Cream', it is sure to be an experience to spark the imagination! We can't wait to see what other culinary delights are created!

Forest School



In Forest School this half term, the group have been working towards a common goal – to gain a Silver Award from the Woodland Trust! In our sessions, the group have tasked themselves with recognising the boundaries of our Forest school site and have been busy making bird feeders, using natural resources to create their own art and decorate trees! Along with this, we have been learning how to work cooperatively and listen to the thoughts and ideas of our friends as well as developing our gross motor skills by playing games and climbing trees!



Teens and Toddlers sessions

It was the last day of our Teens & Toddlers sessions with young people from Petchey Academy this week. Reception children were surprised – and delighted – to receive personalised cards and gifts as a farewell gesture from the young person they have been working with over the last few months. Many thanks to Power2 for coordinating and delivering the project with the school – we have seen many benefits to all involved!

DIARY DATES	
Spring 1	
Monday 11th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Advisory Board Meeting, 6-8pm
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.
Saturday 16th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of bike hooks for storage
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
Wednesday 27th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lessons for Y2 continue (lesson 6 of 10)
Thursday 28th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lessons for Y1 continue (lesson 6 of 10)
Tuesday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Girls’ Football Tournament
Friday 8th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day – don’t forget to dress up!
Tuesday 19th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am
Tuesday 26th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal Parents’ Evening
Wednesday 27th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Drumming and Dance performance
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.

Halley House School Values

- H** Helpful & Kind
- A** Aspirational
- L** Learners
- L** Leaders
- E** Enthusiastic & Enterprising
- Y** Young Adventurers



We are always being inspired and guided by our Halley House values. Can you tell which value we are showing in these pictures?

