



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! We have all been enjoying some of the recent sunshine and improved weather – please do continue to ensure children are wrapped up warm as there is still a chill in the air! Please do take particular note of the reminder in this week’s edition about our trip consent process, as it is essential we have this ahead of your child leaving our site. There are a number of upcoming parent workshops this half term, as well as our Spring Formal Parents’ Evening (see diary dates page), so please do sign up, come along and find out more! I look forward to seeing you all there! We have also now posted our Deputy Headteacher vacancy for September 2019 on our school website and the TES, and I look forward to updating you in due course!

*Claire Syms*

### Monday Missions

**Reception:** Last week we learnt all about the lifecycle of a caterpillar! Can you draw and label a picture to show how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly? Remember to bring your wonderful pictures in to show your class or get a parent or carer to take a picture and put it on ILLD!



**Year 1** Practice counting up to 20 in Spanish.



**Year 2:** We are learning about plants in science. Can you identify different plants around your local area? Do you know the names of these plants? We would love to see your recordings.

### Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb		1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	97.5%	97.9%	96.7%	98.1%
Comet	96.8%	99.6%	97.8%	99.1%
Eclipse	90.0%	98.6%	96.9%	98.4%
Quasar	97.5%	97.4%	96.3%	97.1%
Galaxy	92.5%	98.6%	95.9%	98.0%
Cosmos	95.3%	97.8%	95.9%	97.3%
Hawking	90.8%	98.7%	90.8%	97.2%

Well done to Asteroid, Quasar and Comet for achieving over 97% attendance during the last 2 weeks. It would be great to see some classes back to 100% for our next newsletter! Punctuality is also improving so do keep this up! **Please ensure you let our school office know if your child is absent for any reason, and ensure we have up-to-date contact details for you.**

### ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

Our Super Stars of the Week are:

	15/02/19		01/03/19	
<b>Reception</b>				
Asteroid	Korree	Morayo	Kian T	Zehra
Comet	Farrah	Demi	Jahmil	Sebastian
<b>Year 1</b>				
Eclipse	Sienna	Elif	Tsubamé	Leon
Quasar	Muna	Inez	Julia	Xavier
<b>Year 2</b>				
Galaxy	Isaiah	Lizzie	Tinnah	Freddie
Cosmos	Mon'ay	Manyiel	Darcey	Ruth
<b>Year 3</b>				
Hawking	Beatrix	Hailey	Anna	Tiger Rose

### Trip consent and contributions

As you are aware, we have moved to electronic consent on ParentPay for all trips, visitors and workshops. **Without giving your consent, your child will not be able to participate in the trip or visit.** If you are experiencing any difficulties with providing electronic consent by the specified deadlines, you will need to speak to Natasha Scarborough in the office **ahead of the deadline**, who will guide and support you through the process on ParentPay as necessary. Natasha's working hours are 2-6pm, Monday-Friday. The school has always heavily subsidised trips and visitors as we know how much they add to our curriculum offer and children's learning experience; we continue, however, to be reliant on parental support and contributions to make all of these experiences viable. Once you have confirmed your consent on ParentPay, you will have the **option** to make a contribution for the specific trip listed. Many thanks for your ongoing support with this.



### Life Cycles



The children in Reception came back to school with great enthusiasm for our new topic, Changes, and Outdoor Adventures was a great way to kick it off. On Monday we began our hunt for different mini-beasts, exploring micro-habitats underneath rocks and logs. We also read an old favourite, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', exploring the changes the character went through during his 'life-cycle'. This week we have also had great fun creating our own caterpillars during our maths lessons, counting how many parts of the body our caterpillars had and also counting up all of the food that he had eaten his way through... we all agreed that he must have been very, very hungry!



### Breakfast Running Club

Running Club starts this Friday at 7.30am sharp. We will be walking to Hackney Downs, running a mile and then coming back to school for Breakfast. The payment item is now live on ParentPay. The cost for this club is £3 (including breakfast). Consent is via ParentPay. Any parents are very welcome to join us. If you intend to run with your child you can also meet us in Hackney Downs if you would prefer. We aim to be at the entrance to the park at Downs Road at 7.45am.

### World Book Day

I hope you are all as excited about the upcoming World Book Day as we are! We have had to change the date back to **Thursday 7th March** (which is the official date nationwide).



Y1's swimming lesson has been moved to the final week of this term, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We are very much looking forward to seeing all of your fantastic costumes along with your link (or favourite) book on **Thursday!**

### Biker's Breakfast

To celebrate staff and children who already cycle to school and to encourage those who would like to try it, we will be holding a Biker's Breakfast in the playground on Friday 15th of March. This will take place from 08:30 - 10:30 and we will be visited by some special bike mechanics who will check bikes for free!

## BIKERS' BREAKFAST

We are encouraging students and staff to cycle to school. It's fun, healthy and good for the environment!



**CYCLE TO SCHOOL AND GET A FREE BREAKFAST AND BIKE CHECK!**

### Caterlink Taster Session

We are inviting you to our taster session to sample some of the meals from our nutritious and delicious lunch menu. It will be held on Friday 29th March 2019 at 5pm. Please come and sign up to attend via the school office.

### Magic Breakfast

We are very excited to announce that we are joining the National School Breakfast Programme. This is a government initiative which allows every child in our school access to a free breakfast and we will be providing free warm bagels to every child. We are starting this service on March 25th and you are all invited to join us for a family breakfast to celebrate the launch! We will be offering a tasting session to parents as well as explaining how it works. Please look out for more details in the upcoming weeks!



Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

## Look at our new amazing bike racks!

Our fantastic new bike racks were installed during the half term break. We would like to say a huge thank you to Alex, Freya's dad (Y1) and Christian, Amelie's dad (YR), for giving up their Saturday afternoon to efficiently install the racks (and all the while with a smile!), which look brilliant both with and without bikes/scooters on! Sincere thanks also to FOHH for their organisation and donations; as well as encouraging more scooting and riding into school, the racks provide more space for our children in the playground during break times.



## Formal Parents' Evening

Spring term parents' evening is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Appointment slots will shortly be released via Arbor, where you will be able to book a preferred time. Please ensure you speak to your child's class teacher if you need to make an alternative arrangement.

## African Drumming & Dance Performance

This will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm and will involve all children in Years 1-3. All parents and carers are invited to the performance – children (and adults!) have been working very hard on both their dance and drumming routines and it promises to be quite a visual and auditory delight! Please do come along if you can!



## Deputy Headteacher

The advert for our Deputy Headteacher post is now on our school website and TES. The post is for a September 2019 start and we are looking forward to continuing to develop our staffing structure!

## BPET Football Tournament



Very well done to all of our Y2 and Y3 boys who participated in our first inter-BPET school football tournament! The team displayed excellent team spirit and support for their peers and, aside from some goal scoring, also really enjoyed the opportunity to meet pupils from our other schools, too!

## Science Dome

We have booked workshops with the Science Dome as part of our Science Week activities in school.



The Science Dome is designed for children to explore science in an interactive way. They provide a fully digital mobile planetarium and black-out purpose built mobile domes. Children will enter the dome to experience 360 degree moving images related to the chosen theme for their year group. The workshops are as follows:

*Reception – Dinosaurs*

*Year 1 – Space Exploration*

*Year 2 – Under the sea*

*Year 3 – Rocks, soils and fossils*

Thanks to the incredible generosity of parents who have contributed to our enrichment fund, we are able to allocate resources to part-fund this experience. Whilst it is a voluntary payment, we would also really appreciate a contribution of £3 from all families towards the Science Dome experience. If you would like to find out more about the dome, please click on the following link - <http://www.sciencedome.org.uk/>

## Science Fair

Well done to all the children that have signed up to the first Halley House Science Fair! Just a reminder that if you need any ideas, there are websites that provide amazing ideas:

[www.sciencebob.com](http://www.sciencebob.com),

<https://www.sciencebuddies.org/> and

[www.education.com/science-fair](http://www.education.com/science-fair).

If you would still like to participate, it is not too late! Just pop down to the office and write your child's name down.

DIARY DATES	
Spring 2	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of Spring 2</li> </ul>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Y2 Trip to Museum of London</li> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Boys’ Football Tournament</li> </ul>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming lessons for Y2 continue (lesson 6 of 10)</li> </ul>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming lessons for Y1 continue (lesson 6 of 10)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Workshop – E Safety, 9-10am or 5-6pm. Please sign up at the office</li> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Girls’ Football Tournament – TO BE REARRANGED</li> </ul>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance Officer in school</li> <li>• World Book Day in school – don’t forget to dress up!</li> </ul>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Y1 trip to Science Museum</li> </ul>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British Science Week</li> </ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science Dress Up! Donate to raise funds for scientific equipment at HHS</li> <li>• Science Fair, 3.45-4.30pm</li> <li>• Bikers’ Breakfast 8:30-10:30am</li> </ul>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Science Dome, all year groups (on site)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>• London Marathon Fundraising Quiz Night for RSBC – Mark Greatrex</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – YR Mosque visit (Comet)</li> </ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – YR Mosque visit (Asteroid)</li> <li>• Irish Dancing Assembly</li> <li>• Accelerated Reader workshop for Year 2 and Year 3 Parents</li> </ul>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magic Breakfast launch – join us for a Family Breakfast</li> <li>• Local Adviser Visit – Mr Nick Walters</li> <li>• Writing Fortnight begins</li> </ul>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 Assembly – Eclipse and Quasar, 9am</li> </ul>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fencing Assembly</li> <li>• African Drumming and Dance performance, 2.30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT - Ukulele Festival, Springfield Community School, 9-12.30pm</li> <li>• Formal Parents’ Evening</li> </ul>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Adviser Visit – Helen Cooper, Sinead Maskew &amp; An Porter</li> <li>• Caterlink Lunch Menu Taster Session - 5pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – YR Freightliners Farm visit (Comet)</li> </ul>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum booklets for Summer 1 sent home</li> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – YR Freightliners Farm visit (Asteroid)</li> </ul>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing Fortnight ends</li> <li>• End of Spring 2. School finishes at 2pm.</li> </ul>

## Busy Y2!

Just before half term, Year 2 finished off their Flight topic with a fantastic assembly to show off what they had been learning about. They have already started their new topic with a trip to the Museum of London, as well as planting their own seeds to look after and observe over the coming weeks.

