



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We have already had a number of visits to the school this term, from headteachers in Hackney to consultants from Bellevue Education to the new BPET Director of Education, Laura Gregory. Feedback from all visitors has been hugely positive in respect of the high levels of engagement of children in their learning, excellent systems and processes within the school and the warmth and professionalism of all our staff; it is a real privilege to hear our many strengths being acknowledged by others and is testament to our thriving school community. Thank you to everyone who managed to pop in for tea, coffee, cake and a chat on Friday morning to support our Macmillan Coffee morning; it was fantastic to see such a good turnout!

*Claire Syms*

### Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	16 <sup>th</sup> September		23 <sup>rd</sup> September	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	98.9%	98.9%	92.1%	97.8%
Eclipse	98.7%	97.4%	99.1%	99.1%
Quasar	97.6%	98.4%	97.6%	98.8%
Galaxy	99.3%	97.9%	98.3%	97.5%
Hawking	98.7%	99.3%	98.5%	99.2%
Herschel	100%	97.3%	100%	94.8%
Einstein	97%	98.5%	99.6%	95.5%

Good attendance and punctuality is imperative in ensuring your child gets the most out of their school experience. School starts promptly at 8.55am, when the playground gates will close. If you need to enter through the front doors after this time it means your child is **late**. Most classes have started the year really well in terms of punctuality so do keep it up!

### Monday Missions

#### Reception:

We have read Elmer in class and are learning about how to be a good friend as well as what makes us the same and different to others! Can you describe what things we can do to be a good friend or help us describe what makes us different or similar to others?



#### Year 1:

In PSHCE, we have been focusing on being safe at school. Can you draw a poster showing how you can be safe travelling to at school? Or when you are at home?

We have been learning about patterns in Maths. Which patterns can you spot at home or on the way to school?



#### Year 2:

Year two have been learning about healthy eating and which plants or parts of a plant we can eat. Keep a food diary this week of all the plants you eat. What part/s of the plant were you eating?

#### Year 3:

In Computing, we are discussing how we can stay safe on the Internet, for example, telling an adult when something worries you or not sharing personal information with strangers. Can you create a poster for a friend showing how they can stay safe on the internet?



## ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

### Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	20/09/19		27/09/19	
<b>Reception</b>				
Comet	Arthur	Sarah	Zayan	Elias
<b>KS1</b>				
Eclipse	Mia G	Kaliyah	Leonard	Leah
Quasar	Ella	Farrah	Jahmil	Terrell
Galaxy	Rylei	Freya	Elif	Alvin
<b>KS2</b>				
Hawking	Ebube	Arthur	Theo	Isla
Herschel	Joshua	Lizzie	Victoria	Kauthar
Einstein	Sumayyah	Jahmil	Rio	Tai'Kai

Well done to everyone being such good role models by showing our school values and trying your best! ★

## 'Let's Count!' Day

We are extremely excited to be taking part in 'Let's Count!' Day in association with the 2021 Census Education Programme on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. Children will be learning more about the census and its purpose. We will be learning more about the context of Hackney and of course doing some counting! Please do encourage your children to talk at home about the census and our local area. The official website is a fantastic resource. We would love to see some of your learning in school! <https://letscount.org.uk/en/>



## School Uniform

Parents/Carers please be reminded to clearly label all uniform so that it is easier for the staff to return all lost items to their rightful owner. We endeavour to return all labelled items to their owner by the end of each day and all unlabelled items are stored in the school office.

## Reception Pattern Makers!

The children in Comet Class have been enjoying their maths challenges this week, applying both their previous and new knowledge of size and pattern to a variety of activities.

The children have also been enjoying time spent on the roof terrace; using the large wooden blocks to build



bridges and walkways in order to avoid the sharks!

Finally, a visit from some real fish last week got our creative juices flowing, with lots of detailed observational drawings being made and lots of funny faces being pulled as we dissected the fish to get a closer look!

What a great start they have made to their learning and we are very proud of each and every one of them.



## School trips

As always, we have a very full trip calendar for all year groups this year! Please do ensure you complete parental consent forms via SchoolsBuddy as quickly as possible to enable your child to participate in all the opportunities we offer. Our school Enrichment Fund is for any additional donations parents and carers wish to make to help subsidise trips, visitors and workshops across all of our year groups – your ongoing support is much appreciated.

## Year 1 Outdoor Adventures

Year 1 have had a great start to their Outdoor Adventure sessions including Forest School with Miss Shiels. We have been busy building dens, making leaf people linked to our topic 'Ourselves' and exploring our number bonds to 10. Please remember our sessions are every **Monday** afternoon and all children need their Halley House coat and wellies. We also need lots of parent volunteers so please do join us whenever you can.



## Year 1 PE

The children have really been enjoying their PE sessions with Mr Challens. Please remember that PE is on Tuesday afternoons for Eclipse Class and Thursday afternoons for Quasar Class. Children need to come to school in school uniform and bring their PE kit in their bag to change into. We are helping develop their independence when changing.

## Black History Month Celebration

Please do come along and help us celebrate Black History month – as well as activities for the children there will be a performance by the Halley House School Band & Choir. Ms Andrew will be playing the steel drums and there will be a talk on the Windrush generation by our wonderful African Drumming Teacher Dorinia Harley. There will be some delicious refreshments for you to buy, so no need to make dinner that night! It is a £1 entry fee, and all the activities will be £1 each. There will be Henna, facepainting, sewing and much more – we look forward to seeing you there!

## Year 3 trip to the River Thames

Year 3 had a great start to their topic unit by learning about the Rivers of the World. We were introduced to different famous rivers such as the River Thames, Amazon and the Mississippi River. To bring our understanding to real-life, we travelled through the River Thames! We identified well-known buildings and discussed some facts of certain areas along the way. The journey was from St Katherines Pier to Greenwich, where we walk up to the Greenwich Observatory and had our lunch. Overall, we had an eventful day despite the heavy rain and thunder!



## Year 2 does Macmillan coffee morning

In Year 2 we were hard at work baking for the Macmillan coffee morning last week. We discussed why it is important to help charities and what we can do in our lives to support people who might need it. We made sure we stuck to the recipe and used the right quantities, so our cake set properly. We also very much enjoyed getting our hands dirty! A massive thank you to all the volunteers and visitors who bought some of our wonderful cakes. We hope you enjoyed them!





## FOHH Welcome Letter

A warm welcome back and hello from the Friends of Halley House. Firstly let us all congratulate ourselves for having successfully made it through the summer holidays! We made it! HIGH 10's all round.

To all the new starters to the school – we hope the settling in period for Comet class has gone well and good luck for the first full term at 'Big school'. The Friends of Halley House are a group of parents, carers and teachers that fundraise for the school through running events and socials. The committee consists of our official chair, Victoria Cannon (Freddie Y3); co-chairs Keely Wilson (Dottie Y1) and Ida Aduwa (Farrah Y1 and Maya YR); Green Lead Viv Rowdon (Mia Y2) - Viv has lots of great ideas on how to 'green up' our school and community; and our Enrichment Fund lead Lola Beckford (Mon' Ay Y3 and Malachi Y2) – Lola also has great ideas on how to fundraise for playground equipment for our kids and additional extras that will benefit and support our children's learning. You will see us during the drop offs or pick-ups so please do feel free to come over and say hello.

The main aim of the FOHH game is maximum fundraising! FOHH hold a meeting every month during the week, we alternate the meetings from a morning meeting after school drop offs and an early evening meeting after school clubs to give the opportunity for the maximum amount of parent/carer participation. The dates and times of upcoming meetings are included in each school newsletter on the back page so please do keep an eye out.

The FOHH committee have lots of exciting events planned for this coming year but first up we have 2 committee roles that need filling as soon as possible; **a Secretary; and a Treasurer.**

The role of the **Secretary** involves – noting action points, decisions and proposals at the meetings, recording attendance, circulating minutes and providing reminders of an action points agreed. The role will not take more than 2 hours a month of your time.

For the role of a **Treasurer** we are keen to bring in someone with a bookkeeping / accounts background. The role will involve presenting financial updates at committee meetings, managing the FOHH bank account, ensuring best practice procedures for counting and banking money are in place and followed, ensuring procedures for making approved payments and claiming approved expenses are followed by all committee members and prepare an annual treasurer's report for the AGM. If anyone is interested in either one of these roles please contact one of us or send an email to [Fohh@halleyhouseschool.org.uk](mailto:Fohh@halleyhouseschool.org.uk).

The committee is also looking for new and willing class reps. The role involves informing parents/carers of meetings, events and fundraisers taking place around the school and acting as an information point for anything FOHH related. We are keen to have a minimum of 1 class rep per class. The role requires a willingness to participate, a phone and WhatsApp messenger. As a side point it is a great place to share information about things going on that are class specific – like the frequent question of is today a PE Kit day!

All the roles offer a chance to meet and get to know other parents/carers at the school and promote a great social aspect to the school community, so please do come forward as parent/carer participation is key to maximum fundraising as well as being fun at the same time. We say this in all honesty and no ego... as a group we are a fantastically awesome bunch so please do join us in your droves!

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

One of the FOHH aims this year is to revamp the school library. Thanks to amazingly generous parents we have started the first phase of the revamp. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm**. If you would like to get involved please do come along.

Our next meeting will take place on **Friday 11 October at 9am**. Please do come along to find out more. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Our next FOHH event will be celebrating Black History Month and will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019. More details to follow. Please do come along and join in the celebrations.

### FOHH Meeting dates:

#### 2019-2020

Friday 11 October 9am  
Friday 15 November 5pm  
Friday 6 December 9am  
Friday 10 January 5pm  
Friday 7 February 9am  
Friday 13 March 5pm  
Friday 24 April 9am  
Friday 15 May 5pm  
Friday 5 June 9am

DIARY DATES	
<b>Autumn 1 2019</b>	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Year 4 Einstein Class trip – Natural History Museum</li> <li>• Let's Count! Day</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focussed Adviser Visits to school, Nick &amp; Sinead</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing Weeks start, all classes Y1-4</li> <li>• FOHH Library Development Meeting, 6.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Year 3 – Hindu Temple</li> <li>• Local Advisory Board Meeting, 6-8pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal Parents' Evening, 4.15-6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Year 2 Galaxy Class trip – Kew Gardens</li> <li>• FOHH Meeting, 9am</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts Week &amp; The Big Draw</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Year 4 Einstein Class trip – British Museum</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black History Month Event, all welcome, 3.45-7.45pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focussed Adviser Visit to school, Helen</li> <li>• Reception Family Tea Party, 2.15-3.30pm</li> <li>• End of Autumn 1. School finishes at normal time; ASC still running.</li> </ul>
<b>Autumn 2 2019</b>	
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of Autumn 2</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>• 'Flu vaccination (nasal spray) day – all year groups</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Year 4 Einstein Class trip – Chocolate Museum</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Classroom Day</li> <li>• Dental visit – Reception and Year 1</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Anti-Bullying Week starts</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children in Need</li> <li>• FOHH Meeting, 5pm</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Safety Week starts</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Crafts &amp; Shopping event, 10am-4pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Advisory Board Meeting, 6-8pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOHH Meeting, 9am</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EYFS &amp; KS1 Christmas Performance</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am</li> <li>• Formal Parents' Evening, 4-7pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS2 Christmas Performance</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm.</li> </ul>