



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

As you can see from our main page in this edition, year groups have been very busy with trips, visits and events recently! Our enriched curriculum provides children with lots of memorable experiences that really support their learning and understanding. We have also enjoyed our first round of Writing Weeks across the school at the end of this half term, with children having the opportunity to totally immerse themselves in some wonderful literature. Year 4 barely wanted to stop for lunch on Monday, they were so busy writing their own stories! We also kicked off Arts Week with an interactive assembly involving some performance painting – with feet! Keep an eye out for our school centipede creeping around the building when you come to our BHM celebrations on Wednesday! *Claire Syms*

Monday Missions

Reception: Reception have been counting a lot this half term! Can you count how many stairs you have at home? How many knives and forks do you need at dinner time? How many teddy bears do you have? What else can you count at home?



Year 1: We have been learning about healthy eating in our topic lessons this half term. Can you design your own healthy snack and write the recipe to share with your friends at school?



Year 2: We are learning about human and physical features in our local area. You could use different materials and even try junk modelling! We would love to see your creations in class!

Year 3: In Science, we have been focusing on forces and magnetism. Can you draw and label 10 magnets used in everyday life in your home? Alternatively, make up a game for Year 1/2 children using forces (push, pull & twist). Provide written instructions for playing.



Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	30 th September		7 th October	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	90%	98.9%	87.2%	100%
Eclipse	97.4%	97.8%	95.2%	97.7%
Quasar	98.4%	98.8%	99.2%	98.4%
Galaxy	98.6%	98.6%	95.9%	99.3%
Hawking	98%	96.6%	98.5%	97.7%
Herschel	96%	94.4%	95.6%	96.9%
Einstein	98.5%	97.7%	94.4%	95.3%

As you are aware, if your child is late in the morning, you will need to wait with them until 9.15am/9.30am before they are escorted to class. Lateness disrupts your own child's learning as well as their peers – please make sure you are **on time, every day**, either in our fantastic Breakfast Club provision from 7.45am, or out in the school playground from 8.30am.

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	04/10/19		11/10/19	
Reception				
Comet	Karter	Ottoline	Maya	Naziah
Eclipse	Morayo	Ezra	Orlando	Tyler JC
Quasar	Artemas	Tyler-James	Sebastian	Kiylah
Galaxy	Leon	Bianca		
Hawking	Manyiel	Archie O'B	Logan	Kamden
Herschel	Ruth	Tiannah	Isaiah	Keziah
Einstein	Hailey	Izzy	Alanna	AJ

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

Pop Up Book Hut!

Next half term we are fortunate to have secured a pop-up book hut for all our children and families to enjoy! The hut will be delivered courtesy of the London Children's Book Project and will reside in our school playground under the shelter (or in our school hall if the weather really deteriorates!) for the duration of the half term. All children are encouraged to select and take a book home to keep – for free! Classes will visit the hut during Autumn 2 and the hut will be 'open' every morning and afternoon at drop off and collection times for children and families to look at together. Book donations are also welcomed from parents/carers, provided they are in good condition (either for our school library or the Book Hut). Happy reading everyone!



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Uniform

Please remember to **label ALL uniform** with your child's name. This is to ensure that should any uniform get misplaced, it can be returned to your child as soon as possible. If uniform is not named, it makes it difficult for staff to reunite your child with their items.

Year 1



We have been having lots of fun continuing to learn through our play in Year 1 this year! With this, we have had the opportunity to help our friends learn the names of 3D shapes,

work collaboratively to design and make castles and spaceships, as well as write our own cards for special events including birthdays! We love learning through play as it helps us learn different ideas and techniques from each other, which we can then apply to our everyday lives!



E-Safety



You should have seen my e-safety newsletters that have come out by email this term. We have been working with the children about how to stay safe online when they

are at home. Please encourage your children to talk about what they are looking at and what websites and games they are using. Any questions, please talk to Mr Oxford or the class teacher.

Year 2 Trip

We had a brilliant time at Kew Gardens. We explored the palm house, the hive and the rest of the gardens! We also enjoyed taking part in a special workshop that helped us learn more about how animals hibernate and the food they eat. We even got to be plant scientists and discover new uses for plants! Can you help us find different uses for plants at home? We are already looking forward to our next trip which will be to the British Museum!

Year 1 Writing Week

With this week being Writing Week, Year 1 are exploring the text 'Owl Babies'. Both classes were given a huge surprise this morning when a mysterious nest appeared in their classroom containing 3 eggs! The children spent some time thinking about which animal these eggs belonged to. They were then given the book titled "Owl Babies" and were asked to sit down and write a prediction, guessing what the book was about based on the front and back cover. They came up with some really thoughtful and creative ideas! By the end of the week, the children will all have their own versions of the story written in their books, using their imaginations to create their very own piece of writing!



Year 3 trips!

We were very fortunate to go on two trips last week. We visited the Hindu Temple in Upton Park and travelled to the Science Museum on Friday. Our visit to the temple was eye-opening as we were able to witness how Hindus carry out their prayers. We explored the temple and asked many questions about the religion and the purpose of a temple. We learned a lot of interesting facts. Our second visit was to the Science Museum. We explored different things in the area of Science such as magnets and forces. We carried out experiments such as the friction slide and exploring the solar system! We had a fantastic day!

Half Term activities

As always, there are lots of exciting things happening in and around Hackney this half term, with pumpkin carving at Dalston Eastern Curve Garden, Family Learning Festival throughout the week and lots of great events in local museums. *Families* magazine signposts some useful ideas and activities [here](#). We are also hosting the Strings Club at HHS for another week of activities and music making; you can sign up here: Email: Hackney@thestringsclub.org





FOHH Update!

Thank you to everyone that attended our recent meeting on Friday 11 October. Our next meeting will take place **on Friday 15 November at 5pm**. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

We now have a Secretary! Hooray. Nicole (Zayn YR) has enthusiastically taken up the post (photo to follow!). We are still on the look out for a Treasurer, if this is something that you think you'd be suited to please get in contact with any member of the FOHH Committee.



A big thanks to everyone who donated, baked, bought and volunteered for the Macmillan Coffee morning. Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised an impressive £175.86.

This week we will be holding an event celebrating Black History Month on Wednesday 16th October. It's a chance to enjoy good food, drinks and activities as well as learn about the varied contributions of Black people in history. It is a welcome all event and thanks to the generosity of our parents we will have food food food. Come along and bring your own container! It's a chance to do our bit for the environment and take home dinner which is a win win for us all. We are still looking for volunteers to help set up, clear up, serve food and assist with the activities. We are also welcoming donations of white t-shirts for our t-shirt design station, soft drinks and ice. If you can do any of the above please let Lola



know or put your name down at the office. The event will run from 3:45pm – 6:45pm. After school club and aftercare will run as per usual. Pop down to the hall after pick up to say hello and buy some great food and enjoy the event.

We have a wreath making evening taking place on Thursday 5th December (7 – 9:30pm) which we still have 8 places for. Tickets are £40. To save your spot you will need to pay a deposit of £20. It's a cool festive event with drinks and nibbles and more importantly a chance to make your own personalised Christmas Wreath.

Lastly our Crafts Winter Fayre event will take place on Saturday 30 November. It's sure to be an event where you can get all your bespoke Christmas shopping done, at the same time as supporting the school. A win win! We hope many of you can come along, bring your friends and be ready to be thanked endlessly for the cool gift giving you're about to do this year.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable half term and well done to Comet class. One half term completed at Big School!



Victoria
(Freddie, Y3)



Lola
(Mon'Ay, Y3 and
Malachi, Y2)



Keely
(Dottie, Y1)



Ida
(Farrah, Y1 and
Maya YR)

Extended Schools: Children are really enjoying the variety of clubs on offer this term. Look at what we have been doing!



Please note that the Extended Schools policy states that all After School Clubs need to be paid in full before the start of the term. Failure to do so will result in your child being removed from clubs immediately. It is also important that your SchoolsBuddy account is up to date and that you book your child in to Breakfast Club and After care. There is also an Adhoc club facility available for those last minute emergencies; this can be booked on SchoolsBuddy before 3pm – if it is later than this you will need to directly notify the office. Please ensure that all that all dinner money accounts are up to date to date by Friday 18th October. Thank you!

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 1 2019	
Monday 14 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Week & The Big Draw
Tuesday 15 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – Year 4 Einstein Class trip – British Museum
Wednesday 16 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History Month Event, all welcome, 3.45-7.45pm
Thursday 17 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip/Visit – Y4 Einstein Class Trip - National Portrait Gallery
Friday 18 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focussed Adviser Visit to school, Helen Reception Family Tea Party, 2.15-3.30pm Arts Week Gallery – Open for parents to view at the end of the day 3:45pm End of Autumn 1. School finishes at normal time; ASC still running.
Autumn 2 2019	
Monday 28 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Autumn 2
Wednesday 30 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am 'Flu vaccination (nasal spray) day – all year groups
Tuesday 5 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – Year 4 Einstein Class trip – Chocolate Museum
Thursday 7 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit Outdoor Classroom Day Dental visit – Reception and Year 1
Monday 11 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Anti-Bullying Week starts
Wednesday 13 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 15 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Need FOHH Meeting, 5pm
Friday 15 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip/Vsit – Year 2 Galaxy Class Trip - British Museum
Monday 18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety Week starts
Wednesday 27 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am
Saturday 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Crafts & Shopping event, 10am-4pm
Thursday 5 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Advisory Board Meeting, 6-8pm
Friday 6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOHH Meeting, 9am
Tuesday 10 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am Formal Parents' Evening, 4-7pm Trip/Visit - Year 1 Museum of Childhood
Thursday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Christmas Performance
Friday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm.