



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

Welcome back after the half term break – I hope you all had a restorative week with friends and family and feel fully prepared for the second half of the Autumn term! I hope you all enjoyed our BHM celebration last half term as much as I did – it was great to see our thriving community coming together for such a wonderful evening. It is much darker in the evenings now, particularly if you are collecting children from clubs, so please do be extra cautious and vigilant on the roads around the school and on the way home. Our Pop Up Book Hut has now arrived, and our Scholastic Book Fair will be here at the end of next week, so do make the most of choosing some fabulous books and sharing them with your children. Thank you all for all your ongoing generosity and support for our school!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: In maths Reception have been learning about measure! Can you choose different objects at home and order them from smallest to largest and then lightest to heaviest? You can also have fun exploring the capacity of different containers during bath time!



Year 1 This week we have started our new topic 'Toys'. We are comparing toys from the past to toys now. Please talk to your child about the toys you had when you were younger. How are they the same or different from the toys we have now?

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 or 2 children using forces (push, pull & twist). Remember to provide written instructions for playing.



Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	18 th October		1 st November	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	96.2%	99.6%	98.3%	99.7%
Eclipse	99.1%	97.8%	98.7%	99.1%
Quasar	91.2%	99.1%	96.8%	97.5%
Galaxy	97.5%	97.8%	98.6%	97.8%
Hawking	99.3%	97.3%	97.3%	100%
Herschel	92.7%	94.2%	92.0%	98.6%
Einstein	94.7%	97.8%	96.3%	98.5%

As you are aware, good attendance and punctuality are vital to your child's learning. The school gate shuts promptly at 8.55am; after that your child is late. There has been a definite recent improvement in punctuality and this is very encouraging. Congratulations to Hawking who achieved 100% in their punctuality. Well done and keep it up!

★ ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	18/10/19		01/11/19	
Reception				
Comet	Zachary	Archie R	Ameerah	Maliyah
KS1				
Eclipse	Hakeely	Frankie	Keevon	Ashley
Quasar	Max	Rae	Kwame	Dottie
Galaxy			Sammy	Benoit
KS2				
Hawking	Demarrio	Ela	Kyrone	Martha
Herschel	Ava	Mekal	Jeem	Darcey
Einstein	Tiger-Rose	Olvia	Eleigh	Kelis

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

Year 1 Black History Month

Year 1 have been learning about Lewis Hamilton as part of our Black History Month celebrations.



We learnt all about his achievements, wrote fact files about his life and even designed and made our own 3D cars using Purple Mash!



Outdoor Adventures Volunteers – Y1 and Y2



Year 1 and Year 2 both love their weekly Outdoor Adventures; however, we need at least two parent volunteers each week to make them happen. Please see Miss Andrew or Miss Shiels if

you can spare any Monday afternoons for Y1. If you can help Y2 on Tuesday afternoons, please speak to Ms Muir. Thank you to all the volunteers who have come with us so far! The children love having new faces! If you can volunteer even for one session please sign up on the sheet in the office. Your support is greatly appreciated by us and the children.

Twitter

Please follow and like us on Twitter:



@HalleyHouseSch Mr Oxford has taken the lead with our Tweets and you will have noticed a lot more social media activity on both Facebook and Twitter; we would love to see our followers increase so do spread the word!

Remembrance Day

We will be holding a special assembly, acknowledging the two-minute silence at 11am and writing poetry as part of our work on Remembrance Day. We will also be collecting donations in the playground and all contributions will be most welcome.

Purple Mash Log ins

Purple Mash log ins for all children will be sent home during this week – please do keep an eye out!

Children in Need

Children in Need day is on Friday 15th November. Please remember to wear yellow and bring your donations to help us raise as much money as possible for this fantastic cause. If you would also like to Splat the Deputy, please bring an additional contribution of £1! Mr Oxford is looking forward to it already!



Road Safety

Road Safety week starts on Monday 18th November. We would like to remind all parents and carers to take extra care on our roads around the school – they are narrow and busy, and we have lots of young people in our immediate community, from our school and all those schools around us. **All families are reminded that we strongly encourage you to walk, cycle, scoot or use public transport to get to and from school every day.** As well as mental and physical health benefits, you are also helping the environment and making our school community safer. Please also remember that it is particularly important at this time of year that children are wearing reflective and/or highly visible clothing or bands during the dark early evenings.

Reception

What a busy week it has been in Comet Class; from learning how to rhyme, using our letter sounds to spell 'spooky' potion ingredients and talking about the capacity of different sized pumpkins! We also had our first offsite, Outdoor Adventures session. The children were incredibly sensible walking along the high street and crossing the busy roads for the first time. We were so proud of them! This week's session was all about staying safe whilst at the park and having a chance to explore our new learning environment. It was great fun and we can't wait to explore the garden at King Henry's Walk next week!



All about Nutrition

This term children in both Science and Cooking clubs have been learning all about the body and nutrition. We have been looking at how important it is to eat healthily, especially while we are at school. We have been going through all the food groups on the 'Eat Well' plate and what role those foods play on our health. Halley House is a healthy school and we encourage all our students to make healthy choices and show a willingness to try new things, so by incorporating nutrition into a fun-packed club, children really understand the importance of eating healthily! We have really enjoyed seeing how keen they all are – they always want to know what we will be learning in club next so hopefully we will also see more fruit and vegetables on their plates at lunch time!



Pop Up Book Hut

Our Pop-Up Book Hut has now arrived and is in the playground! Children will visit the hut in class groups and choose a book to take home and keep. If they do wish to return it after they have read it, they would of course be welcome to do so. If you have any additional books at home that you would like to bring in to donate to the Book Hut, it would be really appreciated and mean our children can keep selecting books throughout this half term!



Extended schools

As we continue to grow as a school, it is important that you book into Breakfast club and After Care. This will ensure that we provide the correct adult to child ratios and that we have enough healthy meals for the children who attend our Extended Schools provision. Failure to do so will mean that your child is not in the correct place and you may incur late fee charges for late collection.

Green Time

In Green Time over the past few weeks, children have been enjoying making fresh fruit smoothies, fruit kebabs, decorating cakes and lots of other exciting things! It's fantastic to see so many children staying on green, so that they can join in with the fun!



FOHH Update!

A warm welcome back from FOHH. Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone that contributed, donated, cooked, volunteered, set up, performed and tidied up at the fantastic Black History Month event. Because of your generosity and more importantly, support, we raised an impressive **£853.95** for the Enrichment Fund! There was such a lot of positive feedback from parents, carers, staff, children and our Local Advisers, all of whom spoke about the community atmosphere of the event. It really was a wonderful evening.



The Enrichment Fund supports our school by assisting with the short fall for excursions, trips, workshops and visits. It also helps the school to fund special activities and equipment that the school is unable to cover in challenging budget times. Another way that we have been raising money for the Enrichment Fund is through the Friday weekly tuck shop. From this alone we have raised **£180.13!** So far, we have used the fund for trampolining trips, subsidising the Early Years Opera performance and playground equipment such as football goals and giant Lego. This year the aim is to use the funds raised for subsidising end of year celebration trips, such as a visit to the seaside, and interactive playground equipment like Lego stations and an interactive wall display. We are truly grateful for the continued support FOHH receives from all parents and carers. If you can and you are able to, you can make donations directly into the Enrichment Fund through the School Buddy system under "donations".

As the festive season is approaching we want to encourage all parents and carers to sign up to Easy Fundraising. You can use Easy Fundraising to shop with over 3,600 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS and Booking.com. When you shop you'll raise a free donation for the school every single time. It is super easy so please do spend a couple of minutes registering. Help support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes>.



Our Winter Crafts Fayre will be held on Saturday 30th November 2019. Come along and check it out. There will be amazing things for all budgets, you can get your unique Christmas gifts for your nearest and dearest and enjoy a calm Christmas shopping experience. We also have a few spaces left for the bespoke Christmas Wreath making workshop that will be held on Thursday 5th December from 7pm - 9:30pm. If you're interested in attending please do get in touch with Keely. The workshop costs £40 per person.

Lastly a reminder that our next FOHH meeting will be on Friday 15th November 2019. Please do come along. Get involved. Join the community and just say hello. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!



Victoria
(Freddie, Y3)



Viv
(Mia, Y2)



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



Keely
(Dottie, Y1)



Ida
(Farrah, Y1 and
Maya YR)

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2 2019	
Monday 4 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pop Up Book Hut opens
Tuesday 5 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Year 4 Einstein Class trip – Chocolate Museum • TRIP/VISIT – Year 3 Outdoor Day trip – Hackney Downs (PM)
Wednesday 6 th november	TRIP/VISIT – Year 2 Outdoor Day trip – King Henry’s Walk (PM)
Thursday 7 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – YR Outdoor Day trip – King Henry’s Walk (AM) • Outdoor Classroom Day • Dental visit – Reception and Year 1
Friday 8 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halley Day – ALL YEAR GROUPS, Science activities in class • Local Adviser Visits
Monday 11 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Anti-Bullying Week starts • Remembrance Day
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 Day - wear yellow and splat the Deputy! • FOHH Meeting, 5pm • First day of book fair • TRIP/VISIT – Year 3 British Museum
Monday 18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Week starts
Friday 21 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of book fair
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
Monday 2 nd 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
Wednesday 11 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am • Formal Parents’ Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Christmas Performances, 10am and 2pm
Friday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 Christmas Performances, 10am and 2pm – PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
Monday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Scrooge Performance @ Petchey Academy, YR and Y1
Tuesday 17 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Scrooge Performance @ Petchey Academy, Y2, Y3 and Y4
Friday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm.

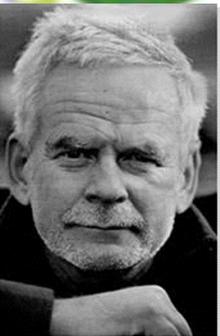
Spring 1 2020	
Friday 3 rd January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day, children not in school
Monday 6 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day, children not in school
Tuesday 7 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Spring 1; all extended provision starts

Outdoor Learning at Halley House!

Year 1 Forest School: We took an interest in fire, so we learnt how to build a camp fire and keep safe!



Year 2 have been investigating the works of Anthony Goldsworthy who creates art using natural materials!



Year 3- identifying and classifying the local fauna and flora!

