



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We hear lots of lovely comments about our school from parents, visitors and external professionals; we have recently introduced a Compliments Book on our front office desk for visitors to the school to share some of this feedback with our wider community. We would be delighted if you could contribute to the comments when you have had a positive experience or interaction with the school and its staff (perhaps after you have helped on a trip, watched an assembly or performance, or come in for a meeting). We continue to welcome *all* of your feedback in its various forms (email, face-to-face, by telephone, in our comments box and so on) – including any suggestions for improvements or changes, too. We have lots of festive events coming up in our calendar over the next few weeks, so do come along and help us celebrate another successful Autumn term!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: In maths we are learning about the days of the week and months of the year. Let us sing our songs to you which helps us to remember them!



Year 1 We are busy preparing for our Christmas Production. Please encourage your child to practise the songs with actions and their lines at home.

Year 2 In Computing we are learning about uses of IT outside of school. How many pieces of computer technology can you find in your home? What do you use each of them for?

Year 3 Please refer to your child's homework passport

Year 4 Please refer to your child's homework passport

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	18 th November		25 th November	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	92.3%	98.2%	94.4%	97.6%
Eclipse	90.4%	96.6%	94.2%	97.4%
Quasar	93.2%	98.7%	99.1%	97.3%
Galaxy	94.8%	99.2%	97.5%	99.6%
Hawking	98.7%	98%	98.5%	99.2%
Herschel	98.7%	96.6%	93.3%	92.9%
Einstein	95.2%	96.5%	99.2%	94.6%

We have had quite a few instances of sickness bugs over the last few weeks, but it is great to see some encouraging attendance figures in some year groups nonetheless! Well done to Hawking and Herschel for their attendance w/c 18th November and Einstein (just pipping Quasar!) for w/c 25th November. Let's see if Key Stage 1 classes can do even better over the next fortnight!

★ ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	22/11/19		29/11/19	
Reception				
Comet			Luan	Adriel
KS1				
Eclipse	Harlei	Oscar	Kian	Leonard
Quasar	Niyah	Kian	Demi	Grace
Galaxy			Emir	Mattia
KS2				
Hawking	Kamden	Demarrio	Isla	Yen
Herschel	Ava	Mekal	Freddie	Isaiah
Einstein	Alanna	Jayden	Andre	Eleanor

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

Extended Schools Stars of the Week

ASC	Child's Name
Aftercare	Amalya Y1
Sewing	Kiyah Y1
Creative Writing	Manyiel Y3
Science	Rio Y4

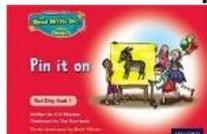
Well done to all children for their amazing behaviour and effort!

Music tuition

We are delighted to inform you that we are extending our music tuition offer next term. As well as continuing our keyboard and guitar lessons, we are also introducing drumming and singing lessons! Our fantastic music teachers, Heather and Sarah, will be leading all tuition next term as our current keyboard tutor from Hackney Music Service, Victor, is leaving us at the end of this term. There are 20 slots available for both guitar and keyboard (taught in groups of 4), 12 slots for drumming (taught in groups of 2) and 24 slots for singing (taught in groups of 4-6). We strongly encourage all our families to consider tuition as part of our enriched curriculum offer and we are already aware of many budding musicians in our midst! Children eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) are entitled to a 50% discount for music tuition. Please do speak to Ms Natasha or Ms Syms if you have any queries. Booking will open this week so remember to sign up!



Year 1 and Reception Reading Books



Please can all reading books (both reading for pleasure and phonics texts) be returned to school **every Friday**. This will allow children to choose

another text to take home to share and read with you. It is important that these books are returned in order for other children to access and use these resources. Phonics texts that are sent home are carefully matched to your child's current phonic knowledge (sounds they have been taught, and practised, in class) so that they can read them independently (and enthusiastically!) to you at home. Picture books are for shared reading and storytime – wit lots of great opportunities for children to join in with repetitive refrains and familiar story language, too! Reading is 'homework' we insist upon for **all** year groups so please do keep returning books so they can continue to be enjoyed across the school. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Please remember to book your Parent Teacher Consultations. The Arbor portal has been open since Monday. Remember YR, Y1, Y2 & Y4 are split over 2 evenings 11th & 12th December. Y3 is on the 11th only. If you are experiencing any difficulties please pop into the office or call us and a member of staff will help you.

Year 1 Maths

Year 1 have been incredibly busy this term! In maths, we have created our own patterns outside as part of Outdoor Classroom Day, representing numbers to 20 using a variety of concrete materials and exploring 3D shapes and their properties by making their own vehicles! To help us at home, we would like our parents to help us recognise all numbers to 20 and learn how to spell these numbers!



Donations – consumables and resources

We always welcome (year round!) the following items listed below to use in school, whether in lessons, clubs or the playground. If you are able to donate any resources (those listed or any others you think may be useful), they are always very gratefully received. Thank you!

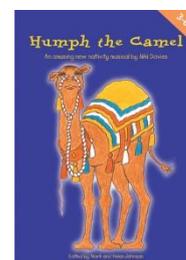
- Books
- Lego
- Board games
- Pots of Play Doh
- Craft supplies

Spring Curriculum – Swimming and African Drumming & Dance

Years 2, 3 and 4 will be completing their annual series of 10 swimming lessons during the Spring term. Y2 and Y3 have their lessons on Wednesdays and Y4 on Thursdays. Lessons start w/c 6th January (**first week back**). Years 3 and 4 will also be participating in our hugely popular African Drumming & Dance sessions on Wednesday afternoons next term – be sure to come along to the final performance, too!

Christmas Performances

Don't forget to come to the office to pick up your FREE ticket to your child's performance. Y2, Y3 & Y4 will perform on Thursday 12th December at 10am & 2pm. YR and Y1 will perform on Friday 13th December at 10am & 2pm. Those attending the afternoon performance will be able to take their child/children straight home. If they usually go into clubs please let Ms Natasha know they will be going home with you.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on the 19th December, it is also Christmas jumper day; so please send your child in wearing their Christmas jumper!

Christmas Cards

As the festive season fast approaches we have set up a special 'Festive Card' post box in the hall. This will be checked regularly and the cards delivered around the school. We ask that both the child's first name (and second intial if necessary) and their class name are written clearly on the envelopes to help them find their recipient with ease. If you require a class list then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Winter Workshop Sale



The Winter Workshop Sale was very successful, we had over 300 people come through our doors buying lots of wonderful gifts and presents. A big thank you to all who came and of course to Catherine and



Milton (Martha Y3) for organising the event. A huge thank you also to our wonderful FOHH who served the soup, mulled wine and helped the children make decorations; especially Victoria (Freddie Y3), Ida (Farrah Y1 & Maya YR), Viv (Mia Y2) and Keely (Dottie

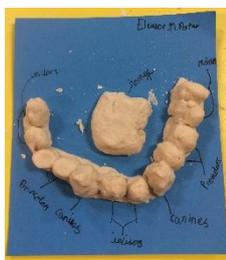
Y1) who worked tirelessly all day. We are still counting the cash so we'll let you know as soon as possible how much we raised.



Teeth, teeth and more teeth!



Year 4 have been very busy bees in science! We have been investigating the differences between our teeth and starting to look at those of



other animals. When investigating the differences, we found out the purpose of our molars and our incisors – it was very awkward trying to eat an apple with our front teeth!

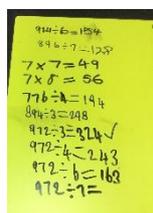


Double trouble!

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard in maths to divide three digit numbers. We have been using our multiplication facts to help us as we divide hundreds, tens and ones by 9, 8, 7, 6, 4 and 3 – it's been tricky but we got there in the

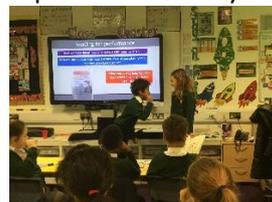


end! Alongside investigating division using concrete resources, some of use were able to use short division and explain if we needed to regroup. We loved the challenge!



To be or not to be... that is the question!

Einstein have been reading Romeo and Juliet this half term. Last week we put our acting skills to work to re-inact parts of the story – here's what we got up to!



Beep Beep Day!



Thank you to everyone who wore stripes and donated to support Brake the road safety charity. All the children are more aware of how to stay safe on the roads and we raised a fantastic £192.40.

Music Newsletter

Do have a look through our music newsletter (attached separately) this week – our music teachers, Heather and Sarah, have done some wonderful work with children during their weekly curriculum sessions!

Non Uniform Day

The last day of term is Friday 20th December, school will close at 2pm. The children are invited to wear their own clothes.



Happy Monday all!

The Winter Workshop Fair was a super chilled hit! We had over 350 people drop into the school over the course of the day and we had a lot of positive feedback about the atmosphere, food, the set up and delightful things on offer. We had a crafts and games station for the kids to enjoy upstairs, hearty soups and amazing items for a range of budgets!

We do not have a final figure on how much the event made yet, (too much to count!) Please do keep an eye out in the next newsletter and on the FOHH WhatsApp group to find out as soon as we do.

We really wanted to take this week to thank every parent and carer that donated their time, homemade treats, bought items and overwhelming generosity and support to help with the fair. We cannot emphasise how much it really is a whole school effort to be able to run successful events. You're an amazing bunch of people. Please do feel smug and special mentions to a few:

Clare (Amelie Y1) not only for donating amazing wrapping materials, but for creating beautiful Christmas wreaths that looked amazing and smelled like Christmas. The arrangements welcomed everyone into the school and set the scene. Clare was kind enough to make decorative green foliage to give the fair a lovely Christmas feel. Clare was also a first class wrapping machine and single handily wrapped all of our raffle prize hampers. They looked amazing!

Jacqui (JJ Y2/ Asher YR), Elda (Elif Y2) and Sinead (Aunt of Farrah Y1 and Maya Yr) did a fantastic job of running the arts and crafts table and volunteered all of their day assisting the children with creating homemade and edible Christmas decorations.

Alex (Xanthe YR / Lizzy Y3) did a fantastic job with creating two delicious and warming soups: one mushroom and wild rice; and one coconut and lentil creation. Both were equally moreish! The soups were accompanied by delicious donated bread rolls from Michael (Oliva Y4 and Leon Y2)

A special mention to Ms Syms, Ms Ashley, Ms Jo and Mr McDonald for being amazing and doing the long shift. We massively appreciate you all giving up your Saturday to run stalls, sell tokens and help restore the school to order once the fair was over.

The biggest thanks go to Catherine, Milton and Martha for their combined sheer stamina (in all weather conditions), time and sticking it out to the bitter end. Catherine has been at the backbone of organising the Workshop fair and we are super grateful to all of our amazingly creative entrepreneurial parents that ran stalls and gave up their Saturday to ensure that the fair was simply amazing.

Thank you all!

What next I hear you say... we are still selling raffle tickets so please do keep selling these. More books are at the front office if you run out of tickets. We have great prizes! We are no longer accepting donations for our hampers. However, if anyone has any vouchers for meals or from local businesses please do let us know. We'd be happy to include that in our prize draw.

The next FOHH meeting is on Friday at 9am. Please do come along if you can. Join the community and see what else is in store.

In case we didn't say this enough THANK YOU you are all such a great bunch. We have a small school community but you all came out in your droves!

Have a lovely week!

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2 2019	
Monday 9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT YR St Barnabas church (TBC)
Tuesday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Advisory Board Meeting, 6-8pm
Wednesday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am • Formal Parents' Evening, 4-7pm (All year groups) Day 1 of 2 • TRIP/VISIT Y1 Museum of Childhood
Thursday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Parents' Evening, 4-7pm (YR, Y1, Y2, Y4) Day 2 of 2 • Y2, Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performances, 10am and 2pm
Friday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR & Y1 Christmas Performances, 10am and 2pm
Monday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Scrooge Performance @ Petchey Academy, YR and Y1
Tuesday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Scrooge Performance @ Petchey Academy, Y2, Y3 and Y4
Thursday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lunch in school! • Christmas Jumper Day – donate £2 for book gifts for all
Friday 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm. Non-uniform day.
Spring 1 2020	
Friday 3rd January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day, children not in school
Monday 6th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day, children not in school
Tuesday 7th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Spring 1; all extended provision starts
Wednesday 8th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am • Swimming lessons start for Y2 and Y3 (Lesson 1 of 10) • African Drumming & Dance starts for Y3 and Y4
Thursday 9th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming lessons start for Y4 (Lesson 1 of 10)
Tuesday 14th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Y4 trip to Museum of London for Suffragettes Workshop
Wednesday 15th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Reception admissions September 2020
Thursday 16th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – YR and Y1 Zoolab Workshop
Monday 20th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – YR Trip to Azizye Mosque
Tuesday 21st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Y2 to Science Musuem for Domestic Appliances workshop
Wednesday 29th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental hygiene assembly
Monday 3rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Weeks start
Wednesday 5th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 7th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSPCC Number Day – dress up and make a donation to the NSPCC
Tuesday 11th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Internet Day • BPET Learning Review Day 1
Wednesday 12th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPET Learning Review Day 2
Friday 14th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Spring 1. School finishes at 3.45pm; ASC run as normal.