



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

This is our final newsletter of our Autumn term, calendar year and decade! I hope you have all enjoyed this term as much as we have in school – it's been jampacked with trips, visitors, celebrations and achievements for all our year groups. Our recent festive performances showcased our children's confidence, musicality and dramatic flair, whilst the sheer delight (in every class) following an early visit from Father (& Mother) Christmas this week was a joy to behold. The Halley House School community definitely loves reading! Thank you for all your continued support for our flourishing school. Wishing you all a very restful and enjoyable break with loved ones, family and friends when it arrives, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back (for what will inevitably be another busy term!) on **Tuesday 7th January.**

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: Merry Christmas from Reception! Can you draw or write a list of things you would like for Christmas?



Year 1 We have come to the last week of term! Please keep a diary of all the fun things you do during the holidays.

Year 2 People celebrate Christmas differently around the world. Research how another country celebrates Christmas. What is the same and what is different to what we do? Make a poster to present your discoveries.

Year 3 Please refer to your child's homework passport

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Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	2 nd December		9 th December	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	90.0%	98.2%	92.0%	98.2%
Eclipse	90.9%	97.1%	93.9%	96.8%
Quasar	95.2%	97.5%	98.0%	97.1%
Galaxy	97.8%	98.1%	95.2%	98.1%
Hawking	96.7%	98.6%	97.3%	99.3%
Herschel	96.7%	92.4%	96.7%	95.9%
Einstein	90.4%	95.9%	98.8%	95.8%

Well done to Galaxy and Einstein for their attendance scores. December and January are often months when we see various colds and bugs doing the rounds – please continue to ensure children are appropriately dressed for the weather and getting plenty of rest at home so that they do not miss out on any activities in school. **Please remember that school finishes at 2pm this Friday.**

★ ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	06/12/19		13/12/19	
Reception				
Comet	Asher	Isabella	Xanthe	Amelia
Eclipse				
Eclipse	Mia	Frankie	Morayo	Zehra
Quasar				
Quasar	Cavalli	Jasper	Ismael	Amalya
Galaxy				
Galaxy	Koko	Isabelle	Elif	Xavier
Hawking				
Hawking	Theo	Ela	Manyiel	Kyrone
Herschel				
Herschel	Kauthar	Mya	Mekal	Jeem
Einstein				
Einstein	Nathaniel	Beatrix	Yvonne	Tiger- AJ Rose

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

Extended Schools Stars of the Week

ASC	Child's Name
Maths	Mekal
Maths	Kush
Reading	Kaidy-Elsa
Cooking	Zion- Levi
Arts and Crafts	Mia
Art	Dottie
Art	Rae
Football	Ricky

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

Extended schools

After school clubs for the spring term will be available to book from Friday 20th December 4pm. You will have the option to choose up to 3 after school clubs per day; your preferences will be saved and allocated once the booking has closed on 2nd January 2020. After School Club allocations are generated by the system. Please remember that all clubs are to be paid in full before the start of the term. Please ensure that all autumn after school clubs accounts are settled immediately. Please note that failure to do so could result in your child not being allowed to attend our extended schools provision.

Humph the Camel!

On Friday our Reception and Year One children performed two fantastic showings of our Nativity – Humph the Camel. As a school team, we were so very proud of their clear speaking voices, amazing behaviour and beautiful singing. We would like to thank all of you at home for providing their fantastic outfits and for supporting them in learning their lines and song words. We hope that you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it. Merry Christmas!



Reading lists

Please see attached some suggested books, sorted by year group. There may be familiar ones as well as some new suggestions to enjoy over the holidays and into the new year!

Mac & Cheese Friday!

Ms Lola will be selling Ms Jennifer's renowned Mac & Cheese in the playground from 2pm this Friday to raise money towards the Enrichment Fund. Please come to the office if you want to put in an order!

September Admissions 2020

As the end of the year approaches, please remember that reception class applications must be completed by **15 January 2020**. This includes applications for siblings. Parents must create an account and complete an online application form; www.eadmissions.org.uk. Further information regarding the Reception class admissions process can be found here:

www.learningtrust.co.uk/primaryschools. If parents have any questions regarding the process, they can contact the Hackney Learning Trust admissions team: 0208 820 7000 (option 3) or email: reception.class@learningtrust.co.uk. Families are also always welcome to come into our Halley House School office for any help or advice.

Outdoor learning for the holidays!

At Halley House, we believe that every child should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development. Each week we recognise and thrive on the outdoor learning experiences we offer to the children through our Forest School and Outdoor Adventure sessions. If you would like to continue encouraging our outdoor learning opportunities during the Christmas holidays, please find attached a '12 days of Christmas' suggestion list.

Year 1 Trip to The Museum of Childhood

On Wednesday, Year 1 visited the V&A Museum of Childhood linked to this half term's learning about toys from the past. It was a fascinating trip and the children saw lots of toys; old and new and were able to compare them. During a workshop they learnt about how toys have changed over the years including the materials they are made from and had an opportunity to play with some old toys. To finish off all the children made their own peg dolls!



Late fees

Please note that you will incur late fee charges if your child is not collected on time. These charges are applied once the school gate closes and your child is brought to the office (from 4pm at the end of a school day, 5pm for After School Club and 6pm for After Care). Late fees are £1 per minute and all charges will be applied to your Schools Buddy account.

Year 2 Maths

Year 2 have been doing a fantastic job working on multiplication and division. We have been practising skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and have been able to represent equations in many different ways. We have been using part whole models, arrays and bar models to also explore the relationship between division and multiplication. At home ask your child to show you one of the strategies they have been using! They are very different to when we were at school!

Next term Year 2 will be studying time to five-minute intervals. Over Christmas try to give children the chance to familiarise themselves with reading analogue clocks and the language of 'to' and 'past'.

Year 2, 3 and 4 Christmas Production

The adults working across Years 2, 3 and 4 would like to thank all the parents and carers who came to see our fabulous Christmas production, Bethlehem Bandits. Having seen the production we hope that you enjoyed watching it as much as we had fun making it. We as teachers are all very proud of the dedication, focus and effort given by all our pupils during both our rehearsals and final performances. We're sure that you echo this sentiment! Their performances were a real testament to what can be achieved when we put our minds to a challenging task. From the adults across year groups 2, 3 and 4 we wish you all a restful and happy Christmas!



Christmas Performance Refreshments!

Thank you to everyone who brought their spare change to the Christmas performances. We raised £87.42! Many thanks also to the Co-Op who donated the tea, coffee and milk, and for their continued support of the school.

Swimming Y2, Y3 & Y4

Swimming for the above year groups will start again in the new term. Years 2 & 3 will have their lessons on Wednesday mornings and Y4 will have their lessons on Thursday mornings. Swimming is a compulsory part of our curriculum and it is vital all children access the lessons. As usual, all our year groups need volunteers. If you could spare the time to accompany your child's class, please let their Teacher know. Consent for swimming lessons will be on SchoolsBuddy, as well as a request for a contribution of £20.

Badu Sports Christmas hampers

A number of Halley House families were delighted to win holiday hampers and gifts from Badu Sports this week, as part of their annual community programme. Sincere thanks to Badu Community for truly embodying what this holiday period is all about – generosity, support and kindness.



Residential trips

Residential trips have been provisionally mapped out for our KS2 classes. This year, years 3 and 4 will be enjoying an overnight stay on the HMS Belfast in July 2020. You can read more about 'Kip in a Ship' [here](#). Full details (including an open evening for questions and answers) will be shared with parents and carers during the Spring term. During the next academic year, Year 5 will be venturing further afield to camp for 2 nights and Year 6 will have a week of PGL adventures! We're excited already!



Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day is on Thursday 19th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch and they are in YR, Y1 or Y2 they are welcome to have a Christmas lunch at no charge. If they are in Y3 or Y4 and would like a lunch they are very welcome, your account will be charged £2.10 unless they are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). There is a suggested donation for £2 for Christmas Jumper Day, which is for book gifts for all.



Friday 20th December 2019

The children are welcome to wear their own clothes on Friday. **Please remember that school finishes at 2pm and all children must be collected on time. Thank you!**

From everyone at Halley House School, wishing you:





Friends of
Halley House

Hello from the FOHH team! This is the last update of the term, the year, the decade! The decade! Just to put this into perspective - ALL the current students at HHS weren't even an amalgamation of cells a decade ago. Let that sit with all the Parents and Carers for a minute. A whole decade! Mind blown. Moving on to the update...we are finishing off the first full term strong in terms of fundraising efforts. The FOHH Wreath Workshop was a festive success, not only were parents taught how to make their own bespoke Christmas wreath - the event fundraised £800 for the school! Huge thanks to florist Clare (Amelie, Y1) for her generosity and expertise. A truly fabulous evening. Check out Clare's

gorgeous work at www.loveblooms.co.uk.

Our collective fundraising efforts are ...

Winter Fayre/Workshop Sale
£1890

Wreath Event
£800

Raffle Tickets
£1090

Bringing us to a grand total of £3,780

The raffle was drawn yesterday. If you're a lucky winner expect to receive a text from FOHH to inform you of your prize. Please ensure that all prizes are collected by **Thursday 19th December 2019**. Any prizes left after this date will be included in the summer raffle.

We're also continuing to raise money through Easy Fundraising. Our Easy Fundraising total is currently at £418.66. If you haven't registered to Easy Fundraising there is still time. Just follow the instructions using this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/halleyhouseschf/>

Don't forget that it is Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 19 December 2019. Please send your child into school in their festive jumpers and a contribution of £2. This £2 will go towards a book gift that each child will receive from Santa this week.

We've said it before and we will continue to say it - THANK YOU for all your continued support and efforts in helping us to fundraise for the school. This directly impacts all of our children. With your support from last year's fundraising the library revamp is on target and we have a decent pot of money for new books to add to the library. This year we're focusing on PE equipment for the school and from this term alone we've made a smashing start. It's truly impressive what our small school community has been able to achieve so far.

We hope everyone manages to enjoy a well deserved rest and we wish everyone a relaxing and joyous Christmas break and fantastic New Year! See you in 2020!

PS - Our first meeting of the new year is on Friday 10 January at 9am.



12 days of Christmas activity suggestions

1. Create a musical instrument with natural materials.
2. Create a snowman using chalk and decorate him using twigs and leaves!
3. Make a stage and perform a Christmas song with a friend.
4. Create your own maths game.
5. Play charades- remember not to talk!
6. Create a mud Christmas pudding!
7. Lie on the ground and see which shapes you can find in the clouds.
8. Decorate a tree or plant outside.
9. Create a home suitable for a robin.
10. Go on a bug hunt.
11. Make an obstacle course.
12. Take pictures of all the nature around you.



DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2 2019	
Monday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Scrooge Performance @ Petchey Academy, YR and Y1 • TRIP/VISIT Y2 “Tiger who came to Tea “
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"> • Crazy Hair Day! • End of Spring 1. School finishes at 3.45pm; ASC run as normal.