



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! I hope you all had a restful, safe and rejuvenating summer break and have enjoyed our first days of the Autumn term, not least after a few challenges from last year! It has been wonderful to see the huge majority of children able to return to school and settle into their new classrooms and spend time with their teachers and adults around the school. Our new Reception class have also started their year brilliantly, and we are already so proud of how quickly they are settling, making new friends and understanding new routines! We have a busy term ahead (as always!), although things will inevitably look a bit different to ensure we remain 'Covid-safe'. Our diary dates page will be back for the first full edition of our newsletter, on Monday 21st September, so do keep an eye out for dates and notifications throughout the term. I have every confidence this will be another fantastic year for the HHS community – whatever we might have thrown at us! *Claire Syms*

Monday Missions

Our Monday Missions for all year groups will return in our next full newsletter on Monday 21st September. In the meantime, do keep sharing the fantastic learning that is happening at home – we love seeing and hearing what you have been getting up to!

Coronavirus Symptoms

The main symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- a high temperature,
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

In most cases, at least one of these symptoms will be present. If a child is displaying symptoms, we request that they self-isolate and get a test. Please do not attend the school premises if you or your child are displaying symptoms. Please inform the school of the outcome of any tests as soon as you know. Many thanks.

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	7 th September		14 th September	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet				
Eclipse				
Galaxy				
Cosmos				
Hawking				
Einstein				
Jemison				

Good attendance and punctuality is imperative in ensuring your child gets the most out of their school experience. It is vital that parents adhere to our staggered start times – siblings should be dropped off at the **earliest** time and collected at the **latest**. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation with these measures.

☆☆ SUPER STARS!

We will continue to publish our **Super Stars of The Week** in our newsletter. **Our first Stars will be announced in school this Friday, 11th September.** Certificates are awarded for children displaying one or more of our HALLEY values and/or particular endeavour in any aspect of the curriculum or school life. Our children also acknowledge our hard-working staff every week!

At the moment, we have had to postpone all whole school/key stage assemblies due to Coronavirus, which also means we are unable to invite parents in to celebrate with us on a Friday morning. Certificates will continue to be awarded to children in class and we will ensure they feel suitably proud of themselves and their peers!

We will let you know when we are - hopefully - able to resume our full celebration assemblies.

New staff

A warm welcome to Mrs Nathalie Haupt, class teacher for Jemison in Y5, and Ms Angela Hernandez, teaching assistant for Einstein in Y4. We also formally welcome Ms Sarah Berresford to our team as one of our music teachers, after working with us for a number of years as a contractor. We hope you get chance to see our new staff members at drop off or collection – do say hello if you haven't already!



Extended Schools

All extended schools provision will start w/c 14th September. Please ensure that you have booked on time as the bookings will close **this Thursday at 2pm**. We continue to take necessary precautions to ensure that our club provision is safe and, as well as hygiene measures, we are reducing the amount of contact between different groups during sessions. We have lots of exciting clubs on offer once again so do sign up if you haven't already! If you have any questions please do come and see me in the office or email me on extendedschool@halleyhouseschool.org.uk

Music Tuition

We are delighted to inform you that music tuition is returning and will be available for booking from today at 7pm. We are continuing our keyboard and guitar lessons for Y1-5 and drumming lessons for KS2 only. There are 20 slots available for guitar and keyboard and limited spaces for drumming sessions. Children eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) are entitled to a 50% discount for music tuition. All spaces are available on a first come first served basis and all sessions are non-refundable.

Uniform & PE Kit

Please remember that full school uniform must be worn. We are rightly proud of our very smart uniform and there are always compliments when children are out and about in the community. **The school coat and bags (rucksack and book bag) are compulsory.**



Please note that all children in all year groups must come to school in their PE kits on their allocated day.

Pupil Absences

Please ensure that you contact the school office before 8.30am to report any absences. If your child is absent for more than three days you will need to provide us with either a doctor's note, appointment letter or a prescription note. Thank you.



Curriculum Powerpoints

Curriculum powerpoints and guidance for all year groups will be issued during w/c 14th September. These are in place of our usual curriculum workshops. The presentation will outline curriculum coverage and expectations for the year group, including some of the adaptations as a result of the disruption last year.

Lunch time

This week Reception were invited to stay for lunch! They all seemed to thoroughly enjoy their lunch and all the children have demonstrated impeccable table manners. Well done Comet class!

FOHH Updates

The first FOHH meeting of the school year is on Friday 11th September from 9am-10am in the school building. Please join the FOHH to discuss what we can do to help raise money for our school this year. Many original plans are sadly on hold due to the current climate and restrictive socialising rules...so we'll need more help than ever this year to find creative ways to raise money for our brilliant kids! Please come to the school reception at 9am. Please bring your mask for coming into and leaving the school. Mask wearing will be optional during the meeting as distancing measures will be in place. We look forward to seeing you there!

Returning Safely to School

Hackney Today has published an item on returning safely to school. The document is also available in Turkish and Bengali. Please click [here](#) to read more.

Goodbye to RSBC

RSBC, the charity with whom we have been successfully sharing our school building since August 2016, are leaving us at the end of this month. After an extended period of time working remotely during lockdown, many of the staff who were based in the building are heading to alternative, smaller office spaces or continuing to work from home. We hope to keep in touch with many of the staff from RSBC and wish them all the very best in their new ventures and premises.

