



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We have now reached the end of the Spring term – we almost made it to the Easter holidays without another closure! I hope you are all looking forward to a restful break ahead, and I am sure you will join us in school in hoping for a summer term of very minimal disruption (ideally, none!). Sincere thanks at this point must go to our staff team, who continue to raise the bar and pole vault over it at every opportunity. Thanks in particular to our Y4 team for their rapid, seamless instigation of another round of remote learning at the end of last week; I am sure our Y4 children continue to display their thirst for learning and fortitude in changing circumstances. After School Club information for the Summer term will be shared during the Easter break so do keep an eye out for booking information. We are also hoping to be able to confirm swimming slots for all so that these can start w/c 26th April. In the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable and safe break ahead.

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception Comet class have started to think about and spot 'signs of spring'. Go on a walk, and use your sense of smell, sight and hearing to spot signs of spring. You could write a spring poem about what you spotted. *'I can smell the flowers, I can see the bright sun, I can hear the birds singing.'*

Year 1 Writing - Can you keep a diary of what you did over the Easter holidays? Remember to include time connectives, adjectives and the use of different punctuation.

Maths - We have been looking at weight and non-standard units of measure. How many spoons do you need to balance a book, a remote control, a ball, etc? Can you think of any other non-standard units of measures that you can use at home.

Year 2

Our next topic is all about *Amazing Spaces and Places in the UK*. Over the holidays see if you can recall your knowledge of the UK from Year 1. Can you create a map of the UK? Label the countries and the capital cities - you could even label the oceans and seas around the UK.

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	15 th March		22 nd March		
	Class	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%
Eclipse	96.1%	96.1%	99.3%	100%	
Galaxy	94.0%	94.0%	100%	100%	
Cosmos	89.9%	90.8%	96.4%	97.3%	
Hawking	96.2%	96.9%	97.7%	97.7%	
Einstein	97.8%	98.1%	96.3%	96.3%	
Jemison	92.9%	92.9%	94.2%	94.9%	

Well done to Comet and Galaxy for their attendance, and Comet, Eclipse and Galaxy for their recent punctuality levels!

Please do inform the school office before 9.30am if your child is absent from school for any reason.

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	15/03/2021		22/03/2021	
Early Years Foundation Stage				
Comet	Maryam	Kyle	Tianna	Francesca
Key Stage 1				
Eclipse	Selah	Mohamed	Arthur	Jahmore
Cosmos	Leonard	Qwame	Amelie	Ibrahim
Galaxy	Max	Zehra	Ashley	Tyler-James
Key Stage 2				
Hawking	Kush		Mia	Freya
Einstein	Kyrone	Mon'ay		
Jemison	Anna	Nathaniel	Tiamee	Oscar

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

End of term collection times

Please refer to the following dismissal times; please note that failure to collect on time may result in late fee charges. Siblings will be dismissed at the latest collection, as normal.

Year Group	Time	Location
YR (Comet)	1.00pm	Playground
Y1 (Eclipse)	1.15pm	Playground
Y2 (Galaxy & Cosmos)	1.30pm	Playground
Y3 (Hawking)	1.30pm	Office
Y5 (Jemison)	1.45pm	Office

School Uniform

Please see attached an updated school uniform price list. We would like to ask that all children are wearing their full school uniform when we return to school in the new term. Uniform4kids will be operating an appointment only service from Monday 12th April 2021. We also have a used uniform shop here at Halley with lots of really good quality second hand or nearly new items – please see below!

Recycled uniform



Did you know we have our own uniform shop at Halley House? All items are in great condition and half the price. Please consider us when you're thinking about your next uniform purchase. Details can be found in the Halley House

Uniform section on the HH website, under recycled uniform, or just email your uniform request directly to drorister@gmail.com, putting uniform in the subject.

National Coronavirus 'roadmap'

As you will be aware, today marks the next stage in the lifting of some national restrictions. From today, you can meet outdoors in a group of 6 (from any number of households), or in a group of any size from up to 2 households. Formally organised outdoor sports can also resume from today. We hope that all members of our community enjoy the lifting of some of these restrictions, (and with further ones planned during the Easter break, on 12th April), **but we do ask that you continue to adhere to the rules responsibly so that we can continue to keep everyone safe. Thank you!**



Cosmos Diary Entries

Year 2 have been learning all about *The Great Fire of London* this half term. Cosmos Class wrote diary entries imagining they were Samuel Pepys in 1666. Here are some extracts....



*Monday 3rd of September 1666
'Dear Diary,
As I walked through the streets of London I saw boats sailing quickly away from the bright, red fire. I could hear piercing screams and the crackling of wood.' Ella
'I could see fire blazing above the city and smoke sizzling in the air. I could feel the heat of the fire behind me and blood pumping through my veins.' Akira
'I could hear the sound of crumbling houses and buildings as I wondered what the king was going to do.' Morayo
'I could smell thick black smoke. I could feel the terrible heat on my skin and the wind blowing from the east.' Leonard
'I was worried, what should I do? My precious cheese! I could feel hot ashes falling from the sky. Am I going to get injured? I will miss you diary...' Kaliyah*

Year 4

Year 4 have returned to school full of joy and excitement for their learning. We have had a few excellent weeks in school before the upcoming Easter holidays, even with a last minute return to remote learning this week! Our current novel for Literacy, Varjak Paw, has been a class favourite and we can't wait to see how Varjak's adventures finish.

During our Science Day, we researched a range of climate solutions and the technology that can be used to aid this. We covered a range of topics from electric vehicles, renewable energies to the history of green technology. We even learnt that green technology has a deceptively long history with the first electric car being invented in the early 1800s. Following our research, the class built a Da Vinci Bridge using nothing but pencils and rubber bands. We all found this very challenging, but the class were incredibly resilient and persistent and so all managed to build their bridges. They also managed to test the strength of the bridges using water bottles and pencil cases - the bridges were indeed very strong! I wonder if any of the Year 4s remember why?

Thank You

Thank you to Rachel (Raemario Cosmos Class, Year 2) for donating some fantastic books celebrating diversity to our school library.



Hindle House Parking

We kindly ask parents to refrain from using the Hindle House carpark when dropping and collecting your children as we have had a number of complaints from the residents that this is causing a disruption. We also ask that if you park on the main road outside of school that you turn off your engine while you wait. If you can, we continue to strongly encourage all of our families to choose healthier, greener and more sustainable transport methods to and from school, such as walking, cycling or scooting. Thank you.



Science Fair

Despite some changes to our format this year, our annual Science Fair was as successful as ever! We had a whole range of entries from different year groups, from water purifiers, homemade geodes, miniature habitats and gardens, exploding volcanoes, robot circuitry and fruit as fuel (to name but a few)! Huge congratulations to all children who entered, and we hope you had as much fun at home conducting your investigations and experiments. As usual, the entries have made the deliberations of the judges VERY difficult – year group prizes and awards to be announced later this week! The science fair is continuing after the Easter holidays so that all children who did not get chance to participate, or visit the exhibition on Friday, will be able to when we return.



BPET Newsletter

Please see the attached, latest newsletter from the Central Team, which highlights just some of the fantastic recent accomplishments of our group of schools as well as a message from Mark Greatrex, Chief Executive.

Easter Strings Club

Strings Club is running throughout the Easter holidays in a Covid-secure setting at HHS. You can find out more and enquire about spaces for booking [here!](#)



Online safety – Be Internet Legends!



Help your child become a smarter, safer and happier explorer of the online world. *Welcome to the Be Internet Legends— a helpful handbook full of tips and tricks for supporting your child's digital education.*

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/

Here, you'll find lots of simple ways to reinforce the important online safety lessons your child has been learning in school. Created in partnership with Parent Zone, the programme is empowering families to make the most of the internet by helping them become confident digital citizens.



Today, if your child is in Year 3 or 5, they will be bringing home a 'Build Your Legend' tube. This is an activity you can do as a family to help support your children with online safety and hopefully create the opportunity for

some discussion about being safe online too. It also links with our Science and STEM week as it requires some engineering too! Year 4 will receive theirs after the Easter break. It would be great to have some photos sent back into school of your family completing the challenge that we can post on social media to promote online safety to our whole community. Have fun!

Tote bags



The Halley House tote bag has been launched! Just £7.50 for a quality, re-usable bag with the Halley House logo on, which can be used for wellies on Outdoor Adventures day, shopping or anything you fancy really! All proceeds will go to the school. Please purchase from Natasha or Kat in the school office and put

your donation into the tin. Please let one of the committee know if you'd prefer to transfer money or buy more than one to kit out family and friends. Huge thanks to Laura (Lennie & Ezra Y2, Jasper YR) for brilliant help with this.

DIARY DATES	
Spring 2 2021	
Wednesday 31st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum booklets sent home for Summer 1
Thursday 1st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Spring 2. School finishes at times specified above
Summer 1 2021	
Monday 19th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Summer 1. All Extended Schools provision resumes
Tuesday 20th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAB Focussed Visit to school
Friday 23rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOHH Meeting
w/c Monday 26th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lessons to start for all – days and times TBC
Friday 30th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pyjama Day! FOHH fundraising for the school
Monday 3rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Bank Holiday
Thursday 6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotional video filming day in school
Friday 14th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPET Annual Parent Survey opens
Friday 28th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Summer 1. School finishes at normal time.