



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

Welcome back to the start of our Summer term! I hope you all managed to enjoy a restful Easter break, and found some time to safely celebrate some easing of national restrictions earlier this month. The return of all our year groups has been marked with blue skies and sunshine; long may it continue as we make our way through the term. We are hopeful that this term will be disruption-free for everyone – regular testing and a high uptake of vaccinations, alongside our Risk Assessment measures, continue to be of the utmost importance for our whole community. PSHE and PE remain two of our whole school core priorities this term, and there are updates on a number of these aspects in this newsletter, including our RSE workshops for parents. I am looking forward to seeing you all, at a distance, over the coming weeks.

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception

Recently we have been exploring numbers within 20 in maths! Can you help us recognise all numerals to 20? We could explore these numbers on our way to school by viewing numbers on buses, door numbers as well as vehicle number plates!

Last week we learnt all about the lifecycle of a butterfly! Can you draw and label a picture to show how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly? Remember to bring your wonderful pictures in to show your class or get a parent or carer to take a picture and put it on ILD!

Year 1

Maths: We are moving on to applying our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to multiplication. Can you help us to make groups of 2s, 5s and 10s and link this to the times tables? You could even draw an array.

For example; 2 groups of 3:  3 groups of 2: 

Please remember in Year 1 we only need to do our 2, 5 and 10s times tables. Don't move on to other numbers until **completely secure** with these!

Spanish: We have been practising our numbers to 20 in Spanish! Can you create a game where someone can learn their numbers to 20 in Spanish?

Year 2

Can you create a daily routine? What time do you wake up? Have breakfast? Have a bath? Draw the clock faces and write down the times. Remember to use star words o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to! ☺

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	29 th March 2021		19 th April 2021	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	95.5%	98.7%	99.3%	100%
Eclipse	92.6%	94.0%	97.8%	97.8%
Galaxy	97.9%	93.7%	99.1%	96.2%
Cosmos	94.9%	97.2%	99.1%	100%
Hawking	97.9%	97.9%	96.2%	96.2%
Einstein	-	-	98.5%	98.5%
Jemison	85.7%	88.4%	95.5%	96.7%

Well done to Galaxy, Hawking and Comet Class for the best attendance over the last two weeks. A special mention to our Y4s learning remotely for a week before Easter, too – showing us their engagement and motivation right to the end of term!

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	29/3/2021		19/04/2021	
Reception				
Comet	Nilou	Eliz	Francesa	Tianna
Key Stage 1				
Eclipse	Arthur	Jahmore	Amelia	Archie
Cosmos	Amelie	Ibrahim	Kiyah	Amir
Galaxy	Ashley	Tyler-James	Dottie	Wilfred
Key Stage 2				
Hawking	Mia	Freya	Isabelle	Luc
Einstein			Isaiah	Archie
Jemison	Tiamee	Oscar	La'vae	Alicja

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

Parent sessions for RSE curriculum

Letters have already been sent to all year groups detailing the relevant session for our upcoming parent workshops, and a brief overview of the curriculum content for Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RSE). Days and times are as below. All meetings will adhere to our Covid-19 Risk Assessment, following social distancing guidelines and hygiene measures. We also ask all visiting adults to wear a face covering. Sessions will be led by Ms Haupt, PSHE Lead and Mr Oxford. Days and times are as follows

Year 1 - Tuesday 4th May @ 9:15 – 9:45

Year 2 - Wednesday 5th May @ 9:15 – 9:45

Year 3 - Thursday 6th May @ 9:15 – 9:45

Year 4 - Friday 7th May @ 9:15 – 9:45

Year 5 - Monday 10th May @ 9:15 – 9:45

Reception Admissions 2021

Families have now received offers of places for children starting in Reception in September 2021. Families have until this **Friday, 30th April**, to accept or decline their place. We are delighted that many of our families, including those with siblings, have already accepted their offer and will be joining us next year. Our full transition timetable will be shared with families in the coming weeks. We have a small number of Reception places still currently available so please do encourage any late applications in our community to be submitted as soon as possible!



Secondary Admissions

As our Y5 pupils fast approach their final year of primary school in September, parents and carers should start to think ahead about transfers to secondary schools for pupils who will be starting secondary in September 2022. *Whilst our Y5 pupils will still have another year left with us, the deadline for secondary applications is set early in their final year of primary school (end of October), therefore not leaving much time for decisions to be made when they start Y6 in September.*



The attached guide will provide some general information for parents and carers. **We strongly encourage you to have a look through so you can start thinking about possible school preferences.**

For more information please also look through Hackney Education's Secondary Guide found here: education.hackney.gov.uk/secondaryguide. **Please note that the specific dates currently published relates to this academic year and up-to-date information of deadlines for 2022 will be published soon.**

Further information and guidance will follow. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Year 1 Eclipse

Year 1 children have come back with amazing enthusiasm to learn and exceed! We have started this term with lots of new learning such as multiplication in maths, plants and insects in science and covering a new religion, Islam, in R.E. In R.E, we discussed the Five Pillars of core beliefs and practices of Islam. Before exploring those, we discussed five things that are important to us. We talked a lot about how important our families, friends and school are to us! Have a look at some of our examples below:



What's the time Year 2?

In Year 2 we have been learning about time. We have explored how we know what time of day it is, and how seasonal changes affect this. We have been working hard learning to read an analogue clock to o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to, as well as to 5 minute intervals! We have really enjoyed secretly making a time on our clocks and challenging our partners to explain how they know what time it is. It is also fantastic to see some children wearing their watches and starting to tell the time independently. Time is a very tricky topic so please continue to support us at home by challenging us to tell the time on analogue clocks as much as possible!



Extended Schools

Children have thoroughly enjoyed our range of After School Clubs so far this term. It has been great to see our sign-ups increasing during the Summer term as we know how much our children value the experiences on offer! All clubs do need to be paid in full, in advance, to secure your child's place for the remainder of this term. If you need any support with any aspect of Extended Schools, please do come and speak to Natasha in the office.

Swimming



We are still in the process of confirming days and times with local pools but hope to be able to provide all year groups with further information this week – watch this space!

Mindfulness Activities to try at home:

Colour Spiral: Use pens or crayons to draw a big spiral. Choose colours that reflect how you feel today. Is today a red day? Or a blue day? A yellow or a green day?

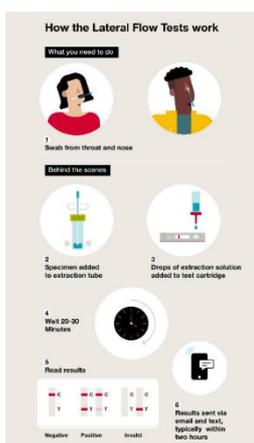


Here's a reminder of our colour Monster story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6wlEp-M4tg>

Book Walk: Think about your favourite story. Now imagine you're taking a walk through that world. What do you see? Who do you meet? How does your story end?

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests for adults - reminder



Anyone can now access lateral flow device (LFD) tests for asymptomatic testing. You can read the full guidance from the NHS [here](#), which also details how you can access the test packs. Whilst these tests are not compulsory, we strongly encourage parents and carers to access the tests if you are able to do so. **Please inform the school if a test returns a positive result so that we can make any decisions,**

alongside PHE guidance, regarding in-school provision as necessary. If you do have a positive test result from a home LFD test, you will also need to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result. Symptomatic cases should also be tested using a PCR test, as per existing procedure.

Promotional Filming & Photography

We are really excited to create our first 'official' Halley House School promotional video. This will be used as part of our admissions cycle, and will be displayed on our website and social media to showcase just a snippet of the wonderful things that happen at Halley! We also hope to add to some of our lovely photographs on display around our school building. We are expecting the first filming session to take place on **Thursday 6th May**. The filming will take place in and around the school, including at Outdoor Adventure sessions. Please ensure your child is in their full winter uniform (i.e. ties and blazers) or full PE Kit (if it is their usual PE day). Parents and carers have already indicated consent for filming purposes at the start of the year, but if you do wish to **remove** your child/ren from this filming and photography session, please let the office know.

Kittle photos

We are pleased to let you know that Kittle's will be returning for school photos on **Monday 10th May**. Please ensure that your child is wearing their full school uniform. If Mondays are usually a PE day for your child's year group, they should come into school in their uniform and bring their kit in their school bag.



Jemison

It has been a great start back for Jemison class! Every single child in Jemison ended the day on green EVERY day in Week 1! We have never achieved this goal before and so we are feeling super proud of ourselves. What a way to start the term! We have begun reading our new class novel, 'The Terrible Thing That Happened To Barnaby Brocket'. The children drew family portraits of the characters, thinking carefully about the personalities of each character and how this could come across in the portrait. So far, we have learned that the family is obsessed with being normal - which means they are often rather abnormal!



Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

The impact of several lockdowns and restrictions has undoubtedly had an impact on the wellbeing and social interactions of all children. Please see below for some useful websites for any parents/carers or children who may be looking for some additional support.

- **Childline: 0800 1111**, <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
[childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk/) | 0800 1111

Offers information and advice on a range of issues affecting children and young people.

- **ParentZone: Ollee**, <https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>



A virtual friend app aimed at 8-11 year olds and their parents, helping families talk about difficult topics. (See also more information attached).

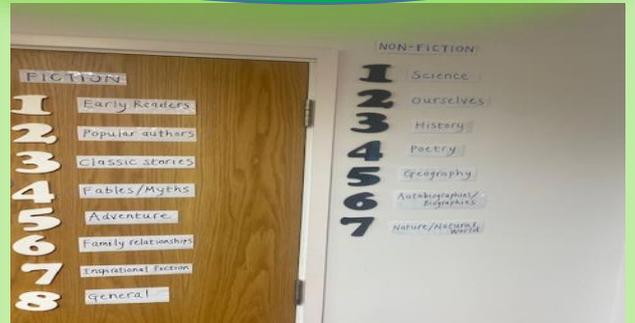
- **YoungMinds: Parent Helpline, 0808 802 5544**

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fighting for young people's mental health

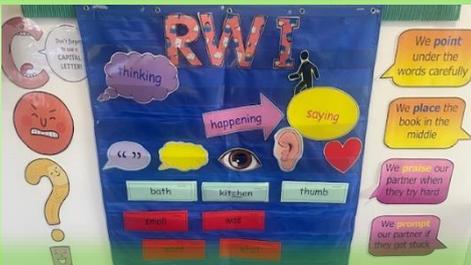
Helpline providing information and advice to parents/carers who are worried about a child or young person's wellbeing or mental health.

We also continue to have the support of our school therapist, James Smith, who is able to offer weekly sessions for parents/carers. These are free and confidential. **For more information please contact James on jsmith@r-u-n.co.uk or 07956 360 661.**

Space to Read at Halley

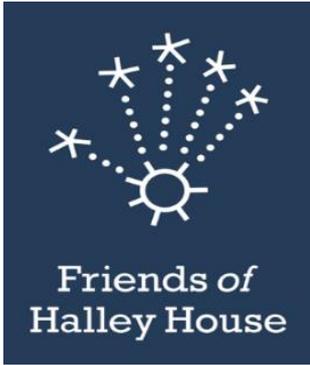


The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.



We have so many amazing spaces to share our love of reading at Halley, including our brand new library! We are currently recruiting 'Library Monitors': have you got what it takes?





Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting on Friday morning. It was so lovely to see some new faces too. Next meeting is Friday 14th May at 9am, please put it in your diary now. Little ones are welcome at the meetings.

We are continuing to help raise money for PE provision in the building, and are looking at how we make the best use of the space we have.

We would love to expand our core committee and need help in all capacities so do let the school office or one of the committee know if you want to join the team (Keely, Clare, Viv, Lola)

Pyjama Day – Friday 30th April

This Friday all children can come to school in their pyjamas and nightwear. A favourite dress up day of kids, teachers and parents! Just roll out of bed and don't forget your £2 (or a larger donation) to go towards the FOHH fundraising pot of money.

Summer Fundraiser - Saturday 3rd July

Please keep Saturday 3rd July free for some FOHH fundraising fun. Details to be announced soon for this Summer Fundraiser. Other events are being developed for this Summer term including a summer wreath flower workshop and a possible Halley sleepover. Watch this space! Make sure you are on the FOHH WhatsApp group as well to get all the details.

Tote bags

Please buy Halley House tote bags for £7.50 from the school office. Please take cash, or let the committee know if you want to transfer money instead. All proceeds go into the fundraising pot.

Library update

The library is fully functioning, used daily and is looking really fantastic. It's been a long process and a real labour of love to get to this point. A huge thank you to everyone who has been a part of this project to date. It's now stocked out with both Accelerated Reader and Reading for Pleasure books and is categorised and labelled in a way to make it student friendly. Library Monitors (2 from each class) will be trained this week and will be helping to keep it looking neat and tidy.

We do however need to fill the gaps and expand the range - especially for the older readers. We will be drawing up the second book wish list (we bought every book on our first wish list) and then will be fundraising and asking for support to get those books into our library ASAP.

We currently need: autobiographies and biographies and inspirational stories for the Reading for Pleasure section. Please feel free to buy and drop into school. We also need higher level reading books in the AR section so if you have any friends with older children who have books in excellent condition for Year 4 and 5 plus, they will be much appreciated. We will share in more detail the books needed soon.

In the meantime, contact Keely on 07866 515568 if you have any questions, want to know more or want to donate money for more books. We are so proud of what we've achieved so far but any help to make our library bigger and better is appreciated!



DIARY DATES	
Summer 1 2021	
Friday 30th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pyjama Day! FOHH fundraising for the school. Donate £2
Monday 3rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL
Tuesday 4th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 RSE Meeting 9:15-9:45
Wednesday 5th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 RSE Meeting 9:15-9:45
Thursday 6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotional video filming day in school Y3 RSE Meeting 9:15-9:45
Friday 7th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 RSE Meeting 9:15-9:45
Monday 10th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kittle school photos Y5 RSE Meeting 9:15-9:45
Friday 14th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPET Annual Parent Survey opens
Tuesday 25th May – Wednesday 26th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HHS Learning Review
Friday 28th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPET Parent Survey closes End of Summer 1. School finishes at normal time.
Summer 2 2021	
Monday 7th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Summer 2. All Extended Schools provision resumes
w/c 7th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment weeks (for school purposes only – all statutory assessments cancelled nationally again this year due to Covid-19)
Tuesday 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAB Meeting, 6-8pm
Friday 9th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPET End of Year Celebration Event – NO ASC
Friday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Summer term (and year) for children! School finishes at 2pm.
Monday 19th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET Day. School closed to pupils.