



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

This time of year always feels like a particularly busy one, with the drawing to a close of one academic year amidst all the preparations for the next. We have now had approval to proceed with our new sports hall on the first floor of the building, and are delighted to have the works booked in for the summer holidays. It will make such a difference to our sports and play provision and we are sure children are going to get fantastic use out of the space! Our FOHH fundraising target of £5000 will be directed towards this renovation – remember to join the FOHH AGM this Thursday on Zoom to find out how close we are to the target and how other funds have been allocated throughout the year; you really have all helped to make such a difference to our community! We are currently participating in Hackney Music and Dance virtual festival and we have our transition morning and sports days coming up next week, so lots to enjoy and look forward to before the end of term!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception The children in Comet Class have been working hard on writing sentences using their own ideas. It would be great if they could practise this at home by writing a story that they can then share in school. Maybe their story could be set in space or involve some kind of secret spy mission! I can't wait to hear them all.

Year 1 In PSHE, we have been learning about growing up. You are moving into Year 2 and moving class is a part of growing up! What are you looking forward to the most? Are you nervous about anything? Talk to an adult in school or at home about how you are feeling.

We are learning about the beach and coast in Geography. Have you ever been to the beach or the coast? Can you draw a picture of a beach or coastline and label the physical features (natural) and human features (man-made) features?

Year 2 We have been learning about food chains in Australia in science. Can you create your own food chain using animals from the UK?

We have been using positional language in maths. Can you use star words to direct someone at home? Words to use are forwards, backwards, half turn, quarter turn, full turn, clockwise and anti-clockwise.

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	14 th June 2021		21 st June 2021	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	98.7%	99.3%	94.2%	95.8%
Eclipse	94.6%	94.6%	92.4%	92.4%
Galaxy	95.3%	95.8%	92.9%	96.9%
Cosmos	92.7%	92.7%	95.3%	92.1%
Hawking	95.3%	95.3%	97.1%	97.1%
Einstein	96.4%	97.0%	92.6%	94.4%
Jemison	94.5%	94.5%	96.6%	99.7%

Well done to Comet and Hawking classes for their recent attendance figures! Still lots of room for improvement for all classes before the end of term!

SUPER STARS!



Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	24/05/2021		07/06/2021	
Reception				
Comet	Tayo	Leila	Gina	Kyle
Key Stage 1				
Eclipse	Zion	Zayn	Ottoline	Arthur
Cosmos	Tyler	Leah	Oscar	Zehra
Galaxy	Samuel	Hakeely	Raemario	Kiylah
Key Stage 2				
Hawking	Kayden	Xavier	Julia	Zion
Einstein	Ruth	Keziah	Martha	Tiannah
Jemison	Tiamee	Tiger-Rose	Tyreese	Sumayyah

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

Class teachers next year

Current Class	New class & year group	Teacher
n/a	Comet - Reception	Ms Debbie Ashley Ms Harmash Kaur
Comet	Eclipse - Year 1	Ms Amanda Shiels Mr Toby Oxford
Eclipse	Galaxy - Year 2	Ms Natalie Andrew
Galaxy	Hawking - Year 3	Ms Mahmuda Khatun
Cosmos	Herschel - Year 3	Ms Ruby Muir
Hawking	Einstein - Year 4	Mr Sam McDonald
Einstein	Jemison - Year 5	Ms Nathalie Haupt
Jemison	Johnson - Year 6	Ms Jessica Slater

We are delighted that, upon successful completion of her degree, Ms Kaur will be undertaking her teacher training with us next year. Ms Kaur will be based in Reception with Ms Ashley, and will also spend some time throughout the year working in different classes and key stages. Ms Shiels (3 days) and Mr Oxford (2 days) will class share in Eclipse class.

Staffing updates

We are thrilled to welcome Ms Anisha Ebofin (part time Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor), Ms Maddy Taylor (Teaching Assistant) and Ms Kelly Kilday (part time Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor) to the Halley team from September. Maddy will be leaving her current Music Support Assistant role to undertake her new TA role from September; despite only being in the MSA role since January, Maddy has greatly contributed to our music provision and we would like to thank her for all her hard work! Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Rob Challens in July. Rob joined us in 2018 as a class teacher, and has been involved in specialist roles (PE and music) since September 2019. Rob is off for a final (perhaps!) exploration of the globe next year, and we wish him well on his travels and adventures ahead. He will be dearly missed by the Halley community and we hope to be able to welcome him back at some point! We are currently recruiting a part-time specialist music teacher for next year.



Sports days – w/c 5th July

Sports days are next week: Tuesday for EYFS and KS1 and Thursday for KS2. Sadly we are unable to safely permit parents to attend this year due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, although we will share some clips and photos from the events for you to enjoy!

BPET Annual Parent Survey

Thank you for all the responses to our recent annual parent survey; we had a lot of positive feedback and as always some incredibly useful suggestions for us to take forwards as a school. The following table lists the questions which achieved the highest percentage of respondents who chose either Strongly Agree or Agree.

Question	% who graded Excellent or Very Good
The school is welcoming and secure	99%
My child enjoys coming to school	98%
The schools values & attitudes have positive impact on my child	97%
My child is offered an appropriate range of subjects	95%
My child is offered the opportunity to develop socially and emotionally	95%

We had some really lovely testimonials and comments, many of which acknowledged the skills and talents of our incredibly hardworking staff throughout another challenging year.

My daughter could not be happier at Halley House; she is motivated to learn and making great progress, she comes out grinning and full of stories and adores the teaching staff. It's a special community and one our family is very proud to be part of.



Nursery update

We are in the process of interviewing prospective managers and will shortly be extending our recruitment to other roles in the nursery. Our website also now has a function to register your interest for September places, so do spread the word to friends, family and neighbours too! Summer works are booked in for the security measures at our main entrance and up the stairwell, and Ms Ashley and the existing Early Years team are in the process of reconfiguring the classroom ready for September!

End of Summer Term

Friday 16th July will be our last day of term and school will finish slightly earlier than originally planned, and at different times, so that we can continue to safely stagger the exit from the building. Please see timings as follows:

12:45pm	Reception Playground	Year 1 Eclipse Playground
1:00pm	Year 2 Playground	Year 3 Office
1:15pm	Year 4 Office	Year 5 Office

Thank you in advance for ensuring you are punctual when collecting your child/ren.

Speech and Language Services Parent/Carer Surveys

Our Speech and Language Therapist (SaLT) Chelsie Fox is seeking feedback from parents/carers about your experiences working with the SaLT services and the provision for your child. If you have a few minutes, please click on the link below to complete the survey. School staff will be completing the child/young person surveys with pupils in school, but you can also complete these together at home with your child.

Parent and carer feedback [here](#).

Child/young person feedback [here](#).

Your responses are greatly appreciated and will help the team to improve or adapt the service as a whole. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Year 3



We have been having a fantastic time reading our new text 'I Was a Rat,' exploring the emotions of different characters, how they are described within the text and making links to

other stories we have previously read. Last week, one of our favourite activities involved creating questions to ask the characters in the story and



using hot-seating to consider their responses. Hawking class definitely have some actors in the making! In Science, we investigated how



our muscles work during a very strenuous workout, what the components of a



muscle are, and how we can stay healthy using our new knowledge about the five different food groups. Our exploration of the human body has also led to some creative interpretations of how our bodies look in Outdoor Adventures.

Year 3 homework

Last week, Year 3 children received their log in details to Maths Whizz. Maths Whizz will guide your child



through a variety of different maths strategies and areas of learning designed to support their understanding of different mathematical concepts. It is important that the children attempt the tasks as independently as possible so that Maths Whizz can produce a programme of study based on their previous learning and understanding. Mr Oxford and Ms Shiels would like Year 3 pupils to access



Maths Whizz at home at least once a week as part of their homework. Tasks will also be set on Purple Mash for pupils to complete each week. If you have any

questions, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the class teachers.

New catering provider – Harrison Catering

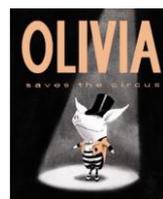


BPET recently undertook a Trust-wide catering tender for all our schools. Harrison provided a

comprehensive bid and presentation and were unanimously proposed as the provider for all schools. Harrison's 'five fundamentals' are 'Family, Respect, Honesty, Pride, Exceptional' and we are confident we will have a productive partnership with them. Caterlink are in the process of completing the transition with Harrison, who will take on the contract from August. Whilst some things will remain the same, the change provides an excellent opportunity to review our provision and make some positive updates, including meal bookings and payments. Full details will be shared with parents before the end of term. One key element of our provision that remains very important to us at Halley is our wonderful chef, Jen, who we are delighted to confirm will be staying with us.

Comet class

This half term Comet class have been learning all about the foundations of the Geodesic dome with our Art specialist, Ms Hodgson. Children have been applying their fine motor skills to build the initial stages of the dome, which are the triangular-shaped panels. The children first found this quite tricky, however, with perseverance, they all contributed to the ongoing project. This provided the children with rich opportunities to practice and improve their shape recognition back in class. This term, the children were also introduced to the colour, excitement, and educational



opportunities of the circus. Children have liked learning about circus performers such as human canons, acrobats, jugglers, and many others, which they have expressed via play. The story of 'Olivia saves the circus' was one of our favourites this week.

Lunch Fees

Please ensure that you have cleared all outstanding balances on Arbor before Wednesday 14th July 2021. Thank you.

Summer playschemes and activities in Hackney

A wide range of summer holiday playschemes and activities are now available to book with organisations in Hackney. A full list is available to view [here](#) and will be regularly updated as organisations submit new schemes. Details will also be available on the Family Information Service (FIS) [website](#) and social media pages ([twitter](#) and [facebook](#)). Information about support for paying for the activities is also included [here](#).

Year 1 Topic

This term we have been learning about seasons and comparing them using conjunctions. We learnt about the nature of seasons around the world, and compared them to our own experiences of seasons in the UK. To compare different seasons, we had a look at some of our pictures from our journey in Year 1 including Outdoor Adventures, maths and topic lessons!



Online Safety with Twisted Toys



The 5 Rights Foundation have created a series of short 'adverts' to highlight the potential dangers to children left unattended while online, in the style of adverts as if they were physical toys. 5RF is an amazing organisation that works with (and on behalf of) children to make systemic changes to the digital world. *Imagine if all the harmful features of the digital world were in traditional toys. Welcome to the World of Twisted toys, a wonderland of excitement, experiences and exploitation. We pride ourselves in making toys that are addictive, risky and put you completely under our control.* This is the opening screen from a brand new service from the 5 Rights Foundation. Do watch the videos first before deciding to share and discuss with your children. They are aimed at Key Stage 2 (mainly Year 4 upwards) but are a fun way of opening the discussion around the issues that many children experience when online without supervision. Please click on the link to go to their [website](#).

HHS Enrichment Fund

A huge thank you for all the donations we have received from parents and carers into our Enrichment Fund over the last few weeks and months, either as general donations or for daily fruit and vegetables at play/snack time. In the absence of our school fete, a number of families have chosen to donate 'what they would have spent' and we are very grateful for these unexpected contributions! There is still time to donate to the fund or through the FOHH account if you wish – any contributions really do make a big difference to our children's experiences!

Allergies

Please be reminded that we are a strawberry- and nut-free school due to allergies. If you are providing a packed lunch, please ensure it does not contain strawberries or nuts.

Printing workshops – Jane Smith

Our post-lockdown Arts Award Journey continues! We were very lucky to gain funding for Jane Smith to come into the art room for a week of teaching the children so a huge thank you to Artists in Residence! We have been working on a still life with a difference, using 3H pencils to mark the lines, 4B to make them stronger and then dark ink to create very bold images and even a 6B pencil to add negative space. This work is in preparation for a printing session next term, when children will use large shapes and bold lines to create their print. Jane was so impressed with the children's ability, but also their energy and creativity. A favourite moment was seeing Jane enjoy her school lunch and then finding herself surrounded by children, all of them talking and drawing and working out different ways to draw together. The children were captivated with Jane's ability to draw *anything* – impressive indeed!

The Arts Award Logs will be assessed and the certificates awarded. Any that need more work will be focused on after the summer during our art sessions, so everyone can fully participate in spite of any school closures or isolation periods.

Extended Schools

Please ensure that all outstanding payments are made on SchoolsBuddy no later than **Thursday 15th July**. Failure to do so will result in you not being able to book any provision. All Extended School services must be pre-booked so that we can fulfil all our health and safety requirements, have the correct ratios and ensure adequate provisions. Please note that last entry for Breakfast Club is 8:30am. When all children return in Autumn term we will be offering free flow sessions from Thursday 2nd until Friday 10th September. After School Clubs will begin w/c 13th September, with booking enabled on 1st September 2021. After Care (5-6pm, Monday-Thursday) will resume in September, based on demand. If you have any questions, please do come and see Natasha in the office or [email](#).

Drop off and collection – Autumn

Drop off and collection will be slightly different in the Autumn term, as we will be a full school! We will still maintain earliest drop off for siblings in the morning, however, we will be unable to facilitate latest collection and all children will need to be collected at their allocated times. We will resume all drop offs and collections via the playground.

Year Groups	Timings
YR, Y1	8.45am – 3.25pm
Y2, Y3	8.55am – 3.35pm
Y4, Y5, Y6	9.05am – 3.45pm



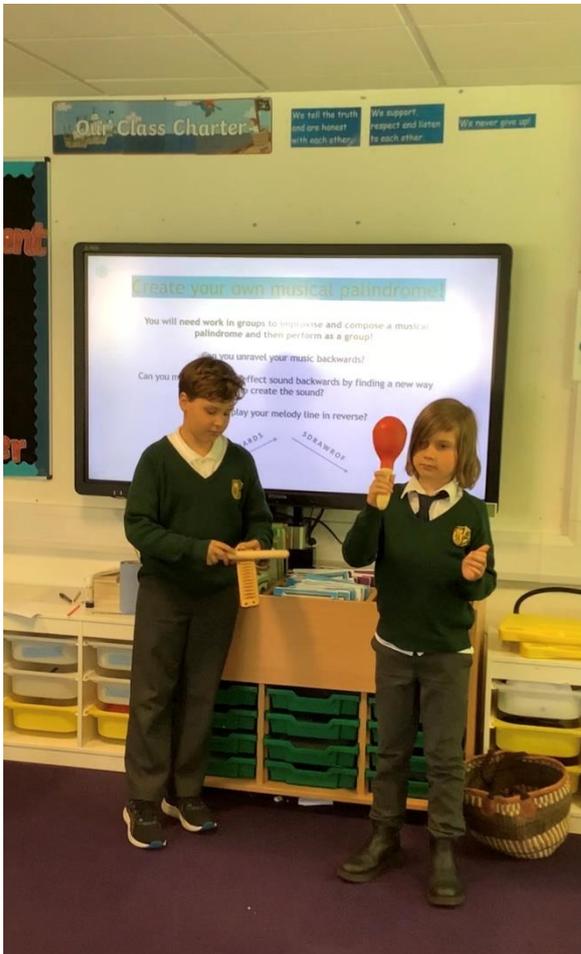
Music at Halley House!

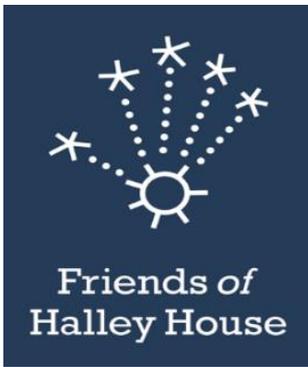


A huge **well done** to all year groups for their excellent performances of La Bamba for the Hackney Schools Music & Dance Digital Festival and Hackney Hispanic Week!



Einstein Class performing their dance for the festival above and working on their composition and performance skills in class below!





Wild Hair Day Lots of fun was had; thanks everyone for participating and donating.£104.76

Summer Flower Workshop

The Summer Flower workshop was a really fantastic evening. Thank you to everyone who came along, made gorgeous creations and enjoyed the prosecco. And thanks to Clare's skill and generosity we raised over £549 which is incredible.

HHS Lottery

We have sold 62 of the 67 ticket target so we still need your help.

Buy your tickets here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/halley-house-school>

What you need to know:

- The lottery tickets are £1 per week
- It is all done online by direct debit so no need to remember cash
- For every ticket you buy, 76% goes to Halley House and towards the cash prize drawn weekly
- £20 guaranteed prize but this will go up as tickets are sold, our aim is for 67 tickets to be sold per week
- You can buy more than one ticket, send link to any family and friends who would like to take part too
- Draws are done automatically every week, they will always be on Saturdays at 8pm
- All winners will receive an email with instructions to claim their prize
- The jackpot prize of £25,000 is in addition, all tickets entered into the Halley House lottery are automatically entered into this draw too

AGM : THIS WEEK

Our Friends of Halley House (FOHH) Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held this year on **Thursday 1st July, 7-8.30pm, via Zoom.**

Joining details are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93995419605?pwd=V3ZWc3dRbGMxQnVqQ05neE1LRWduZz09>

Meeting ID: 939 9541 9605

Passcode: 005558

All parents and carers, who are automatically members of FOHH, are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the AGM. It is an opportunity to hear about successes from the year, review accounts and, crucially, **elect new members to the committee.**

Prior to the meeting, please put forward nominations for the following positions (you can self-nominate) to Ms Syms via the school office:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Informal discussions or questions about any of the roles above are welcomed, and interested parents and carers should speak to one of our existing committee members to find out more about what is involved in the first instance. Please contact Keely, Clare, Viv or Lola. If there are more nominees than places available, they will be elected by a majority vote of those members attending the meeting.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Summer BBQ : Rearranged for Saturday 18th September, 2-5pm

In light of the recent government announcement to delay the lifting of restrictions on 21st June until 19th July, we have decided to rearrange our summer BBQ until Saturday 18th September to ensure that we continue to keep everyone in our community safe. Hopefully by that stage we will be able to have more than 30 people safely on site at one time to celebrate the end of this academic year as well as the start of the next!

Tickets are £5 and include 4 tokens to spend at the event. Children are free.

It will be a fantastic chance for parents and carers to eat, drink and socialise (think beer garden rather than fete) - with attractions for the kids including a crafts table, face painting, tattoos, a chance to soak the teachers and more. Lots of delicious food, a bar and a cocktail stand!

Any donations to help towards the cost of putting this on would be so appreciated too...

You can buy tickets now in advance of September. Transfer your £5 (or more) with your name in the reference to secure your name on the guest list to:

FOHH
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Or give your ticket money to Natasha or Kat in the office and they will pass it on with your name to secure your place. If you are keen to help on the day, please let Keely (07866515568) know – it will be September before we know it!



Crazy hair day!

DIARY DATES	
Summer 2 2021	
Monday 28th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic Day - wear your class country colours
Tuesday 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchard Project in school • LAB Meeting, 6-8pm
Thursday 1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (FOHH) Annual General Meeting, 7-8.30pm, Zoom
w/c Monday 5th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic annual reports sent home
Tuesday 6th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 Sports day
Wednesday 7th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Morning – all year groups • No swimming for Reception, Year 1 or Year 4 (all moved to Thursday 8th July)
Thursday 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT: Year 2 Cosmos and Galaxy to The Garden Classroom for 'Wonderful World of Bees' workshop • KS2 Sports day
Friday 9th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO ASC on this day
Wednesday 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Parent consultations • TRIP/VISIT: Behaviour celebration rewards
Thursday 15th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Swimming session (11.30am) • Virtual Parent consultations
Friday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Summer term (and year) for children! School finishes at 2pm. • Non uniform day (£2 contribution)
Monday 19th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day. School closed to pupils.
Autumn 1 2021	
Wednesday 1st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day. School closed to pupils
Thursday 2nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Autumn term and school year!