



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

As we approach the midway point of this half term, I have been delighted to see the evidence of our cohesive community drawing even closer together; whether it's our parent volunteers racing around Hackney Downs with our children for their sports challenge, helping out on Outdoor Adventure sessions, donating to our various fundraising efforts, contributing prizes for or coordinating our upcoming raffle, or just sharing a smile and some kind words of encouragement to our incredibly hard-working staff team – it is hugely appreciated and makes such a difference to our children's experiences of school. There are lots of exciting events coming up, so do get involved and, although we are not able to invite families in as usual for performances, we will be sharing recordings with you; rehearsals in every year group are well underway! Watch out Broadway!

*Claire Syms*

### Monday Missions

**Reception:** In P4C we have been reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' and discussed the importance of being safe. Can you remember some of the things we must do to stay safe? Maybe you could make a poster that gives tips on what to do!



**Year 1: Maths** We are practising counting forwards and backwards in twos, fives and tens. Can you count in twos, fives and tens from any number? Give it a try at home!

**PSHCE** This week we have been learning about bullying and who to talk to if you have any concerns. Can you create an eye-catching and informative poster on 'stop bullying' to be posted around the school.

**Year 2:** We are learning about human and physical features in our local area. You could use different materials and even try junk modelling! We would love to see your creations in class!

### Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	9 <sup>th</sup> November		16 <sup>th</sup> November	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	100%	100%	100%	100%
Eclipse	100%	100%	97.8%	100%
Galaxy	99.2%	99.2%	97.9%	98.3%
Cosmos	96.1%	96.1%	96.5%	97.4%
Hawking	98.6%	99.6%	98.6%	99.3%
Einstein	97.1%	97.9%	97.1%	97.5%
Jemison	97.8%	97.8%	95.9%	98.9%

Well done to Comet class for exemplary attendance and punctuality over the last fortnight! It is also great to see all of our classes over 95% attendance, which means children have accessed a significant amount of fantastic learning!

### ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	13/11/2020		20/11/2020	
<b>Reception</b>				
Comet	Danny	Francesca	Kosaluchi	Hanah
<b>Key Stage 1</b>				
Eclipse	Jahmore	Elias	Ottoline	Adriel
Cosmos	Farrah	Kaliyah	Niyah	Korree
Galaxy	Max	Wilfred	Frankie	Kiyah
<b>Stage 2</b>				
Hawking	Josiah	Elif	Senuk	Kaan
Einstein	Archie	Theo	Isaish	Martha
Jemison	La'vae	Hailey	Sharmaine	Tiamme

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

## School Parliament Election

Congratulations to all the children who ran campaigns and voted in the school Parliament elections! It was absolutely fantastic to see so many posters around school and hear such inspiring speeches. As part of the election children discussed what living in a democracy means and why making the choice to vote is important. They filled in their voting cards and wore



their 'I voted' stickers with pride. It was amazing to see so many of the children engaging with politics, surely paving the way for a future Halley House Prime Minister.



## Congratulations to all our new MPs!

**Comet:** Etienne and Nyrah  
**Eclipse:** Maliya and Jahrelle  
**Galaxy:** Rae and Tyler-James  
**Cosmos:** Ezra and Ella  
**Hawking:** Josiah and Mia  
**Einstein:** Yen and Darcey  
**Jemison:** La'vae and Eleanor

## Year 2 Outdoor Adventures

Year 2 have been having a fantastic time during Outdoor Adventures. We have been building some VERY complex den structures and exploring how we would survive in the wilderness. We have also been enjoying making mud



potions and 'skiing' down the mud slopes. Inspired by artist Anthony Goldsworthy we will be continuing to focus on colour and use the autumn leaves to create designs, patterns and

completely new innovations. Thank you to all of our adult volunteers so far! We couldn't do it without you! If you would like to volunteer regularly or for a one-off session please speak to a member of the Year 2 team.



## Comet Class (Reception) Arrival Times

Comet class children (who are not attending breakfast club) should arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am via the school playground. This allows enough time for us to vacate the playground and head upstairs before the arrival of the Year 1 pupils. Please ensure that your child is in school at the appropriate time so that they do not mix with another year group bubble. Thank you.

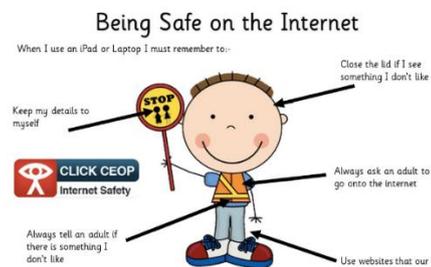
## R-U-N Therapist - Parent/Carer Drop-In Sessions

The impact of England's second national lockdown may be having knock-on effects on us as individuals and our families. Our school therapist James Smith continues to offer **parent and carer drop-in sessions on Friday afternoons**. James is a qualified therapist and a friendly, familiar face in our school community. **All sessions are voluntary, free to attend and confidential**. If you feel talking to James would be useful for you and would like to self-refer, please email James directly [jsmith@r-u-n.co.uk](mailto:jsmith@r-u-n.co.uk) and he will be in touch.



## Online Safety

In the next few days we will be sending out a separate email with links to useful websites to help support parents with keeping children safe online at home. Included is a link to a video from the Hackney Prevent officer that we have had made based on the responses to our e-safety survey we sent out to parents earlier in the year.



## TikTok - more parental controls

With TikTok surging in popularity, including children deliberately increasing their followers to 1,000 so that they can go live, it's good to see TikTok making more controls available for parents. The features, which are available via Family Pairing, include the ability to prevent the child searching and preventing strangers from seeing the child's post. TikTok is being advertised much more in the run up to Christmas when they know more young people will be watching the adverts. Just a reminder that TikTok is intended for children 13 years and over. I would recommend reading [THIS](#) link so that you are aware of the new and the older features, especially if you know your child uses TikTok.

## Year 1 Toys from the past

At the start of the term, we explored and played with toys which children in the Victorian times played with. We had loads of fun, it was quite different than the games we play with! Some games included clockwork trains, china/wax dolls and many more. We then compared the toys that we play with and discussed the similarities and differences.



## Around the World Challenge

Over the course of the last week and into the start of this week, we have taken the Around The World Challenge to the next level and just about finished off Coach Abdou in the process! All children have taken part in the timed run at Hackney Downs to increase our overall distance; the children worked extremely hard! We would like to thank all the parents that volunteered and supported the year groups across the week. Although all year groups have taken part in the timed run, they continue to log their kilometres from home and it is not over yet! We still have until December 4<sup>th</sup> to continue to donate and rack up the kilometres as we aim to reach 5000km. Please do ensure that you hand back in your sponsorship forms to your child's class teachers and donate through our SchoolsBuddy tab.

Year group	Hackney Downs total	Other distance to date	Year group target	Distance left!
YR	168.1 km	219.0 km	400 km	12.9km
Y1	220.0 km	210.0 km	550 km	120.0 km
Y2	260.8 km	611.0 km	1200 km	328.2 km
Y3	190.7 km	526.0 km	750 km	33.3 km
Y4	190.7 km	922.0 km	950 km	-162.7 km
Y5	218.3 km	641.0 km	1150 km	290.7 km
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,248.6 km</b>	<b>3,129 km</b>	<b>5,000 km</b>	<b>622.4 km</b>

## HHS Family and Community Working Party Group - Reminder

We are looking to start a working party across our different community groups (including staff, multi-agency professionals and parents/carers). The aim of establishing a working party is to look for ways to strengthen our community and family engagement, particularly with the current lockdown in England and likelihood of continued tiered social distancing regulations.

**If you are a parent/carer of a pupil at school and would be interested in joining our working party, please get in touch with Soozii Lim (Assistant Head/Inclusion Manager) via the school office to register your initial interest.**

## Extended Schools

It's coming to that time of year when we start to prepare for our After School club performances, when we usually invite parents in to watch their child perform, or showcase their talents, that they have learnt throughout the term. This year will be slightly different and we will be holding virtual events w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December – keep an eye out for the links!

<b>Monday</b>	Ukulele
<b>Tuesday</b>	Irish dancing
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	Fencing
<b>Friday</b>	Street dance

## BPET Launches Community Fund

BPET has created a "Community Fund" project which will look to raise funds from across our school-, supplier- and partner-communities to help offer support to our families most in need. Working with our Catering Partners we are crowd-funding to deliver each of our families eligible for the Pupil Premium (510 families across the Trust) with a Christmas Holiday Hamper, which will include fruit and vegetable staples as well as some Christmas treats.



**We believe that within our community is the power to help.**

If you can make a one-off donation or create a regular payment please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bpet-communityfund-christmashampers/>

for more information please see the attached overview or visit: <https://www.bpet.co.uk/community-fund/>

## Tables and Graphs in Year 5

This week, Jemison class have gone data crazy! The children have been collecting data within the class and recording this in tables (some of them were even *two-way tables!*). We have been revising the language of the four operations and then finding the difference between or the total of lots of data shown on the tables. Jemison then moved on to plotting information on line graphs and creating their own line graphs too! This learning has linked really nicely to our Halley Day maths activity, where we found out more about Edmond Halley's time in St Helena and created population line graphs of the region.



## Let's get philosophical!

Discuss these statements and decide if they are completely true, mostly true, a little bit true or not true at all.



1. Can a person be at home and at school at the same time?
2. Can a plant be a person?
3. Are you ever wrong?
4. Can some people predict the future?
5. Do people learn from their mistakes?
6. Is the society you live in fair?
7. Can everyone sing in tune?

This was taken from Year 5's P4C lesson this week.

### Parents' Evening – reminder and booking

Parent consultations will be held during w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December (penultimate week of term). These will be held via Zoom, or telephone call depending on your preference. A summary Autumn term report will be sent home electronically prior to the consultation. The report will reflect our whole school priority on well being and behaviour for learning, and will include details of children's strengths and what they are working to improve. Children and parents/carers will also have the opportunity to respond in writing on the report. Please see below the timetable for your child's class. Booking goes live on Arbor at 6pm this evening, if you have any problems logging in to book, please speak to a member of the Office team.

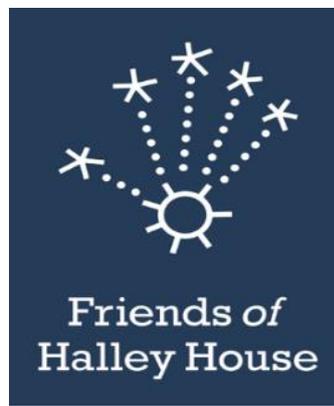
Class	Date	Time
Comet	07/12/2020 or 11/12/2020	4pm-6pm
Eclipse	07/12/2020 or 08/12/2020	4pm-6pm
Cosmos	07/12/2020 or 08/12/2020	4pm-6pm
Galaxy	07/12/2020 or 10/12/2020	2.30pm-4.30pm
Hawking	07/12/2020 or 08/12/2020	2.30pm-4.30pm
Einstein	07/12/2020 or 10/12/2020	4pm-6pm
Jemison	07/12/2020 or 08/12/2020	4pm-7pm

### Christmas jumper day and lunch

Christmas jumper day is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, which is also Christmas lunch in school. Although we will not all be able to sit together this year, we have got lots of festive fun lined up and Miss Jen is already making preparations in the kitchen (the sprouts are on!) We are sure both children and staff will have a fantastic experience!

### Operation Christmas Child

The Samaritan's Purse Charity are running a campaign where children and families have the opportunity to donate a shoebox that they can choose to fill with essentials and some small gifts for children in need this Christmas, both in the UK and overseas. If you would like to participate with your child at home please visit their website for more information <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. Shoeboxes can either be dropped off specified locations, or made up online. *Please note that The Samaritan's Purse are a faith-based international relief and development organisation and there is no obligation to contribute.*



### Winter Raffle 2020:

Winter Raffle tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Your child should bring a raffle book home in their bags but if not or if you want more please get them from the school reception. £1 a ticket or £5 for a book of 5 tickets.

Some really fantastic prizes to be won this year...including a £200 All4One gift voucher, champagne, beautiful books, family games and toys.

Please support FOHH for our biggest chance to raise these much needed funds. Get family members and neighbours involved. Please complete your name and contact number on every single ticket (not just on the front of the book of 5 tickets) and drop your tickets and money in an envelope to the school reception by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Raffle being drawn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, winners will be notified by text.



### Wreath Workshop

There are only 5 places (out of 15) left on for the Virtual Wreath Workshop on Friday 4th Dec 8-9.30pm. Make your own beautiful Christmas wreath with Clare (Leila, Reception & Amelie, Y2) £40pp. You will receive a gorgeous package of fresh pines, mixed foliage, dried fruit, cones and berries as well as a wreath base, moss, wire and ribbon to hang your masterpiece - as well as a mini bottle of prosecco to add to the fun. A chance to get creative with a group of our wonderful parents under expert tuition. Please let Keely know if you'd like to secure a place (07866 515568).



### Hackney Food Bank

We will be delivering our contribution to Hackney Food Bank on 15th December. Thank you for all donations so far, please keep them coming. Please make sure they are well with in use by date. Check the website for details of what they need.



### Library Update

The library has completely transformed, thanks to all the fundraising efforts from last year and the generous help from so many of our parents, specifically Saskia and Jonas (Hannah and Jasper, Y2) and Rosie (Francis, YR, Artie Y2). The bespoke shelves are now full of beautiful books and the space is really starting to take shape with the addition of made to fit cushions and signage. There is still much more to do and the next job is labelling the Reading for Pleasure section so please let a committee member know if you can help in any way.



### Face masks

An porter (Eleanor, Y5) has raised £440 from the sale of handmade masks; a huge thank you to An for her beautiful handiwork and of course to all her satisfied customers!



**Next FOHH meeting is Friday 11th December. Hope to see some of you there!**

*Keely (Dottie, Y2), Clare (Leila, Reception & Amelie, Y2), Viv (Mia, Y3), Lola (Malachi, Y3 & Mo'nay, Y4)*

¡Hola a todos!

We have been learning how to count from 1 - 10 in Spanish in Comet Class!

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tres

Hemos encontrado a nuestra pareja!

We tell our teachers how we are feeling in Spanish.

Estoy más o menos

Nos encanta aprender español

Estoy excelente

We play lots of games in Spanish to give our language purpose and so we speak as much as possible! Spanish class is never quiet!

¿Cómo estás?





Around the World Challenge on Hackney Downs!  
Go Halley!



<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
<b>Autumn 2 2020</b>	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) in school</li> <li>• Art Week starts</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning Reception Admissions September 2021 (webinar)</li> <li>• Scholastic online book fair closes</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing Weeks start</li> <li>• Electronic Autumn reports sent home</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning Reception Admissions September 2021 (webinar)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wreath making workshop</li> </ul>
<b>w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter show performances</li> <li>• Parents' Evening appointments (Zoom or telephone calls)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Raffle draw!</li> <li>• Christmas/Winter Jumper Day – fundraising for book gifts for all</li> <li>• Writing Weeks finish</li> <li>• FOHH Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum booklets for Spring 1 sent out</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of Autumn 2. School finishes at 2pm.</li> </ul>
<b>Spring 1 2021</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPET-wide INSET Day. School closed to pupils.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of Spring 1. All Extended Schools provision open</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning Reception Admissions September 2021 (webinar)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning Reception Admissions September 2021 (webinar)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for Reception Admissions 2021</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Director, School Performance &amp; Standards (Hackney Education) visit</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning Reception Admissions September 2021 (webinar)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of Spring 1. Extended Schools continue as normal</li> </ul>

*Please note some dates and events may be subject to change due to Coronavirus restrictions in place at the time.*