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Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

This is our final full newsletter of this term and calendar year and, in spite of everything that has been thrown our way, we have enjoyed many successes and have much still to celebrate! We have lots to catch up on across the school, but we are really proud of our children's determination and enthusiasm; their many successes are testament to their approach to their learning and behaviour. The Halley smile has not faded and, if anything, is brighter than ever! I hope you have all enjoyed reading about your child's progress in their Autumn term report and have productive upcoming discussions with their class teacher. A huge thank you as always to our whole school community for the many and varied ways in which you continue to contribute to school life and enrich the experiences of our children. We have a number of updates from our FOHH in this edition – final call for raffle tickets is this Wednesday, with the draw being held on Friday. We are also looking forward to sharing video clips and photos from each year group's performances! I wish you all a peaceful, safe and happy break ahead when it arrives.

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: Merry Christmas from Reception! Can you draw or write a list of things you would like for Christmas?

Year 1: Maths In D&T, we will be designing and making our own toy car using junk modelling. Can children begin to design their cars and consider what material they think would be best for their toy car? In Maths, we have been exploring 3D and 2D shapes. Can you make a list of 3D shapes around your house?

Year 2: People celebrate Christmas differently around the world. Research how another country celebrated Christmas. What is the same and what is different to what we do? Make a poster to present your discoveries.

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	23 rd November		30 th November	
Class	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	98.7%	99.3%	98.9%	98.1%
Eclipse	98.9%	96.8%	96.4%	99.3%
Galaxy	94.6%	99.5%	93.8%	99.6%
Cosmos	96.1%	98.7%	96.0%	98.6%
Hawking	100%	99.0%	95.8%	97.4%
Einstein	96.1%	98.1%	97.6%	99.6%
Jemison	97.4%	98.1%	94.5%	99.1%

Well done to Hawking for 100% attendance and to Eclipse and Comet for above 98%! We have lots of good punctuality scores, too, so keep it up for the last fortnight. There is still time for some of our other classes to get to the top of the leaderboard before the end of this term!

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	27/11/2020		4/12/2020	
Reception				
Comet	Etienne	Jayden	Kyle	Ayen
Key Stage 1				
Eclipse	Arthur	Luan	Jahrelle	Isabella
Cosmos	Kian	Amir	Grace	Dottie
Galaxy	Artemas	Terrell	Akira	Ishmael
Key Stage 2				
Hawking	Le'Shai	Alvin	Julia	Xavier
Einstein	Darcey	Manyiel	Mekal	Arthur
Jemison	Yvonne	Eleigh	Nathaniel	Anna

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

Around the World Challenge

All children have now taken part in the timed run at Hackney Downs. We would like to thank all the parents that volunteered and supported the year groups across the week. Thanks to everyone's combined efforts, we managed to complete a total distance of **5,264km** for the whole school, surpassing our distance target of 5,000km! Keep an eye on our social media posts to check if BPET schools made it all around the world! **To date, we have raised £825!** All our funds are going towards PE provision at Halley, through the creation of a second hall in our building. We would love to get a bit closer to our £5000 target and there is still time to donate through SchoolsBuddy if you can, or if you have any sponsorship money still to contribute. Thank you!



BPET Christmas Hampers

BPET have established a community fund to support families across the Trust group of eight schools during this Christmas period, and hopefully beyond. Please see the attached letter for more details – if you are happy and able to share within your own networks this would also be hugely appreciated. Thank you for all the generous contributions we have had to date, which will go directly towards children and families in our wider Trust family, including those at Halley. **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/>

Or for more information please visit:

<https://www.bpet.co.uk/community-fund/>

Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch

Don't forget that Christmas jumper day is this Friday, 11th December, which is also Christmas lunch in school. Please donate £2 for wearing a festive/wintery jumper, so that we can buy book gifts for everyone! We love seeing any homemade creations, too – there are some lovely ideas [here](#) if you are looking for inspiration! The children will enjoy a Christmas lunch and crackers along with Christmas carols playing in the background. We will definitely be getting into the festive mood!

Extended schools

Children have thoroughly enjoyed our range of After School Clubs this term and we hope to see you all again in the new year. We are happy to announce that the Spring term After School Clubs will go live on 15th December 2020. Make sure you have a look for what's on offer – some old favourites as well as some new opportunities! All clubs will need to be paid in full in advance to secure your child's place. If you need any support with any aspect of Extended Schools, please do come and speak to Natasha in the office.

End of term collection

To ensure we can maintain a safe staggered collection time for all year groups, please see the table below for collection times on **Friday 18th December**.

	Timings	Collection
Reception	1.15pm	Playground gate
Year 1	1.15pm	Playground gate
Year 2	1.30pm	Playground gate
Year 3	1.30pm	School office
Year 4	1.45pm	School office
Year 5	1.45pm	Playground gate

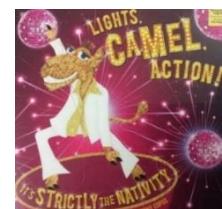
Siblings - Please remember that sibling collection is at the latest collection time.

Reception Admissions

Our weekly webinars are well underway for Reception admissions for September 2021. Please do direct any interested friends, family members or neighbours to our website to book onto a session:

<https://www.halleyhouseschool.org.uk/events/>

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021.



Year 2 Production

Year 2 have been working exceptionally hard rehearsing for our performance of '*Lights, Camel, Action!*' We are seeing some great acting and amazing singing! Some of the songs are in Spanish! We cannot wait to film it and show it to you. Watch this space...

Year 4

We have continued to develop our understanding of Ancient Civilisations. Having previously expanded our knowledge of the Roman Empire, we have now begun to investigate the Mayan Civilisation. The children have so far found the Mayan's interesting and very different to what we have previously studied – especially the element of human sacrifice! It has been fantastic to see the class so engrossed in their learning!

Julius Caesar rehearsals

Over recent weeks the children have been enjoying and participating actively in our rehearsals. I wanted to say thank you for helping your children learn their lines and the songs. I know how excited the children are to perform our show next week and I hope you are equally excited to see it. Just a reminder, that all costumes should be in school for Monday 14th, at the latest. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to find me by the door.

FOHH Updates

Winter Raffle 2020 : final chance to win!

Please sell and return all raffle tickets by **Wednesday 9th December** (end of the day).

Please grab more tickets from the SCHOOL OFFICE if you still would like some, there are still some left!

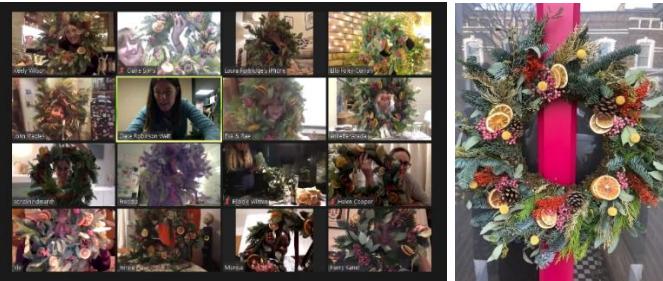
There are really incredible prizes to be won this year...including a £200 All4One gift voucher, Kindles, Amazon dots, champagne, beautiful books, a juicer, a coffee maker, family games and toys...

Please support FOHH for our biggest chance to raise these much needed funds. Get family members and neighbours involved too. Please complete your name and contact number on every single ticket (not just on the front of the book of 5 tickets) Raffle is being drawn on **Friday 11th December**, winners will be notified by text. Good luck, everyone!



Wreath Workshop

15 parents enjoyed a virtual wreath workshop on Friday night to help fundraise for FOHH. Clare (Leila, Reception & Amelie, Y2) from local florist Love Blooms expertly led the session and much festive fun was had while we all created our masterpieces that are now proudly hanging on our doors. Thank you to Clare for her generosity and expertise and to our wonderful community of parents for making it such a gorgeous evening.



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 within use by date. Please do check the website for details of what they need.



Next meeting:

The next FOHH meeting will now be **Friday 15th January 2021 at 9am**. We love to see you at these meetings. The more of us involved, the better. This week FOHH are busy with continued library transformation, wrapping Santa books and organising the raffle so the meeting scheduled for this Friday (11th) is no longer on. Please contact Keely if you are free to help or want to be involved (07866515568). Thank you for your continued support and kindness, Keely (Dottie, Y2), Clare (Leila, Reception & Amelie, Y2), Viv (Mia, Y3), Lola (Malachi, Y3 & Mo'nay, Y4).

From everyone at Halley House School, wishing you:



DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2 2020	
Monday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Winter show performancesParents' Evening appointments (Zoom or telephone calls)Writing Week for KS1
Tuesday 8th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Advisory Board (LAB) meeting
Wednesday 9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deadline for return of raffle tickets!
Friday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Christmas Raffle draw!Christmas/Winter Jumper Day – fundraising for book gifts for all. £2 suggested donationWriting Weeks finish
Monday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Curriculum booklets for Spring 1 sent out
Thursday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Behaviour Reward events
Friday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day of Autumn 2, Staggered finish from 1:15pm-1:45pmNon-uniform day.
Spring 1 2021	
Monday 4th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BPET-wide INSET Day. School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 5th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First day of Spring 1. All Extended Schools provision open
Thursday 7th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open Morning Reception Admissions September 2021 (webinar)
Thursday 14th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open Morning Reception Admissions September 2021 (webinar)
Friday 15th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deadline for Reception Admissions 2021
Tuesday 19th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assistant Director, School Performance & Standards (Hackney Education) visit
Thursday 4th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open Morning Reception Admissions September 2021 (webinar)
Friday 12th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day of Spring 1. Extended Schools continue as normal

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