



On behalf of all the staff and governors at Halley Primary School, I wish all our families a very merry Christmas, a peaceful holiday and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all the children back to school on **Monday 7th January 2019**

Shoshannah Thompson
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY ALERT

A huge thank you for all your efforts to ensure your children attend school everyday this is having a great impact on our overall attendance as well as ensuring your children do not miss out on their learning opportunities. Please keep up the good work. Our attendance target is **98%**, this term we have achieved **96.2%**. We have work to do, next term!!!

Nursery (part-time)	86%
Nursery (full-time)	93%
Reception	94%
Year One	95%
Year Two	98%
Year Three	96%
Year Four	97%
Year Five	98%
Year Six	97%



Christmas Performances Pandemonium

This week we have seen EYFS and KS1 perform 'One Snowy Night'. The show was very impressive. Reception children learnt and performed their lines with great enthusiasm and KS1 children showed off their comical side and beautiful singing. This was followed by our KS2 children who also wowed us with 'Christmas Toy Story', superb performance and once again great singing; we just need to see more smiles next time. Well done all!!! We hope to have them up on the website for the holidays so you can watch them again.

On December 13th our Yr4s, Yr5s and Yr6s took part in a **Strings Concert** performing to parents and Yr3 children. It was a sublime performance after only 12 weeks of tutelage, they all played with great expertise and great pitch.



NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 7th January 2019
from 9:00 to 9.30.



For more information you can contact the school on 020 7265 8061 and speak to Zaheda (Admin Officer) or Kathleen (EYFS and KS1 Assistant Headteacher).

NEWS & INFORMATION



Christmas Art Day

On Friday 30th November children across Halley, from Nursery to Year 6, were busy cutting, sticking, painting and threading to make decorations for the school. Each class created a decorative hoop and some paper chains.

The end result is very festive indeed!



STAFF UPDATE

We will be saying farewell to our present Yr6 teacher this term. We are pleased to inform you that Aaron who has been working with both Yr5 and Yr6, will be taking over as year 6 class teacher full time until the end of the academic year.



We also welcome Lindsay who will be taking on Aaron's old role, supporting Yr5 & Yr6 and David our new Yr5 and Yr6 Teaching Assistant.



We are also very lucky to welcome Ben our new Sports Apprentice who will be working closely with staff to increase our sports and physical education provision over the academic year.

Panathlon Games

A group of 8 children from Halley school participated in a Panathlon competition on Tuesday 4th December with eight other primary schools from Tower Hamlets. The group had to take part in a range of sporting games and activities such as Boccia Blast, Table Cricket, New Age Curling and other inclusive activities. It was a tough competition and Halley's group made us proud by coming 1st. Well done Halley Panathlon team!!!

WE PRESENT THE WINNING TEAM!



Stepney Partnership

Yr5 & Yr6 Autumn Term Football Competition

Over the course of this half term both year 5 & 6 girls and boys have been competing with our partner schools: Cayley, Smithy Street, Redlands, Marion Richardson and Harry Gosling. All played very well and scored lots of goals. It was great to see them grow in skill and confidence as the competitions progressed.



RECENT TRIPS AND EVENTS



Author Visit & Trips for Year 5&6!

Both Year 6 and Year 5 took part in the Children's Bookshow of touring authors. Year 6 visited the Old Vic theatre to see and meet the very talented storyteller, Daniel Morden, who performed one of his stories from his book 'The Secret Tales of Wales.'



Year 5 visited the Institute Français to hear from Franck Prévot, who wrote the story of Wangari Maathai, an extraordinary woman who brought communities in East Africa together to plant over a million trees. He was also joined on stage with Aurélia Fronty, the talented illustrator of this beautiful book of which each Yr5 child received a free copy of.



Year 1 Visit KidZania!

As part of Year 1's topic on the world of work they went on a very exciting trip this term to KidZania. They travelled safely on the tube all the way to Shepherd's Bush. The trip allowed them to experience having different jobs, being paid for each job and learning about what you have to do as part of the job.

"We really enjoyed the trip!"

Be Bright Stay Safe!

At Halley we took part in Road Safety week 2018. Lots of children donated £1 so they could come to school dressed in their brightest clothes. With your support we managed to raise **£130** for Children in Need!



Thank you to all our families for their support and remember to **Be Bright and Stay Safe** when out in Tower Hamlets.

Reception Visit Discovery Story Centre!



On Weds 28th November Halley Reception Class went on a visit to the Discovery centre in Stratford. Here they had the opportunity to become immersed in a 'story world' in which they could use their imaginations to create story characters and narratives. They took part in a story session with Chantelle a Story Builder! They also went inside Discovery's space rocket, made puppets and took a slide on the 'sky ride'! The children were extremely sensible and engaged in the day and the Discovery staff commented on their amazing listening skills. A big and special **'thank you'** to all the parents that came along and supported the children, without you trips like this would not be possible. And an extra special **'thank you'** to *Abbas's dad* for helping us to **cross the roads safely!**

NEWS

Halley Winter Holiday Trips!

(Please see Nilufa or sign up in School office if interested)

Monday 24th December come along and see the pantomime of **Beauty and the Beast** at

The Broadway Theatre, Barking.

Thursday 27th December

Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park.

Winter Wonderland has since grown into an extravaganza with ice skating, shows, roller coaster rides, street food stalls, festive bars and live music.



GOODBYES

We were very sad to say goodbye to Lisa, our School Business Manager at the end of November and Mazeda, our year 6 teacher. We wish them both lots of success and happiness in their future pursuits and thank them both for all their hard work and commitment to Halley.



FAMILY HOMEWORK

Children will be given Family Homework booklets for their year groups. These have a range of activities to do at home and during the holiday. Please get involved and help your children to do as many of the activities as possible. We look forward to seeing some of their completed work. Have fun!



Calling all gardeners—parents and children!



Green Fingers Gardening group will begin again this Spring term. If interested please contact the school office with your name, phone number and your child's name/class.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Headteacher Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 11th January

Introduction to Phonics Parent Workshops
Thursday 17th January at 9.am.

Phase One Phonics Parent Workshops
Thursday 31st January at 9.am.

Phase Two & Three Phonics Parent Workshop
Thursday 14th February at 9.am.

Phase Four & Five Parent Workshop
Thursday 28th February at 9.am.

Attending these workshops will help you to support your child with reading.

KS1 Maths Workshops for Parents.
Taster session Wed 9th January.

The sessions will take place every Wednesday from 9:15am-11:30am in the workshop.

Stay and Play Sessions
begin from **Thursday 17th January**

We will be starting a 'Stay and Play' session for our Nursery children and their younger siblings. The sessions will take place every Thursday from 2pm-3:15pm in our Nursery class.

Yr6 Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 15th January

Friday 25th January
Friday 1st March
Early Years Learning Celebrations

Internet Safety Week
25th—28th February

Internet Safety Parent Workshop
Thursday 28th February at 9.am.

World Book DAY
7th March

Time to dress up as your favourite book character...

Science Week
11th—15th March

