

Hallsville

Primary School

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Hallsville Newsletter January 2016

#### INSET- Teacher Training

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February is teacher training day. The school is closed for pupils.

#### Half Term Holiday for children

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

Children start back to school on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.**

#### Parent Workshops

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January parenting classes start: 'Triple P'. If you are interested in joining this 7 week programme please let Ann in the office know.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Speech and Language workshop - 9:00am KS1 Hall.

#### Maths Week

The week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> February will be Maths Week at school. Your child will have a fun day of maths work. During this week KS2 children would like to invite their parents into the mental/oral part of their maths lesson to show you how they are progressing in maths.

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am is Year 3
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am is Year 4 and Year 6
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am is Year 5

Teachers will be sending out letters to confirm these details.

As part of maths week the school will be reminding children about 'Mathletics' Every child in school should have a username and password for this. Please see your class teacher if your child requires one. Mathletics is a great way to support your child with maths at home. Children access this site on the Our Learning page on our school website:

[www.hallsville.newham.sch.uk/](http://www.hallsville.newham.sch.uk/)

#### Times tables

In order for your child to do well at maths they need to learn their times tables. Please help your child learn their tables at home by practising every day. By the time your child is in Year 4 they should know all their tables up to 12 x 12.

#### Reading

At Hallsville the key skill we hope to teach your child is how to read. Reading helps children develop in all areas. Please try to ensure your child reads 5 times a week for 10-20 minutes depending on their age. Also where possible, please read to your child before they go to bed. Having stories read to them by an adult helps children develop their ideas in writing and also enriches their language.

Remember also we have home learning opportunities through the Bug club website. This can again be accessed through the Our Learning page on our school website.

#### Books

Please take a look on your child's book shelves and under their beds for any Hallsville home reading books. Our Home

Reading books are rather low and we hope that a few will be found and returned. Thanks.

#### Parent Invites

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents will be invited into school to see how their children are taught to read. Ms Okwuegbuna the reading manager will speak to you at 9:00a.m. This will be followed by a chance to see your child read in class. We hope you can all attend.

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

#### Head lice

I am sending home with this letter some information on how to treat head lice. Please ensure you regularly check your child's hair for head lice and treat in one of the suggested ways. If you would like an appointment with the school nurse in regard to this matter please speak to Ann Jordan in the office who will arrange one for you.

#### Parents' Evening

A date for the calendar, Parents' Evening will be held on the **17<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Appointments begin at 2.30p.m, so the end of this school day will be 2.15p.m.**

I will be expecting to see you all turn up to show your child you care about how they are doing at school. We had a great response to last Parents' Evening so I will look forward to seeing you all. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits on sale in the Key Stage 1 hall as well as other stalls.

#### Attendance

Last year 2014-2015 our overall attendance figures were the following:

	Hallsville	National
Overall absence: percentage	4.3%	4.0%
Persistent absence: 15%+	3.0%	2.7%

As you can see from the table most children at Hallsville are coming to school for at least 95.7% of the time. Unfortunately however a significant number of children have attendance that is extremely low. It is these families the school is going to target.

As a parent it is your duty to ensure that your children have the best possible chance of reaching their full potential and living a rewarding and fulfilling life. In order to achieve this they must attend school regularly. If your child is persistently absent it impacts greatly on standards, which leads to poor self esteem and well being. It also impacts on friendships and can cause anxieties.

If you are having any problems getting your child into school please ask for an appointment with Ann Jordan who will be more than happy to support you.

I will be sending letters out to all parents whose children have triggered due to poor attendance and will arrange home visits to be carried out so we can support you in ensuring your child improves their attendance.

#### School Times

Please make sure that all children are in school by **8.50 a.m.** at the latest. School finishes at **3.15 p.m.** Parents should make sure that their children are collected on time.

**Please note that for the safety of your child no parent or adult should come into the school building without first reporting to the school office.** If parents need to speak to their child's teacher they should make an appointment at the school office.

### **Health and Safety**

Please remember to send your child to school in sensible flat shoes. I recommend trainers. Also a number of children have been coming to school wearing necklaces, rings and earrings. This is a health risk as it increases risk of injury during playtime.

With the onset of snow during the next few weeks please ensure your child is wearing warm suitable clothing.

### **SATs Week**

Year 6 SATs week starts **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. It is extremely important your child comes to school every day this week.

### **PE Kits**

Please make sure your child has a PE kit to change into for PE (PE tops are available to purchase at the office).

### **School Entrance**

For the health and safety of the small nursery children please use the main school entrance to school.

### **Curriculum Topics for this term**

Please support your child's learning in school by searching for information on the internet or taking your child to a museum or library.

### **Nursery / Reception**

Traditional Tales

#### **Year 1**

The World Around Us

#### **Year 2**

Roles, Responsibilities and Aspirations.

#### **Year 3**

Vikings and Saxons

#### **Year 4**

Villages and Cities

#### **Year 5**

Ancient Greeks

#### **Year 6**

Helping Others

### **Citizenship Week**

This year during Citizenship Week the school is looking closely at British Values. Children will begin to understand what democracy means. Workshops have been planned and a consultant has been booked to work with the children on British Values. The school values are:

*We love learning: Challenge makes us grow.*

*Our strength is valuing our differences*

*We show we care through our behaviour*

*Our learning begins with us. Work hard!*

The school will also be voting for a Head Girl and Head Boy this term. Good luck to our Year 6 candidates.

### **Enrichment Days**

During this term some classes will have the opportunity to take part in an enrichment day. Below is a list of dates of such events:

- Year 1 City Airport - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 1 History off the Page - Toys - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 2 Tower Hamlets Council visit - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- Year 2 Fire of London day - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Year 2 Places of Worship - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 3 Greenwich Museum - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

- Year 4 Place of Worship Visit - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 4 Action Aid Day - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 5 Philosophy for children – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 5 Tate and Lyle - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- Year 5 Places of Worship visit - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 5 Romeo and Juliet - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 6 Every Child a theatre goer - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 6 Natural History Museum - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 6 Macbeth Drama - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- RE Conference day for selected pupils - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Debating year 5 and 6 (10 children) - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### **Whole School**

- Citizenship week - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January
- World Book Day - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Children to Dress up as a famous character
- Interschool KS2 football tournament week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Spelling Bee – Year 2 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Spelling Bee – Year 3/4 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- Spelling Bee – Year 5/6 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Safer Internet day - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- KS2 Football Tournament week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Individual photograph day - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March

### **Volunteers**

At Hallsville we value the support and input of parents. If you are a parent and you have skills or time to volunteer your support in school please book an appointment to see Ms Okwuegbuna. This can be done through the main office.

### **Easter /Spring Break**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Children start back to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### **Extra Holidays**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a bank holiday and the school and nursery will be closed.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May the school is being used as a Polling Station.

### **Every Child Musician Years 5 and 6**

What a wonderful opportunity for every year 5 and 6 child to learn a musical instrument. Please ensure your child practises their instrument for 10 minutes a day and remembers to bring it into school every Wednesday with their music book.

### **Bikes**

I am pleased to see so many children ride their bikes to school. For health and safety reasons please ask your child to refrain from riding their bike in the school playground.

### **Birthdays**

A small reminder that if it is your child's birthday, you may bring in a box of chocolates, such as 'Celebrations' to share with the class. As we are a healthy school, party bags etc., are not encouraged.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support and co-operation.

### **Keri Edge**

### **Executive Head Teacher**