

Hallsville Newsletter March 2016**Term 4****Easter Holiday for Children**

Friday 25th March 2016 to Friday 8th April 2016.

Children start back to school on Monday 11th April 2016.

Extra Closures

The school will be closed Monday 2nd May for Bank Holiday.

The school will be closed on Thursday 5th May for use as a Polling Station.

The school is also closed on Thursday 23rd June due to voting on the European Referendum.

Staff Leaving

Ms Wakeling and Ms Brown will be leaving Hallsville at Easter in order to travel. Ms Sharif will be leaving to pursue a PGCE course.

Mr Hassel and Ms Larbi will be the year 2 teachers. Ms Khanom (senior teacher of Y3 and 4) will teach 4B.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who are leaving for the hard work and dedication they have given the pupils at Hallsville.

New Appointments

Ms Prince, an outstanding teacher and leader has been appointed as an Assistant Head Teacher and will be starting with us after Easter. I hope that you will warmly welcome her to our school community.

Parent Complaints

The school works hard to try to offer the best education we can to your children. If you do have a complaint or need to discuss things with your child's teacher, Ann Jordan or the senior teacher responsible please make an appointment through the school office.

It is extremely difficult for teachers to discuss serious issues in front of other children and adults. Also please be mindful of how you conduct yourself towards my staff. It is not acceptable to swear or shout at my staff. This behaviour will not be tolerated.

Photograph Day

Individual photographs of the children will be taken on Monday 21st March 2016.

Information

Please ensure the office has your latest mobile number so we can contact you immediately if we need to.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held this year on Thursday **17th March**. It is extremely important that someone in your child's family attends to show your child that you care about how they are doing at school.

Stalls as usual will be held in the KS1 hall.

A reminder that school finishes at 2:15pm so teachers can be ready for a 2:30pm start.

School values

Hallsville School Values

*We love learning and challenge makes us grow.
Our strength is in valuing our differences.*

*We show we care through our behaviour.
Our learning begins with us. Work hard!*

Attendance

I have been very concerned about the attendance of quite a significant number of pupils this term. It is extremely important that your child comes to school every day to ensure that they have every opportunity to enjoy and achieve at school. In our pupil progress meetings I am finding a strong link between children who are not achieving expected levels and poor attendance. As parents it is your duty to ensure your child reaches their full potential. Without good attendance this is impossible to achieve. I am working closely with Ann and except in strong cases of medical issues I will be taking a zero tolerance approach to poor attendance.

Milk

We continue to offer milk to all EYFS and KS1 children at morning break time. KS2 children will be offered milk as a drink at lunchtime.

Packed Lunches

I am pleased to inform you that only 26 children in total at Hallsville are **not** taking up the Free School Dinners. Those parents who are still preparing packed lunches please make sure it is healthy.

Sandwiches should be filled with: ham, cheese, tuna, egg, cheese spread etc. Jam and Nutella chocolate spread are not recommended.

Additional options: cheese, crackers and yoghurt.

Vegetables: carrots, cucumber, peppers, celery.

Fruits: bananas, apples, pears, oranges, strawberries, blueberries.

Dried fruits: raisins, apricots and apples

Drink: water only please.

On Friday crisps are allowed as a special treat.

Chocolate and fizzy drinks are not allowed.

If your child is a fussy eater and you need help to improve your child's diet please contact Ann who can put you in touch with the school nurse.

Year 3 Swimming Snack

Thank you to the Year 3 parents who have really made an effort to send in a healthy snack. We have noticed an improvement in children's concentration and behaviour in class since the change.

Educational Visits

Packed lunches for educational visit also need to be healthy.

Uniforms

Hallsville is a uniform school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. **You can purchase uniform at the school office on Tuesday & Thursday after school.**

SATs Week

Year 6 SATs week starts on **Monday 9th May**. It is extremely important your child comes to school every day in this week. Breakfast will be provided this week to all year 6 children.

TV/DVD/Gaming

Research has shown that children who spend large amounts of time gaming or watching TV find it more difficult to concentrate in lessons. Please monitor how much time your child spends playing on their gaming consoles, iPads and watching TV. Try to have a set time every evening for TV once children have completed their homework. I am also becoming increasingly concerned about a game called Minecraft that some of the older children are playing. This game is not appropriate for children and we have had to deal with a number of inappropriate language problems and behaviour in school from pupils playing the game.

E- Safety - Keeping Safe Online

This term we have had a few cases where children have been writing unkind messages to each other on sites such as Facebook / imessages and instagram. I would like to inform you that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 years to use Facebook. Please monitor closely the computer use of your child especially if they have older brothers and sisters.

ICT Home Learning

I am receiving some fantastic reports from teachers about children's home learning on Matheletics, Bugclub and Espresso. Well done parents. Please keep up the hard work.

Sleep Deprivation

I watched a programme recently that stressed the link between sleep and behaviour. Apparently many children in England are sleep deprived and are not getting the recommended number of hours sleep. Your child should be getting at least 11 hours of sleep. Allowing your child to be on the computer, watch TV/ DVDs or play video games before sleep time prevents children from falling to sleep as their brains are too stimulated. Try and have a bedtime routine that means after bath time no electronic games are used. Children can instead do home work and be read to. Happy bedtimes!

Disability Access

If you have any problems accessing the school due to your disability please inform Barbara in the office who will inform our Health and Safety Co-ordinator. At Hallsville we want all our parents to feel welcome and able to visit the school.

Curriculum Topics for Term 5

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 and Dinosaurs

Year 1

Plants

Year 2

Plants and Animals

Year 3

Light

Year 4

Vikings

Year 5

Living things and their habitats

Year 6

Animals, including humans

Enriching the curriculum

Educational Visits / Enrichment Days booked by teachers so far:

Friday 11th March - History Off The Page Yr 1

Monday 14th March – Trip to Emmanuel Church Reception

Wednesday 16th March – Trip to Gurdwara Yr1

Friday 18th March – Trip to St Pauls Cathedral Yr2

Monday 21st March-Y3 Football Tournament.

Tuesday 22nd March-Y4 Football Tournament

Wednesday 23rd March -Y5 Football Tournament

Thursday 24th March-Y6 Football Tournament

Tuesday 7th June – Trip to Chessington Yr6

Wednesday 22nd June – Y2 Southend

Friday 1st July – Trip to Kew Gardens Yr1

Monday 4th July - Cultural Week

Wednesday 13th July - EYFS/Reception Sports Day

Thursday 14th July – KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

Friday 15th July – Y5 Maldon

Tuesday 19th July – School Disco Yr6

Wednesday 20th July – School Fete

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 let Barbara know in the office and she will arrange an appointment with Ms Okwuegbuna who looks after our volunteers.

Keeping Fit Keeping Healthy.

At Hallsville we strongly encourage participation in after school clubs. While many children access the extended provision on offer at Hallsville we would like our children to do more. Lots of clubs are available in the local area. Please take a look at Newham's website.

www.newham.gov.uk/EntertainmentandLeisure/Sports.htm

Half Term

Monday 30th May 2016 to Friday 3rd June 2016.

Children start back to school on **Monday 6th June 2016.**

Times Tables

The school is having a big push at the moment to make sure that children know their times tables. At parents' evening you will be given the tables your child is expected to know. Please help your child learn their tables. Not knowing tables really holds a child back in maths.

Mobile Phones.

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. We have had a number of incidents of late where phones brought in by children have been lost or stolen. Please do not let your children bring phones to school. All phone calls that need to be made will be done through the office.

Website

Hallsville School's website address is

www.hallsville.newham.sch.uk/

Teachers are using the school website to publish children's work and record learning experiences.

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

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