

Half Term for children

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

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

School Closures

The school will be closed on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June for Referendum Day.

The school will be closed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July for Eid.

Celebrating Success.

I am so proud of the children at Hallsville who took part in the speech competition in Newham. I am pleased to announce that Space our Head boy in year 6 won this competition. He wrote and then performed his speech. Well done!

I am also proud of the performance of the choir on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the memorial service of our long serving governor Lucile Divine. A big thank you to Geneta and Mr Nunn for their effort and support.

Professional Development

Ms Johnson (Head of School) visited Singapore to look at how maths is taught. She had a wonderful visit and has brought back lots of wonderful ideas in regard to how we can continue to improve our maths teaching at Hallsville.

Attendance

At Hallsville we want our children to have as good an opportunity as any other child in the country of leading a fulfilling and rewarding life. In order to achieve this it is important that your child has good attendance. Evidence shows a child with poor attendance achieves less well than their peers and also struggles with friendships. If you are having problems getting your child to school then please speak to Ann who will be able to support you. We want your child to have every opportunity to enjoy and achieve at school. The school will be ringing home daily if we have not heard why your child is away and we will begin to do home visits to find out why your child is not attending school regularly. The London Borough of Newham are also handing out penalty fines to parents with children who are persistently absent. If you do not send your child to school regularly you are jeopardising their life chances. Please support the school in improving your child's attendance.

Attendance figures so far this year.

100 % attendance is when every child attends every day.			
1C	94.6 %	4B	94.4%
1B	94.9 %	4A	97.7 %
2H	95.6 %	5N	96.6%
2L	96.1%	5F	97.8 %
3M	96.6 %	6B	96.4 %
3U	96.9 %	6M	97.4 %

Suggestion Box

The school is always looking for ways in which it can improve itself. Please add any suggestions or ideas you have into the suggestion box. The boxes are situated at the main office and the nursery.

Text Messages

Many of you have noticed that we can now text you reminders etc. Unfortunately you cannot respond to school texts. If you are not receiving school text please check we have your number most recent mobile number.

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 children all parents or adults must in the first instance come to the school office to make an appointment. Please do not go into the school building unless this has been arranged.** If parents need to speak to their child's teacher they must make an appointment through 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 the risk of injury during playtime.

PE Kit

Please make sure your child has a PE kit to change into for PE (PE top and bag available to purchase at the office). I suggest in KS2 PE kits are brought in on the Monday and taken home on Friday. Early Years and KS1 children can bring their kits in at the start of each half term and take them home at the end.

Uniforms

Hallsville is a uniformed school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. Try to match head scarves to the colour of the uniform.

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.

Website

Hallsville School's website address is [www.hallsville.newham.sch.uk/](http://www.hallsville.newham.sch.uk/)

Website links

The school has purchased a number of software programmes to support your child's learning at home. These are:

- Espresso
- Matheletics
- Bug Club

Please ensure your child has time at home to spend on these programmes. If you do not have a computer at home please inform Ann or the class teacher who will ensure your child attends a computer club.

### **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 next 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** - Mini beasts/ Plants

**Year 1** - Animals

**Year 2** - Seaside

**Year 3** - Animals including humans

**Year 4** -All living Things

**Year 5** - Exploring the World

**Year 6** – North America

See the website for a more detailed breakdown of learning.

### **News**

Student teachers have started their placements at Hallsville. As an 'Outstanding' school, Hallsville is proud to support student teachers become the best teachers they can.

### **Important Dates for the Diary**

- Monday 23rd May and Wednesday 25th May-New reception parents welcome meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> June Art week
- Monday 20th June- Science week
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July- KS1 Sports day am
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July- KS2 Sports Day pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July- am RT/ Nursery am Sports day
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July- pm RP/ Nursery pm Sports day
- Wednesday 20th July- Hallsville school Fete 3:30-5:00pm
- Y6 leavers Assembly TBC
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July- KS2 Competitive Sports Day

### **Cultural /Language Week**

The week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July is Cultural Week. During this week we will be looking at celebrating cultural diversity. We will also be holding a British Day where we will look at someone who has achieved great things from humble beginnings. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July children can bring in and share food from different cultures. This is a wonderful annual event at Hallsville and I look forward to the week. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon we will hold the Cultural Concert, children are encouraged to dress up in their cultural clothes and parents are welcomed to watch.

### **SATs Week**

Y6 SATs week is the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May. It is very important that every child in year 6 attends school every day that week. All year 6 children need to be in school for 8:00am for breakfast this week.

### **Enriching the curriculum**

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

Monday 23rd May- Rounders Competition Eastlea school.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May- 4B at the Geffrye Museum

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May- 4A at the Geffrye Museum

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June –Y6 Margate visit.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June- Y6 perform at the Tower of London.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Y2 Southend

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June –Y5/6 Games Festival.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July- Year 1 Kew Gardens

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July Reception Old Mac Donald's farm visit.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July- Year 5 visiting Maldon.

Year 6 additional swimming starts Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### **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. We have a number of parents who now help out in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Thanks to all of you. Please can we have some more? Tasks will involve: supporting children to learn through play and listening to them read.

### **Telling the Time**

We have noticed that a large number of our children are having difficulties telling the time, especially using a clock face. To support the learning of telling the time we are encouraging children of all ages to wear (clock faced) watches in school.

### **Keeping your child safe**

Please monitor your child's use of mobile phones. Check their phones often and especially their use of: Viber, Instagram, WhatsApp etc. Some children have been inappropriately using their phones. I advise that children do not take their phones with them to bed.

**Last Day at school is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

**Last Day for Nursery Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**L. Johnson**  
**Head of School**

On behalf of

**K. Edge**  
**Executive Headteacher**