

Hallsville

Primary School

Hallsville Newsletter November 2015

Teachers Training

Friday 20th November.

Friday 12th February

School will be closed for pupils.

Christmas Holidays

Christmas Holidays start Monday 21st December 2015-Friday 1st January 2016. Children must return to school on **Monday 4th January**.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be on Thursday 19th November 2015. **Parents evening will start at 2:30 so please make sure you collect your child at 2:15pm on this day.**

I will be expecting all parents to make the effort to meet their child's new teacher.

School dinner food tasting, refreshments and stalls will be available as usual in the Key Stage 1 hall.

Lost Property

We have collected a lot of lost property since September. At Parents' Evening we will put it out for parents to check through. Please check the lost property box if your child has lost any clothing. **All remaining items will be disposed of at the end of term.**

Facebook

We have had a few bullying incidents to deal with involving children being unkind to each other on Facebook. Can I please remind you that Facebook is a social networking site for children over the age of 13 years. To prevent bullying and your child communicating with inappropriate adults please monitor your child's use of the computer carefully.

Parent Support

Being a parent is the hardest job in the world. Hallsville is pleased to be able to offer positive parenting sessions to support our parents. This will be run by Ann our Home School Liaison Officer. If you are interested in attending please let Ann know in the office.

School Nurse

Drop in session with the school nurse (Jessica) will be on Monday 9th November 2015.

Parents of SEN pupils

SEN Meeting: Wednesday 2nd December at 9:00am.

Parents of Special Needs children are invited to meet some specialists.

The Importance of Talk

In order for children to develop their speaking skills children need to be spoken and listened to. Please make an effort to turn off your mobiles and take off your head

phones when you collect your child from school and talk to them about their day.

Attendance

Last year our attendance was 95.3% a drop from previous years. The school target this year is 96%. I would like to congratulate all parents for the effort made to ensure their children have good attendance. Sadly there are still a significant number of children who are not attending school often enough. Ann (Home School Liaison Officer) will continue to work closely with these families to ensure their children have the same life opportunities as other children in the school. In order for your child to be happy in school, form good friendships and reach their full potential they must attend school regularly. Home visits and meetings will be arranged with those families who have attendance issues.

Punctuality

A number of families are frequently late for school. It is really unsettling for your child to arrive at school after the class has started. I have asked Ann to meet with families who are persistently late so that the school can support you in improving the situation for your child.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaires (162). The response was extremely positive. We do take your suggestions seriously. Here is a summary of the outcomes:

- My child enjoys school 99%
- My child is safe at school 99%
- I am kept well informed of my child's progress 97%
- My child is making enough progress at Hallsville 100%
- Hallsville helps me to support my child's learning 100%
- Hallsville helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle 98%
- Hallsville meets my particular child's needs 97%
- Hallsville School prepares my child to be successful at secondary school 97%
- Hallsville deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour 99%
- Hallsville takes account of my suggestions and concerns 97%
- Hallsville is led and managed effectively 99%
- Overall I am happy with my child's experience at Hallsville 100%

As a school we value the suggestions and views of parents. If you are interested in joining the PTA parent group please speak to Ann Jordan in the office.

Curriculum Topics for Term 2

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

For further details on what your child will be learning this term please look at the school website under the heading: 'Our Learning'.

Year 1

Ourselves

Year 2

Journeys

Year 3

Fire and Water

Year 4

Anglo- Saxons and Scots

Year 5

South America

Year 6

Electricity

School Dinners

I am really pleased with the vast majority of pupils who are benefiting from free school meals offered to all pupils in Newham. I will be asking Ann to contact the few families who have not taken up this opportunity yet. If your child does have a packed lunch please remember healthy options only such as:-savory sandwiches, fruit, yoghurt, cucumber, carrot sticks, cheese and crackers. Crisps are allowed only on Friday. Fizzy drinks, chocolate and biscuits are not allowed any day of the week.

Home Reading

Reading is extremely important for every child in our school. Please make sure your child has some special reading time at least 5 times a week and completes their home reading diary. Regular daily practise of reading does make a difference.

Research shows that reading to your child extends and develops their language significantly. Please make time to not only hear your child read but to read to them. I find the last 5-10 minutes before lights go out to be the best time to read to my child.

Children Special Dates Term 2

- 11th November- Y3- Stone Age.
- 11th November- Meet the Bike Crew- Lunchtime session.
- 13th November- EYFS- Dogs Trust visit.
- 16th November- Anti bullying week.
- 16th November- Y6- London Zoo.
- 17th November- Choral poetry group at Stratford Circus.
- 27th November- Y5/6- Dog Trust visit.
- 30th November- Y3/4- Dog Trust visit.
- 1st December- Y2- Transport Museum.
- 2nd December- Dental visit- Nursery/ Reception and Y1.
- 4th December- Y6- Docklands Museum.
- 11th December- Y3- Pantomime
- 11th December- Cheerleading competition.
- 14th December- Y4- Pantomime.
- 18th December- Y5/6- Pantomime.

Friendship Friday

Children will be asked to dress in yellow on friendship Friday 27th November. Please make a 50p donation which will go to Children In Need.

Christmas Dates

- Wednesday 16th December Christmas Concerts **KS1** at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16th December Christmas Concerts **Years 3 and 4** at 11:30am
- Thursday 17th December Christmas Concerts **Years 5 and 6** at 11:30am
- 16th December Children's Christmas Dinner.
- Christmas parties will be held 17th or 18th December. Class teachers will decide and let you know.
- Christmas jumper day Thursday 17th December.

Special Dates Term 3

- 6th January- Y6- Oliver Twist.
- 7th January- Y3- Romans.
- 7th January- Reception 1- Discovery centre.
- 8th January- Reception 2- Discovery centre.
- 11th January- Y6- Houses of Parliament.
- 13th January- Y5- Greeks.
- 15th January- Y1/2- Dogs Trust visit
- 25th January- Y5- British Museum.
- 3rd February- Y5- Tate and Lyle.
- 8th February- History Museum.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those families who donated to our Harvest Festival this year. The produce was gratefully received by Community Links who will arrange the donation to the homeless.

The Royal British Legion

Well done to the school council who managed to raise £102 for the Royal British Legion.

Party Bags

It has been brought to my attention that party bags are creeping back into Hallsville. During these difficult times I think it is too expensive to buy party bags for every child in the class. As a school we decided that a book donated by the birthday child would be a better option and a small chocolate from a box of chocolates such as: Quality Street, Roses etc

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

Keri Edge

(Executive Head teacher)