

Hallsville

Primary School

Hallsville Newsletter September 2015

A warm welcome back to the new school year. I was away during the summer visiting my family who live in New Zealand. It was lovely to catch up with everyone. I hope you managed to get plenty of rest too and those lovely children helped out lots at home.

Nursery and Reception

A warm welcome to our new parents that have joined us in Nursery and Reception. Starting school can be a challenging time for parents and children alike. Please let us know if you have any concerns at all.

Family Support Worker

Ann Jordan is the school's Family Support Worker. If you have any concerns or issues with your child please book an appointment through the main school office. Ann's contact number is: 0207 4746754

Email: ann.jordan@hallsville.newham.sch.uk

Holidays 2015-16

School Closures this year

- Thursday 24th September - Eid
- Friday 20th November-staff training
- Friday 12th February- staff training

Term 1 October Break Monday 26 October- Friday 30 October 2015 INSET 1 September INSET 2 September School Closed 24 September-Eid	Term 4 Spring Break Friday 25 March to Friday 8 April 2016.
Term 2 Christmas Break Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January 2016 School Closed 20 November	Term 5 June Break Monday 30 May 2016 to Friday 3 June 2016 May day- 2 May 2016
Term 3 February Break Monday 15 February 2016 to Friday 19 February 2016 School Closed Friday 12 February	Term 6 Last day Thursday 22 July Eid-UI-Fitr Thursday 7 July 2016 (TBC)

Secondary Transfer Forms

Parents of Year 6 students should have received their secondary transfer forms. Please complete your form on line. If you have any difficulties completing the form then please contact Madeleine Lee who will be willing to support you. If you are applying on line, remember to print 2 copies of your confirmation and hand one in to Madeleine Lee as proof of your application. The admissions section of the school website has all the appropriate links.

Reception Application Forms.

All parents of children due to start reception in September 2016 must complete an application form online by January 15th. Application packs will be sent out before the October half term. See the school website for details or contact Ann in the office.

Assembly Rota.

I attach the whole school assembly rota so that you have plenty of time to organise coming to watch an assembly.

Welcome to new staff

A warm welcome to our new teachers and teaching assistants. The Leadership Team works hard to recruit the best staff we can. I hope our new staff find working at Hallsville as rewarding and satisfying as I have.

New Teachers are:

Ms Chandler- Y1

Mr Hassel- Y2

Ms Uddin- Y3

Ms Abdi- Y4

New Teaching Assistants are:

Jade= Y2

Kaia= Y5

Parent Workshops

Teachers in every year group will be inviting parents in for a parent workshop to go over homework expectations. These workshops will be held this term at 9:00am in the KS1 hall. The sessions will be held with pupils and parents together. Teachers will be sending out letters to invite you in when they have selected their date.

Parents' Evening.

Parents Evening this term will be held on Thursday 19th November. Please note the date and make every effort to attend.

Christmas Concerts

Due to the very popular Christmas Concerts there will be two performances in KS2 this year. We have arranged the following dates:

- KS1 parents-Wednesday 16th December at 9:30am
- Years 3 and 4 parents Wednesday 16th December at 11:30am
- Year 5 and 6 parents Thursday 17th December at 11:30

Contact Numbers

Please make sure the office has an up to date telephone number for contacting you.

Medical needs

Please make sure the school has up to date information on your child's medical needs/ food allergies/Doctor/Dentist. Also, if your child needs an inhaler, epi pen or diabetic testing equipment, please ensure they have one in school.

School Nurse

The school nurse is Jess Chude who visits every Wednesday morning. If you would like to make an appointment with the school nurse over any health or medical issues please book an appointment through the school office.

School Dinners

School dinners are free to all primary aged pupils in Newham. If your child currently has a packed lunch we will be contacting you to ensure you are aware of the savings you can make and the options available on the school dinner

menu. Both of our cooks offer a tasty variety of healthy meals at lunchtime. Research also shows that fussy eaters benefit greatly from school dinners. It is amazing what your child will eat with their friends.

Packed lunches

If you are sending in a packed lunch it is important that it is healthy. Chocolate, biscuits, crisps, fizzy drinks and fruit shoots are not allowed. I suggest instead: sandwiches, fruit, raisins, carrot and cucumber sticks, cheese and crackers and yoghurt. Only water should be drunk.

Fruit and Vegetables

Children in Key stage 1 will be receiving healthy snacks at morning break. KS2 children may bring in a piece of fruit for morning break.

Attendance

It is extremely important that your child attends school every day. The school's Family Support Worker (Ann) and the Attendance Management Officer will be supporting families whose children are not regular attenders. The Local Authority has decided that they will be giving penalty fines to parents of children who fall below acceptable attendance rates or are consistently late for school.

No holidays will be authorised during term time.

E-Safety

For the safety of your children please ensure all computers are used in communal areas at home. Facebook should not be used by children under the age of 13 years.

We will be running a parents workshop on Tuesday 20th October.

If your child does have a mobile phone it is advised they do not have it in their room at night.

Monitor closely your child's use of their mobile phone and speak to them about the risks in texting or sending offensive messages.

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parents who can help teachers out in class. If you are interested in being a parent volunteer please book an appointment with Ivie Okwuegbuna (Special Needs Co-ordinator) through the office staff. You'll enjoy it! Hallsville children are lovely to work with.

TV and Gaming

Please limit the amount of time your child watches TV or plays video games on consoles, tablets and mobile phones. Research has proved that children who watch too much TV have poor concentration and don't achieve as well at school. As a suggestion please only let your child have their TV time once they have done their home reading and homework.

Reading workshop

A reading workshop for reception and KS 1 parents will be held weekly every Friday, starting from Friday 25th September to Friday 23rd October at 9:00am in the KS1 hall.

Reading and Homework

Your children will be expected to read at home every night and complete their reading diary. You may write comments in the reading diary. Times tables and spellings should be practised every day. Please also make sure that your child completes any other weekly set homework.

Reading to your child.

An important notice to all parents-research has shown if parents read a story before bed to their child this greatly improves their child's chances of becoming great readers and doing well at school. If you are short of books at home please speak to Ann or alternatively join the Canning Town Library. Happy bedtime reading!

Harvest Festival.

The Harvest Festival Assembly this year is on **Thursday 1st October**. We will be collecting tinned and packaged food, which we will donate to the 'Homeless.' Please hand in your donations at the office. You are welcome to attend the assembly, which will be held at 11:00am

Curriculum Topics for Term 1.

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

Year 1 Seasons

Year 2 Health and Growth

Year 3 Europe-A holiday destination.

Year 4 A city Study-London

Year 5 The Ancient Egyptians

Year 6 The Battle of Britain.

Exciting Curriculum

Monday 21st September-Y5 Egyptians

Thursday 15th October -Y2 Mary Seacole workshop.

Thursday 22nd October- KS2 Great School Run

Black History month will begin week beginning 12th October

Tuesday 3rd November-Y4 Anglo Saxons

Wednesday 11th November Y3- Stone Age.

Friday 13th November- -Rec- Dog Trust.

Anti -Bullying Week = 16th November

Friday 27th November -Y5/6 Dog Trust.

Monday 30th November -Y3/4 Dog Trust.

Friday 11th December Y3 pantomime.

Monday 14th December Y4 Pantomime.

Friday 18th December Y5 and 6 Pantomime.

Educational Visits booked so far

Friday 2nd October -Y4- Museum of London.

Monday 5th October -Y5 British Museum.

Friday 9th October- Y6- RAF Museum.

Monday 16th November -Y6 London Zoo

Tuesday 1st December -Y2 London Transport Museum.

Friday 4th December -Y6 Docklands Museum.

Speech and Language Therapist

The school for a day a week (Wednesday) has appointed a Speech and Language Therapist. If you have any concerns with your child's speech please book an appointment with Mrs O the SENCO.

Parent Workshops

Ann will be holding weekly drop in sessions for parents every Tuesday at 9:00am. Please come along for coffee, biscuits and a chat. The school believes the secret to its success is its partnerships with parents.

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

K.Edge
(Executive Head teacher)