

# Parent Information

## Attendance

Last year 2015-2016 our overall attendance figures were the following:

	Hallsville	National
Overall absence percentage	3.5%	3.9%
Persistent absence 10%+	7.0%	8.8%

As you can see from the table most children at Hallsville are coming to school for at least 96.5% of the time. Unfortunately however a 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.

## Parent Workshops



At 9am on Thursday 26th January there is a Speech & Language Workshop for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents.

On Friday 27th January, parenting classes start: 'Triple P'. If you are interested in joining this 7 week programme please let Ann in the office know.

## 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: 27th February 2017.

## 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.

## Every Child a 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 books.



## 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.



## Birthdays



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

## 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).

## 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 much colder weather over the next few weeks please ensure your child is wearing warm suitable clothing.



Hallsville  
Primary School

# The Hallsville NEWSLETTER

Issue 3- January 2017

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

The new year at Hallsville has begun with a longer school day and as a result children, every afternoon, are enjoying the love of reading with their teachers. At Hallsville, we have also recognised that we would like to improve our handwriting so we introduced new writing books where the children can really focus on the size and fluency of their joins. In the coming weeks, we will be providing a handwriting workshop for parents and carers.

Thank you for your continued and valued support,

Lorraine Johnson  
Head of School

## Notices

### SATs Week



Year 6 SATs week starts **Monday 15th May**. It is extremely important your child comes to school every day this week.

### Half Term Holiday for children

Monday 13th February 2017 to  
Friday 17th February 2017.

Children start back to school on  
Monday 20th February 2017.

### 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.



### Easter /Spring Break



Monday 3rd April 2017 to  
Monday 17th April.

Children start back to school on  
Tuesday 18th April 2017.

### Extra Holidays

Monday 1st May is a bank holiday.

### School Entrance



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

### Bikes

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

# Curriculum

## Curriculum Topics for Term 3

This term we will be learning all about these exciting new units of work:

**Nursery/Reception**– Traditional Tales

**Year 1**– The World Around Us

**Year 2**– Roles, Responsibilities and Aspirations

**Year 3**– Romans

**Year 4**– Villages and Cities

**Year 5**– Ancient Greeks

**Year 6**– Evolution and Inheritance



Please support your child's learning in school by finding out all about the class topic and by 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'.

## 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 on Friday 6th February

**Year 1**- History off the Page- Victorian Toys on Friday 3rd March

**Year 1**- Places of Worship visit –To be confirmed

**Year 2**- Tower Hamlet Council visit on Monday 16th January

**Year 2**- Transport Museum on Tuesday 21st February

**Year 2**- Fire of London Day on Tuesday 28th February

**Year 2**- Places of Worship on Friday 18th March

**Year 3**- Greenwich Museum on Wednesday 8th February

**Year 4**- Hindu visitors on Monday 23rd and 30th January

**Year 4**- Place of Worship Visit on Monday 16th January

**Year 4**- Action Aid Day –To be confirmed

**Year 5**- British Museum on Monday 23rd January

**Year 5**- Places of Worship visit-to be confirmed

**Year 5**- Romeo and Juliet on Thursday 23rd February

**Year 6**- Natural History Museum on Monday 30th January

**Year 6**- Houses of Parliament on Monday 16th January

**Year 6**- Stratford Theatre: Romeo & Juliet on Friday 20th January

**Year 6**- Macbeth Drama on Thursday 24th February

RE Conference day for **selected pupils** on Thursday 9th February

## 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, 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.



## Parents Evening



A date for the calendar, Parents' Evening will be held on the 16th March 2017. Appointments begin at 2.30p.m, so the end of this school day will be 2.15p.m.

We 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.

# Parent Information

## School Times

Please make sure that all children are in school by 8.50 a.m. at the latest. School finishes at 3.30 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.

## Maths Week



The week beginning the 6th 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 part of a maths lesson to show you how they are progressing in maths.

- **Tuesday 7th February at 9:00am Year 3 and Year 4.**
- **Wednesday 8th February at 9:00am Year 5 and Year 6.**

As part of maths week the school will be reminding children about 'Matherletics' Every child in school should have a username and password for this. Please see your class teacher if your child requires one. Matherletics 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)



## 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.

## Early Years Events

Nursery Workshop: Attendance on Wednesday 18th January

Speech & Language Workshop on Thursday 26th January

Love of Reading Workshop on Friday 27th January

Reception & Nursery: Stay and celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday 10th February

Reception & Nursery: Stay and celebrate Mothering

Sunday on Friday 24th March



## Whole School



**Citizenship week starts Monday 18th January**

**Mathematics Week starts 6th February**

Maths Bee heat 1- Years 5/6 on the Monday 6th February

Maths Bee heat 2 –Years 5/6 on the Wednesday 8th February

Maths Bee final–Years 5/6 on the Wednesday 22nd February

**Book Week starts on the Monday 13th March**

**Our World Book Day visitor is Anne Fine on Thursday 2nd March**

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March- Children should dress up as a famous character.

Safer Internet Day is on the Tuesday 7th February

Interschool KS2 football Tournament Week beginning Monday 27th March

Spelling Bee – Year 2 Tuesday 31st January

Spelling Bee – Year 3/4 Monday 6th February

Spelling Bee – Year 5/6 Friday 2nd February

Individual photograph day- Monday 20th March.

