

Parent Information

Nursery and Reception

Edie by Sophy Henn
A Busy Day for Birds by Lucy Cousins



Year 1 and Year 2

There's a Tiger in the Garden by Lizzy Stewart
A Beginner's Guide to Bear Spotting by Michelle Robinson and David Roberts



Book Recommendations

Year 3 and Year 4

King Flashypants and the Creature from Crong by Andy Riley
Uncle Shawn and Bill and the Almost Entirely Unplanned Adventure by A.L. Kennedy



Year 5 and Year 6

A Girl Called Owl by Amy Wilson
Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans



TV & Gaming Consoles

Research has shown that children who spend large amounts of time playing on their tablets, consoles or watching TV find it more difficult to concentrate in lessons.

Please monitor how much time your child spends playing games on phones, tablets, consoles and watching TV. Try to have a set time every evening for TV once children have completed their reading task or homework.

I am also becoming increasingly concerned about an app called Musical.ly that some of the older children are using. This app is not appropriate for children and we have had to deal with a number of issues in school because of children filming themselves and showing the film on the Musical.ly site. If you are concerned about your child's access to sites and app like this please phone to make an appointment with Ann Jordan who will be able to offer advice and guidance.



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.



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.



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 Whatsapp and Instagram. I would like to inform you that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 years to use these sites. 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.

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.

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The Hallsville NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome to our spring Newsletter. It has been a blossoming term already with a highly successful Book Week last week. A huge thank you to all of our families that made story boxes and ensured that their children dressed up for World Book Day. It was an incredible day, the best yet! Also, it was wonderful to welcome the world famous author Ann Fine to Hallsville who inspired us all to become better readers and writers. With that in mind, I would ask you to spend a little time reading our newsletter to see what other enriching events are happening at Hallsville.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Miss L. Johnson
Head of School

Notices

SATs Week

Year 6 SATs week starts **Monday 8th May**. It is extremely important your child comes to school every day this week.



Photograph Day

Individual photographs of the children will be taken on Monday 20th March 2017.



Times Tables and Spellings

The school is having a big push at the moment to make sure that children know their times tables and spellings. At Parents' Evening you will be given the times tables and spellings your child is expected to know. Please help your child learn them.



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.

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



Curriculum

Curriculum Topics for Term 4

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

Nursery- Colours, Jungle and Under the Sea

Reception- Traditional Tales, Jungle and Growing

Year 1- Plants

Year 2- Plants and Animals

Year 3- Light

Year 4- Vikings

Year 5- Living Things and their Habits

Year 6- Animals, including humans



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:

Reception – Trip to St Johns Church on Wednesday 22nd March

Year 1 - History of the Page Toys on Friday 6th February

Year 1 - Trip to Gurdwara on Wednesday 8th March


Year 1 - Docklands Trip on Friday 1st June

Year 1 – Olympic Park on Friday 1st July

Year 2 - Trip to St Pauls Cathedral on Tuesday 7th March

Year 2 – Trip to Southend on Wednesday 21st June

Year 3 - Trip to the Synagogue on Tuesday 14th March


Year 4 – Science Museum on Monday 6th March

Year 5 – Maldon on Thursday 13th July

Year 6 – Chessington on Tuesday 6th June

Year 6 - Swimming at the Olympic Pool on Monday 19th June to Friday 30th June


Cultural Week - Monday 3rd July to Friday 7th July

EYFS/Reception Sports Day - Friday 14th July

KS1 and KS2 Sports Day - Thursday 13th July

School Fete - Wednesday 12h July

Year 6 Performance - Thursday 20th July



School Disco - Thursday 20th July

Uniforms

Hallsville is a uniform school. Please ensure your child comes to school



wearing the correct uniform. Ian Howard will be selling uniform at parents evening on Thursday 16th March.

Parents' Evening



Parents' Evening will be held this year on Thursday 16th 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.

Football Tournaments

Year 3: Monday 27th March



March

Year 4: Tuesday 28th March

Year 5: Wednesday 29th March

Year 6: Thursday 30th March



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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.



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.

Information

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



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.

