

Parent Information

Cultural /Language Week

The week beginning Monday 3rd 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 Thursday 6th 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 7th 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.



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.



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.

The Book Corner Book Recommendations



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.



Nursery and Reception

Tidy by Emily Gravett
We Found a Hat by Jon Klassen

Year 1 and Year 2

There is a Tribe of Kids by Lane Smith
Grandad's Island by Benji Davies

Year 3 and Year 4

A Song for Will and the Lost Gardeners of Heligan by Hilary Robinson
King-Coo by Adam Stower

Year 5 and Year 6

Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

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The Hallsville NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome to the Summer term at Hallsville. We have another term bursting with enriching lessons, educational visits, outdoor activities and special focus weeks that I am sure we are all very much looking forward to. If you wish to volunteer to support us in these activities please speak to the main office.

I would also like to focus this term on the Hallsville Value-**Our learning begins with us. Work hard.** Please discuss what this means with your children and how they can use this value in everything they do.

As always, I look forward to your continued support and co-operation.

Lorraine 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. All year 6 children need to be in school for 8:00am for breakfast this week.

Website

The Hallsville School's website has had a sleek new update please visit:
www.hallsville.newham.sch.uk/

Half Term

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June.

School Closure

Thursday 8th June: Election Voting

Student Teachers

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



Packed Lunches

Due to new Government policies about healthy food, we are no longer able to have any unhealthy food in packed lunches. This means that healthy snacks must only be brought into school in packed lunches, even on educational visits. In addition to this, children can only bring water in to school for a drink -no juice.

Curriculum

Curriculum Topics for Term 5

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 Old McDonalds Farm on Monday 5th June

Year 1—Trip to the Docklands on Thursday 22nd June

Year 2 – Trip to Southend on Wednesday 21st June

Year 4 – Trip to Geffrye Museum on Thursday 25th May

Year 5 – Maldon on Thursday 13th June

Year 6 – Chessington on Tuesday 6th June

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



Art Week– Monday 12th June to Friday 16th 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 12th July

Year 6 Performance - Thursday 20th July

School Disco - Thursday 20th July



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



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.



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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	94.9%	4K	96.9%
1W	94.9%	4P	96.0%
2B	95.3%	5A	96.7%
2M	95.8%	5L	96.5%
3P	96.9%	6B	96.6%
3V	95.8%	6M	96.7%

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 3.30 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.



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.