

Parent Information

Online-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 17th 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.

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.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Assembly this year is on Thursday 28th September. 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.

Christmas Concerts

Due to the popularity of our Christmas Concerts, there will be two performances in KS1 and KS2 this year. We very much welcome parents and carers to support and enjoy the concerts. The following dates have been arranged:

Early Years and Class 1W – Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am

Year 2 and Class 1C – Wednesday 13th December at 9:30am

Years 3 and 4 – Tuesday 12th December at 11:30am

Year 5 and 6 – Wednesday 13th December at 11:30

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 finds working at Hallsville as rewarding and satisfying as I do.

New Teachers are:

Ms Byrne-Reception

Ms Jordan Year 5

Student Teachers are:

Miss Adams– Year 6

Miss Okrafo-Smart– Year 5

Mr Crouch– Year 3

Miss Todd– Year 1

Teaching Assistants:

Antonia– Year 4

Shafia– Year 5

Sofia– Year 5

Sunil– Year 6

Tobi– Year 2

SCHOOL TERMS

Autumn
Monday 4th September 2017 to
Friday 20 October 2017

Religious Festivals
Diwali
Thursday 19 October 2017

Autumn
Monday 30 October 2017 to
Wednesday 20 December 2017

Religious Festivals
Guru Nanak's Birthday
Saturday 4 November 2017

PUPIL HOLIDAYS

Half Term
Monday 23 October 2017 to
Friday 27 October 2017

INSET
Monday 4 and Tuesday 5
September 2017

Religious Festivals
Eid-UI-Adha
Thursday 31 August to Sunday
3rd September 2017
School Closed

Christmas Break
Thursday 21 December 2017 to
Tuesday 2 January 2018

INSET
Friday 17 November 2017
Monday 20 November 2017

Christmas Day and New Year's
Day fall within the Christmas
Break

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The Hallsville NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome back to the new school year. A special welcome to the new families that joined us in Nursery and Reception. Please let us know if you have any concerns as starting school can be a challenging time for both parents and children.

A big welcome back, to Ms Fernandez, who joins us following her maternity leave.

Finally Hallsville did extremely well in their end of year SATS results. A huge well done to all the staff and pupils for this fantastic achievement. Once the results are validated I will put them on the website.

Lorraine Johnson
Head of School

Notices

Holidays 2017-8

School Closures this year:

Friday 17th November-
Staff training

Monday 20th November-
Staff training

Parents' Evening

Parents Evening this term will be held on Thursday 23rd November. Please note the date and make every effort to attend.

Star the Dog

A warm welcome to Star our new school dog. She has settled into our school routines beautifully is definitely bringing a lot of happiness to everyone. If you wish to know any more about her please go to our school website.

Speech and Language Therapist

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

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 474 6754:

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

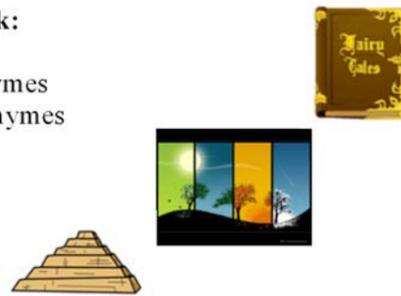
To view KS2 SATs results please visit the school website: www.hallsville.newham.sch.uk

Curriculum

Curriculum Topics for Term 1

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

- Nursery**– Magical Me, My Family, Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes
- Reception**- Magical Me, My Family, Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes
- Year 1**– Season
- 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



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:

September

- 12th Year 5: British Museum
- 18th Year 5: History Off The Page: Ancient Egypt
- 22nd Year 6: History Off The Page: WW2



October

- 3rd RE: Year 3: Hindu Visitors: Holi
- 6th Parent Workshop: RWI
- 9th Year 2: History Off The Page: Florence Nightingale
- 10th Year 3: Tate Modern
- 13th African Dancing
- 13th Black History Month Performance
- 17th Year 4: Tower Bridge
- 20th African Drumming
- 30th Year 5: Planetarium
- 31st Year 4: History Off The Page: Saxons



November

- 13th-16th Anti Bullying Week
 - 9.10am – KS1 Performance (13th)
 - 10.30am – KS2 Performance (13th)
 - 11.30am – 12.15pm – Year 4 Workshops (13th)
 - 1.30pm – 2.15pm – Year 5 Workshops (13th)
 - 2.15pm – 3pm – Year 6 Workshops (13th)
- 29th Year 1: National Portrait Museum



December

- 11th December – Pantomime (Class to be assigned)
- 12th December – Pantomime (Class to be assigned)
- 14th December – Pantomime (Class to be assigned)
- 15th December – Pantomime (Class to be assigned)



Assembly Rota

Assemblies are a wonderful way to celebrate your children's learning so I have attached the Whole School Assembly Rota. This will give you plenty of time to organise coming to watch one.

Reading and Homework

Your children will be expected to read at home every night. You may write comments in their reading journal after they have completed their weekly task. Times tables and spellings should be practised every day. Please also make sure that your child completes their Curiosity Projects.



Reading to your child

Research has shown if parents read a story before bed with 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 join the Canning Town Library. Happy bedtime reading!



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 (SENCO) through the office staff.

Parent Information

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.

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 KS1 will be receiving healthy snacks at morning break. KS2 children may bring in a piece of fruit for morning break.



Rising Twos

It is wonderful news that if you eligible for free school meals and your child is two years we may be able to offer a Nursery place. Please speak to Ann Jordan if you qualify and are interested in a place.

RWI Reading workshop

A reading workshop for Reception and KS 1 parents will be held weekly every Friday for 4 weeks. Starting from Friday 29th September to Friday 20th October at 9:15-10am in the KS1 hall.

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. Soon teachers will be sending out letters to invite you in on a selected date.



Secondary Transfer Forms

Parents of Year 6 students will shortly receive 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 two 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. **Closing date: 31st October.**



Reception Application Forms

All parents of children due to start Reception in

September 2018 must complete an application form online by **January 15th**. Application packs will be sent out before the October half term. Please see the school website for details or contact Ann in the office.

Contact Numbers

Please make sure the office has an up to date telephone number for contacting you. Contact update sheets will be sent home with your child; please use capital letters for spelling names and then return it to the office.



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

Our named school nurse is Wendy. If you wish to meet with her please arrange to do so with Ann Jordan.

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.

