

School Values

We love learning and challenge makes us grow.
Our strength is in valuing our differences.
We show we care through our behaviour.
Our learning begins with us. Work hard!

Notices

Easter Holiday for Children

Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday
13th April 2018.

Children start back to school on
Monday 16th April 2018.



SATs Week

Year 6 SATs week starts on
Monday 14th May. It is extremely
important your child comes to
school every day in this week. We
will be offering a Year 6 breakfast
club which helps the children to
prepare for the tests.



Half Term

Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday
1st June 2018.

Children start back to school on
Monday 4th June 2018.

Extra Closures

The School will be closed on
Thursday 3rd May as it is being
used as a polling station.

The school will be closed on the
Monday 7th May for the Bank
Holiday.



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.

Uniforms

Hallsville is a uniform school. Please
ensure your child comes to school
wearing the correct uniform. You
can purchase uniform at Ian
Howard which is opposite the
Town hall on Barking Road.



Curriculum

Curriculum Topics for Term

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

- Nursery– Colours, Jungle, Under the Sea
- Reception- Traditional Tales, Jungle, Growing
- Year 1– Plants
- Year 2– Plants and Animals
- Year 3– Light
- Year 4– Vikings
- Year 5– Living things and their habitats
- 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 for such events:

March:

- Tuesday 27th Year 3: Football Tournament
- Wednesday 28th Year 5: Football Tournament
- Thursday 29th Year 4 & 6: Football Tournament



May:

- Tuesday 22nd Year 1: West Ham Park

June:

- Monday 4th Year 6: Trip to Chessington
- Monday 18th to Friday 29th Year 6: Swimming at the Olympic Pool
- Wednesday 27th Year 1: Dockland Museum
- Thursday 28th Year 2: Southend



July:

- Monday 2nd Friday 6th Cultural Week
- Thursday 12th KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
- Friday 13th EYFS/Reception Sports Day
- Tuesday 17th School Fete
- Thursday 20th Year 6: Performance
- Thursday 20th Year 6: School Disco



Times Tables and Spellings

The school is having a big push at the moment to make sure that children know their times tables. Children can earn a special 144 Club badge if they can answer all 144 times tables questions. Please help your child learn them.



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.

Information

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

Parent Information

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.



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. Please take time to look over the super book recommendations made by Ms Miller our English lead teacher.

Every Child a Musician

What a wonderful opportunity for our pupils 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 week with their music books.



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.



World Earth Day

Hallsville will be celebrating World Earth Day on Friday 20th April 2018

In celebration of Earth Day, we would like all the children to wear green and donate £1 on Friday 20th April. This contribution will go towards the World Wide Fund (WWF).



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. If you are concerned about your child's access to sites and apps please phone to make an appointment with Ann Jordan who will be able to offer advice and guidance.



ICT Home Learning

I am receiving some fantastic reports from teachers about children's home learning on Mathletics and Espresso. Well done parents. Please keep up the hard work.



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.

Packed Lunches

I am pleased to inform you that only 30 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.

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.