

Parent Information

Key Stage Two Results

Subject	Hallsville Attainment-scaled score of 100+. Expected	Local Authority Attainment-scaled score of 100+. Expected	National Attainment scaled score of 100+. Expected	Hallsville Proportion of children achieving a high level of attainment. Exceeded	Local Authority Proportion of children achieving a high level of attainment. Exceeded	National Proportion of children achieving a high level of attainment. Exceeded
Reading, writing & mathematics combined	89%	67%	61%	13%	11%	9%
Reading	95%	72%	71%	54%	23%	25%
Grammar, punctuation & spelling	96%	83%	77%	67%	42%	31%
Writing	91%	81%	76%	23%	22%	18%
Mathematics	93%	81%	75%	31%	32%	23%

Party Bags

It has been brought to my attention that party bags are creeping back into Hallsville. During these difficult times I think it is too expensive to buy party bags for every child in the class. As a school we have decided that a small chocolate or sweet from a box of chocolates or sweets would be better.



Lost Property

We have collected a lot of lost property since September. At Parents' Evening we will put it out for parents to check through. Please check the lost property box if your child has lost any clothing.



Christmas Dates

- Tuesday 13th December Nursery-Stay and be Festive
- Tuesday 12th December Christmas Concerts KS1 at 9:30am for parents of the Reception classes and Ms Walton's class.
- Wednesday 13th December Christmas Concerts KS1 at 9:30am for parents of the Year 2 classes and Ms Chandler's class.
- Tuesday 12th December Christmas Concerts for Years 3 and 4 parents at 11:30am
- Wednesday 13th December Christmas Concerts for Years 5 and 6 parents at 11:30am
- Thursday 14th December Children's Christmas Dinner.
- Christmas parties will be held on the 18th or 19th December. Class teachers will decide and let you know.
- Christmas Jumper Day will be Friday 15th December.



Christmas Holidays

Christmas Holidays will start on Thursday 21st December 2017 until Tuesday 2nd January 2018. Children must return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

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In 2017 our Key Stage 2 SATs results were, despite the new assessments, the best ever. We are in the top ten of Newham Schools for attainment and in the top ten nationally for progress between Year 2 and Year 6. I would like to extend a large thank you to: our parents, the dedication of our staff who work incredibly hard year on year and most importantly the children of Hallsville.

Lorraine Johnson
Head of School

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MAT Update

During the governing Body meeting held on 3rd October, Governors voted yes to academy conversion. Hallsville, Scott Wilkie and Keir Hardie Primary Schools will now take all the necessary steps to complete the process to form the Agate Momentum Trust. Leaflets which explain all about our academy conversion are available from the main office.

Notices

Parents of SEN Pupils

SEN Meeting: Wednesday 6th December at 9:00am. Parents of Special Needs children are invited to meet some specialists to discuss any issues or worries you have.

Holidays 2017-8

School Closures this year:

Friday 17th November-
Staff training

Monday 20th November-
Staff training

Nursery and Reception Workshops

Nursery Stay and Play:

Wednesday 1st and 8th November
at 9am & 12:15pm

Enabling Enterprise Day

On Wednesday 6th December Key Stage 1 will be getting a chance to design, make and test a new type of transport for land or air.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those families who donated to our Harvest Festival this year. The produce was gratefully received by Community Links who will arrange the donation to the homeless.



Curriculum

Curriculum Topics for Term 1

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

- Year 1– Ourselves
- Year 2– Journeys
- Year 3– Fire and Water
- Year 4– Anglo– Saxons and Scots
- Year 5– South America
- Year 6– Electricity



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:

November

- Friday 3rd** Year 6: Royal Air Force Museum
- Monday 13th– Friday 16th** Anti Bullying Week
 - 9.10am – KS1 Performance (Monday 13th)
 - 10.30am – KS2 Performance (Monday 13th)
 - 11.30am – 12.15pm – Year 4 Workshops (Monday 13th)
 - 1.30pm – 2.15pm – Year 5 Workshops (Monday 13th)
 - 2.15pm – 3pm – Year 6 Workshops (Monday 13th)



- Wednesday 22nd** Year 1: Dogs Trust Visit
- Friday 24th** Year 2: Dogs Trust Visit
- Monday 27th** Year 3: Dogs Trust Visit
- Tuesday 28th** Year 3: Natural History Museum
- Tuesday 28th** Year 5: Dogs Trust Visit
- Wednesday 29th** Year 1: National Portrait Museum
- Thursday 30th** Year 6: Dogs Trust Visit



December

- Friday 1st** Year 4: Dogs Trust Visit
- Monday 4th** Nursery & Reception: Dogs Trust Visit
- Monday 4th** Year 1: Christmas journey Workshop at Highway Church Stratford
- Monday 4th** Year 2: Trampolining at Stratford
- Tuesday 5th** Year 3: Trampolining at Stratford
- Wednesday 6th** Year 4: Trampolining at Stratford
- Friday 8th** Year 5: Trampolining at Stratford (Am)
- Friday 8th** Year 6: Trampolining at Stratford (Pm)



- Monday 11th** Year 5: Pantomime at Stratford
- Tuesday 12th** Year 4: Pantomime at Stratford
- Wednesday 14th** Year 3: Pantomime at Stratford
- Friday 15th** Year 6: Pantomime at Stratford



Home Reading

Reading is extremely important for every child in our school. Please make sure your child has some special reading time at least 5 times a week and completes their exciting new Reading Journal. Regular daily practise of reading absolutely makes a difference!

Please make time to not only hear your child read but to read to them. I find the last 5-10 minutes before lights go out to be the best time.



The Importance of Talk

In order for children to develop their speaking skills children need to be spoken and listened to. Please turn off your mobiles and take off your head phones when you collect your child from school and talk to them about their day.

Parent Support

Being a parent is the hardest job in the world. Hallsville is pleased to be able to offer positive parenting sessions to support our parents. This will be run by Ann our Home School Liaison Officer. If you are interested in attending please let Ann know in the office.



Parent Information

Attendance

Last year our attendance was 95.4% a decrease on the previous year. The school target this year is 96%. I would like to thank all parents for the effort made to ensure their children have good attendance. Unfortunately, there are still a significant number of children who are not attending school often enough. Ann (Home School Liaison Officer) will continue to work closely with these families to ensure their children have the same life opportunities as other children in the school. In order for your child to be happy in school, have good friendships and reach their full potential they must attend school regularly. Home visits and meetings will be arranged with those families who have attendance issues.

Punctuality

A number of families are frequently late for school. It is really unsettling for your child to arrive at school after the class has started. I have asked Ann to meet with families who are persistently late so that the school can support you in improving this situation for your child.

School Dinners

I am really pleased with the vast majority of pupils who are benefiting from free school meals offered to all pupils in Newham. I will be asking Ann to contact the few families who have not taken up this opportunity yet. If your child does have a packed lunch please remember healthy options only such as:- savoury sandwiches, fruit, yoghurt, cucumber, carrot sticks, cheese and crackers. Fizzy drinks, chocolate, crisps and biscuits are not allowed any day of the week.



Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaires (114). The response was extremely positive. We value all of your suggestions. Here is a summary of the outcomes:

My child enjoys school 99%

- My child is safe at school 98%
- I am kept well informed of my child's progress 97%
- My child is making enough progress at Hallsville 100%
- Hallsville helps me to support my child's learning 99%
- Hallsville helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle 99%
- Hallsville meets my particular child's needs 98%
- Hallsville School prepares my child to be successful at secondary school 97%
- Hallsville deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour 96%
- Hallsville takes account of my suggestions and concerns 94%
- Hallsville is led and managed effectively 96%
- Overall I am happy with my child's experience at Hallsville 99%



As a school we value the suggestions and views of parents. If you are interested in joining the PTA parent group please speak to Ann Jordan in the office.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 23rd November 2017. Parents evening will start at 2:30pm so please make sure you collect your child at **2:15pm** on this day.

I will be expecting all parents to make the effort to meet their child's new teacher.

School dinner food tasting, refreshments and stalls will be available as usual in the Key Stage 1 hall.

Social Media and Gaming

We have had a few bullying incidents to deal with involving children being unkind to each other on gaming consoles and social media sites. Can I please remind you that children can talk to each other and strangers on games consoles. Also Facebook is a social networking site for children over the age of 13 years. To prevent bullying and your child communicating with inappropriate adults please monitor your child's use of the computer carefully. If you would like any advice on this please don't hesitate to contact Ann Jordan through the school office.

