

Parent Information

Attendance

Last year our attendance was 95.69 an increase 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.

1F-94.97%	4G-97.92%
1W-95.79%	4P-97.07%
2A-98.45%	5A-93.99%
2R-92.78%	5J-93.93%
3I-97.21%	6M-96.98%
3H-98.2%	6N-97.94%



Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaires (112). The response was extremely positive. We value all of your suggestions. Here is a summary of the outcomes:

- My child enjoys school 100%
- My child is safe at school 100%
- I am kept well informed of my child's progress 99%
- I am happy with the progress my child has made at Hallsville 99%
- Hallsville helps me to support my child's learning 99%
- Hallsville helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle 98%
- Hallsville meets my particular child's needs 99%
- Hallsville School prepares my child to be successful at secondary school 99%
- Hallsville deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour 93%
- Hallsville takes account of my suggestions and concerns 94%
- Hallsville is led and managed effectively 99%
- Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at Hallsville 97%
- Hallsville values all groups equally (Equality Act) 98%



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.

And finally,

I would like to say a special thank you to all the parents and carers of Key Stage 2 children who have ensured their children walk across the playground to line up on their own. This is really helping your children build their independence and confidence.

Lorraine Johnson
(Head of School)

Hallsville
Primary School

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The Hallsville NEWSLETTER

Hallsville Values

We love learning: Challenge makes us grow.

Our strength is valuing our differences

We show we care through our behaviour

Our learning begins with us. Work hard!



Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those families who donated to our Harvest Festival this year – it was the best year we have ever had for donations. The produce was gratefully received by Community Links who will provide the donation to the homeless.

Teachers' Training

Friday 30th November.
The school will be closed for pupils.



Polling Station

Our school will also be closed on the 12th December, due to it being used as a polling station for the upcoming general election.

Parent Governor

I would like to introduce you to our Hallsville primary School Parent Governor- Ms Sophie Court. If you wish to meet or speak with Sophie please let Ann, in the main office, know so that we can help arrange this with you.



Parent Suggestion Box

If you wish to make a suggestion about any part of the school day or how Hallsville could be improved, there is a suggestion box in the main office. Please write down your suggestions and pop them in the box.



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 Involvement

Ann will be running coffee mornings every Wednesday 9-10am for parents or carers who would like to contribute to the school.



Christmas Holidays

Christmas Holidays start Monday 23rd 2019 until Friday 3rd January 2020.

The school day will be ending at 1:30pm on Friday 20th December. We will also send a text out to remind you of this time change.

Children must return to school on **Monday 6th January 2020.**



Notices

Parents' Evening

Parents Evening will be on Thursday 28th November 2019. **Parents evening will start at 2:30 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.

Curriculum

Curriculum Topics for Term 2

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

Nursery– Fireworks, Light and dark, Cultural Celebrations

Reception– Me and my Family and my Home

Year 1– Wishing Tale, Animals (humans) and My school and where I live.

Year 2– Overcoming Monsters stories, Construction – Bug houses and The Great Fire of London

Year 3– Finding stories, Rocks and Soils, Stone Age to the Iron Age

Year 4– Portal stories, Electricity, Ancient Egyptians

Year 5– Warning stories, earth and space and Ancient Greek

Year 6– Journey stories, Evolution and inheritance The Battle of Britain and the changing docks.



Please support your child's learning in school by searching for information on the internet or taking your child to a museum or library

Anti-bullying Week

Our anti-bullying week begins on the 11th November and the theme is **Change Starts with Us.**

Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be taking part in workshops with the London Bus Theatre Company.

Years 1 and 2m will be watching a visiting theatre company perform, The Ugly Duckling.

To celebrate the end of Anti-bullying Week we will have a **Friendship Friday.** For Friendship Friday on the 15th November, children will be asked to dress in yellow. A 50p donation would be kindly accepted and all of the donations will go to Kidscape.



Christmas Dates

- * Friday 13th December Nursery-Stay and be Festive -
- * Tuesday 17th December Christmas Concerts **KS1** at 9:30am for parents of the Reception classes and Ms Walton's class.
- * Wednesday 18th December Christmas Concerts **KS1** at 9:30am for parents of the Year 2 classes and Mr Finch's class.
- * Tuesday 17th December Christmas Concerts **Years 3 and 4** parents at 11:30am
- * Wednesday 18th December Christmas Concerts **Years 5 and 6** parents at 11:30am
- * 17th December Children's Christmas Dinner.
- * Christmas parties will be held during the last week. Class teachers will decide and let you know.
- * Christmas Jumper Day Monday 16th December.



Special Dates Term 2

9th November Year 1- National Gallery



19th November Year 4 -History Off The page: Roman Britain

28th November Year 4 Science Museum - TBC

10th December Year 5-RE workshop



13th December Year 1- Christmas Journey Workshop

19th November Year 5 – Royal observatory

Special Dates Term 3

7th January Y5 Romeo and Juliet - play and workshops

8th January Y6-Oliver Twist- play and workshops.

15th and 16th January- Metropolitan Police Workshops across the whole School

Nursery Workshops



8th November 8:45- 9:30am -Stay & Play in the Nursery

8th November 12:30- 1:15pm -Stay & Play in the Nursery

22nd November 8:45-9:30am -Stay & Celebrate in the Nursery

22nd November 12:30-1:15pm -Stay & Celebrate in the Nursery

Pantomime Visit for Key Stage 2

Join Dick Whittington on his quest to find adventure, fame and fortune in London. Will he defeat the villainous rodent who's taken over the city?



Monday 9th December - Year 4

Tuesday 10th December - Year 5

Wednesday 11th December - Year 3

Friday 13th December - Year 6

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Canning Town Library Visit

At Hallsville, reading is at the heart of the curriculum and we hope that all of our children will go on to become lifelong readers. With this in mind, we have decided to make our annual library visits a termly event so that the children will visit with the library with their class teacher three times a year instead of one.

We will be booking class visits in the next few weeks, please look out for text messages and dates on the newsflash on our website.

Asthma

If your child has an asthma pump, it is required that your child has a care plan for the asthma. Kindly come into the school and book an appointment with the school nurse or Ms Okwuegbuna to arrange for a care plan to be written.

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 the situation for your child.



Zig Zag Parking

The zig zag lines outside the school gates are there for the safety of all pedestrians but especially our children. Please do not park on the zig zag lines at any time.

Congratulations

Well done to all of the children voted to or chosen to represent their classes as school council representatives or class ambassadors. Your voices are very important to the school to bring about change or to explain what you are learning in a clear confident way.



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, and biscuits are not allowed any day of the week. Crisps are allowed on a Friday.



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.

I have attached the 12 books to read for your child's year group. Please spend time with your children talking about which ones they have read and about which ones they would like to read next



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. 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.



The Importance of Talk

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



Times Table Rock Stars

In our experience, short burst practise of times tables on a daily basis is more effective than spending hours once a week. This is where we would like your help and support. When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy is important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds!

The goal is for all participating rockers to be Times Table Rock Stars after 20 weeks!