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**Attendance**

Well done to all of those pupils who received 100% attendance certificate for the autumn term- there were 105 of you. Here are the attendance percentages for each class for the autumn term



1W- 95.44%	4AP- 94.48%
1F- 92.69%	4G -97.11%
2A- 98.10%	5A- 94.65%
2R- 92.32%	5J- 94.57%
3I- 97.20 %	6N- 96.77%
3H- 97.20%	6M- 96.50%

Overall, the autumn term percentage for the whole school was 95.61%.

Last year 2018-2019 our overall attendance figures were the following:

	Hallsville 2017-8	Hallsville 2018-9
Overall absence: percentage	96%	96%

**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 child no parent or adult should come into the school building without first reporting to the school office.** If parents need to speak to their child’s teacher they should make an appointment at the school office.



As you can see from the table most children at Hallsville are coming to school for at least 96% of the time. Our overall percentage has risen slightly but we always aim to achieve at least 96%. A number of children have attendance that is extremely low- it is these families the school is going to target.

As a parent it is your duty to ensure that your children have the best possible chance of reaching their full potential and living a rewarding and fulfilling life. In order to achieve this, they must attend school regularly. If your child is persistently absent, it impacts greatly on their achievements, which leads to poor self esteem and well being. It also impacts on friendships and can cause anxieties.

If you are having any problems bringing your child into school, please ask for an appointment with Ms Okwuegbuna, who will be more than happy to support you.

**As always, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.**

Lorraine Johnson  
Head of School



**Star the Dog**  
Happy New Year from Star the Dog. Thank you for all of the cards, and gifts she received for Christmas. Star especially enjoyed the, stories, poems and drawings this year.

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Primary School

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**The Hallsville  
NEWSLETTER**

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**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*

**Dates**

**School Photographs**

Family and individual photo day is on Wednesday 10th of June



**Citizenship Week**

*Our School Vision*

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On January 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Citizenship week. During this week we will be exploring the British Values, our school vision, and the Hallsville values. We will also be finding out about the jobs that adults do and what we might want to do when we grow up. It is also when we take part in a whole school polling day to find out who will become our head boy and girl. Head Boy and Head Girl.



**Timetable Rockstar dress up day**

Dress up as an Avatar on Friday 7th of February.



**SATs Week**

Year 6 SATs week starts **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** It is extremely important your child comes to school every day.



**Half Term Holiday for children**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

Children start back to school on **Monday 24h February 2020.**

**Easter /Spring Break**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

The children will have a 1:30pm finish on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Children start back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**



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### Curriculum Topics for Term

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

- Nursery - Transport
- Reception- Exploration
- Year 1– Everyday materials - How is my life different to that of my family in the past?
- Year 2– Materials (Grouping & classifying & changing materials) Great Britons e.g. Florence Nightingale
- Year 3– Forces & magnets - Our changing planet / Natural disasters
- Year 4– States of matter - The Benin including comparing human geography (settlements & trade)
- Year 5– Properties & changes to materials South America - The Amazon and forests under threat
- Year 6– Electricity Light - Using technology to solve a problem Mechanisms/Control technology / computing systems (Lego We Do - teach through computing) Cooking and nutrition -Who can make the tastiest pizza?



Please support your child’s learning in school by searching for information on the internet or taking your child to a museum or library. Year groups will be setting Curiosity Project homework to support with this.

### Book Week Friday 28th February - Friday 6th March

- The Roving Bookshop will be in the KS2 hall before, during and after school on the 28th of February
- Peter Bunzl, author of the Cogheart series, will also be visiting and signing books on the 28th of February
- World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March- Children can dress up as a character from a book
- Book Sale and Swap in the KS1 hall on Thursday 5th of March

Spelling Bee – Year 2 Monday 10th of February  
 Spelling Bee – Year 3/4 Tuesday 11th of February  
 Spelling Bee – Year 5/6 Friday 14th of February

### Maths Week

The week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> February will be Maths week. Throughout the week, your child will engage in a series of maths related activities. During this week we would like to invite parents into your child’s Maths lesson. Please arrive in the hall and date specified below for an introduction to Maths and we will escort you to the relevant classrooms.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8:30am Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1 Hall)  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am Year 3,4 5 and 6 (KS2 Hall)

As part of Maths Week, we will be focusing on our times tables (multiplication facts) knowledge. Please encourage your children to use ‘Times Tables Rockstar’ and Mathletics to practise. Every child in school has a username and password, if your child is unsure about this please speak to your child’s teacher.

‘Times Tables Rockstar’ and Mathletics is a great way to support your child with maths at home. Children access this site on the Our Learning page on our school website:

### Times tables

Every week children take part in a times tables challenge. In Key Stage 2, every child will be awarded a 144 badge if they can prove to their teacher that they know all 144 times tables sums up to 12 x 12. In Year 2, every child will be awarded with an 84 badge if they know up to their 6 times tables up to 6 x 6.



### Enrichment Days

Spring Term, classes will have the opportunity to take part in enriching visits, days and events.

- Year 5 Romeo and Juliet drama workshop- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 6 Oliver Twist drama workshop- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January
- Whole school Metropolitan Police workshops-15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 6 Knife crime workshop- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 4 Kidzania Educational visit Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Year 6 Houses of Parliament visit- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 5 at UEL sports event- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 3 Greenwich Museum –Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> February
- Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 11th February
- Year 1 History off the Page: Victorian Toys- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Whole school Rainbow Week – Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Whole school Roving Bookshop- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Whole School World Book Day -Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Creative writing day -Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 6 Macbeth Drama-Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 5 Junior Citizens visit to Tate and Lyle- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 4 Faith at Easter educational visit-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 1 Museum of Childhood – March (TBC)
- KS2 football Tournament- week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop (TBC)
- Reception St Johns Church Tuesday 03rd March
- Year 1 Places of Worship visit to (TBC)
- Year 5 Mosque (TBC)

### Early Years Events

Reception & Nursery– Stay with your child and enjoy maths on Thursday 6th of February 2020



Reception & Nursery- Stay and read with your child on World Book day 5th March 2020

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### Parent workshops

Each year group will be inviting parents to a workshop where reading and times tables will be explored. Teachers will demonstrate and share ways in which parents and carers can support their children to be fluent readers and mathematicians.



EYFS - Core vocabulary and social communication is on at 9am and 2:45pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Year 1 - Maths and Fluency on Monday 27th January 9.10-9.45 in KS1 Hall

Year 2 - Reading and maths on Friday 24th January 9am - 9.30am. In KS1 Hall

Year 3 - Reading and Maths skills on Tuesday 28th January 9.10am - 9.45am in KS1 Hall

Year 4 - Reading and Maths skills on Wednesday 05th February 9.00am - 9.30am in KS1 Hall

Year 5 - Reading and Maths skills on Friday 31st January 9.00am - 9.30am in KS1 Hall

Year 6 - Reading and Maths on Thursday 23rd January 9.00am - 9.30am in KS1 Hall

Year 6 - Problem solving workshop ( all parents from all year groups welcome) Friday 31st January 3:20pm – 4:20pm in KS1 Hall

### Parents’ evening

A date for the calendar, Parents’ Evening will be held on the **26<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Appointments begin at 2.30pm, so the end of this school day will be 2.15pm.**

We will be expecting to see you all turn up to show your child you care about how they are doing at school. We had a great response to last Parents’ Evening so I will look forward to seeing you all. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits on sale in the Key Stage 1 hall as well as other stalls.



### Parent 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 book an appointment to see Ms Okwuegbuna. This can be done through the main office.

### Marathon Kids

Through running at Hallsville, we show children they can achieve more than they ever thought possible and this can put them on the path to healthier lives. Research shows that when children participate in Marathon Kids, they have a much better chance of getting enough daily physical activity. That’s good news for their bodies, and their minds. When they feel healthy, they perform better in school and exhibit better behaviour. Running means speed and freedom, healthy competition and accomplishment. The Marathon Kids program teaches children the joy in running a distance (104.8 miles) throughout the year.

Children will complete this distance by running laps in the playground at playtimes, lunchtimes and during the day for fitness runs. When children have received certain distances, they can collect various rewards. This will be launched by Mr Roach in the Spring Term at Hallsville Primary School.



### 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.



### Learning a Musical Instrument

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 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.



### 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 hooped- earrings. Only studded-earrings are allowed, as this is a health risk because it increases risk of injury during playtime and PE.



### Zig Zag Parking

Please do not drop your children off in the morning by stopping or parking on the yellow zig zag lines. The lines are there to prevent any children being knocked over by traffic, especially on such a busy road.



### PE Kits

Please make sure your child has a PE kit to change into for PE (PE tops are available to purchase at the office).