

Hallsville News

October 2020

Welcome to our new school year at Hallsville. What an incredible start we have had! All of our children have settled into the new Hallsville way of learning and are confident about how to stay safe by protecting themselves and their bubble. We would like to thank every one of you for ensuring that your children are at school as much as possible and as a result, our classrooms are buzzing hives of learning.

Reading and Homework

Your children are expected to read at home every night. 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 let us know as we can provide even more books for you.

You may write comments in their reading journal after they have completed their weekly task.

Also, our 144 Club challenge continues- knowing all 144 times tables. As it is a new year group, children have to know them **all** in a faster time. Times Tables Rockstars are a great way to practice them!

Google Classrooms

Every child at Hallsville has a username and password to access their Google classroom. All children have logged on and used their new 2020-21 virtual classroom, so they will be confident about how it works and what they can do there. Please ask your child to show you how this works if you have not accessed it before. Staff are available to help too if you cannot access it.

Our Google classrooms are vitally important to us as they allow children at home to access the daily learning in their classrooms- live. They are actually being taught alongside their friends even though they are not actually sitting in the classroom!

If your child cannot come to school because of Covid 19 quarantine or isolation, as outlined by the Government advice, they must be able to access this blended learning.

Your child will be expected to register every day by 9am and then take part in their reading, writing and mathematics lessons in the morning. In the afternoon, teachers will set a task that is not online but achievable to share with the teacher the next day.

If you do not have access to the internet or a lap top please let your teacher know, so that if possible, we can support you to gain access to blended learning.

Autumn Catch-up Curriculum

During this first half-term, teachers have been focusing on catching up with teaching the curriculum that your children may have missed in the summer term. We have had extra reading and mathematics lessons to ensure that all children can progress and catch-up on any learning. From next half-term, we will move towards returning to the pre-Covid 19 curriculum.

Year group	Curriculum Learning
Nursery	Ourselves & our families Fantasy/magical me
Reception	Friendship – Helping one another & people who help us Superheroes (<i>Learning to get on with one another and rules & routines</i>)

Year 1	Seasons My school and where I live
Year 2	Living things in their environments The Great Fire of London
Year	Rocks and Soils Light Stone Age to the Iron Age
Year 4	The Roman Empire and Romans in Britain Electricity Sound
Year 5	The Ancient Greeks Forces Earth and Space
Year 6	The Battle of Britain and the changing docks. Evolution and Inheritance Classification

Exciting Curriculum

History Off the Page experience days.

Year 6 Homefront 1940- 2nd November

Year 5 Life in Ancient Greece-4th November

Year 4 Life in Roman Britain-5th November

Year 2 Great Fire of London-6th November

Year 3 Educational visit-(local area travel on a booked coach)- Lea Valley/ Stone Age-17th November

Year 6 Educational visit – (travel on a booked coach)-Fairplay House day visits -8th/9th December

Parent Workshop- Year Group Videos

Please check the school website to watch a video clip recorded by your child's teachers. This video replaces the parent workshop that we usually have at the start of every academic year.

Contact Numbers and Email Addresses

Please make sure the office has an **up to date telephone number** and an **email address** for contacting you.

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.

Flu Vaccinations

On the 2nd December, every child from Reception to Year 6 will have their flu vaccinations. Information about the this will be given to parents in advance. If you have any questions concerning the flu vaccinations please speak to Lisa in the office.

Black History Month

During Black History Week, each year group celebrated the life of an important person who has brought about change across the world.

EYFS – Stories from black history

Year 1 - Mo Farah

Year 2 - Mary Seacole

Year 3 - Christina Ohuruogu

Year 4 - Walter Tull/ Benjamin Zephania

Year 5 - John Agard/Windrush

Year 6 – Jessica Ennis/Lewis Hamilton

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival this year was more welcome than any time I can remember. Many families are struggling in our community as a result of Covid 19 and the lock down so it was incredibly heart-warming to see just how generous you

were in your donations. All of your donations, will be used to support and help the homeless in our community. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Holidays

School closures this term

- Friday 23rd October-staff training day
- Friday 20th November- Parent’s Day
- School closes at 1:30pm on the last day of term 18th December 2020

Parent’s Day

We are hoping to hold our Parents Evening virtually with teachers. Although instead of being in the evening, virtual appointments will be held during the day- 20th November. We will send out more information about this nearer the day.

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 Razna, in the main office, if you qualify and are interested in a place.

Reception Application Forms

All parents of children due to start Reception in September 2021 must complete an application form 15th January. Application packs will be sent out by 22nd October half term. Please see the school website for details or contact Razna in the office.

Secondary Transfer Forms

Parents of Year 6 students have received their secondary transfer forms. Please complete your form on line. If you have any difficulties completing the form then please contact Leigh in Year 6 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 Leigh as proof of your application. The admissions section of the school website has all the appropriate links.

Extended School

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club for working parents is available now. There are only some spaces left in each year group bubble so please book your place through Lisa in the main office. It is £1:00 for each morning session, Lisa will be able to take a contactless payment for this. A minimum payment of £10.00 will be accepted.

Morning Football Clubs

Every morning in year group bubbles, Mr Roach and Mr Cuming are running their world class football clubs. These are free to attend.

After-School Sports Clubs

In year group bubbles, Mr Roach and Mr Cuming are also running a variety of sports clubs after school. These are £1.00 for each session. You can pay for the cost of the after-school sports clubs to Lisa (in the main office) using contactless payments. A one-off payment for a half-term is required. For example: one session each week for 6 weeks = £6.00.

Days	Breakfast Clubs		Afterschool Clubs	
	8:00am – 8:45am		3:30pm – 4:30pm	
	Mr Roach	Mr Cuming	Mr Roach	Mr Cuming
Monday	Football Year 6	Football Year 5	Dodgeball Year 5	Multi Skills Year 3
Tuesday	Football Year 5	Football Year 6	Multi Skills Year 5	Multi Skills Year 2

Wednesday	Football Year 4	Football Year 3	Multi Skills Year 1	
Thursday	Football Year 3	Football Year 4	Multi Skills Year 4	Dodgeball Year 3
Friday	Football Year 6	Football Year 5	Dodgeball Year 6	Dodgeball Year 4

Extended School until 6pm is also available:

Please see the school website for any information about this. This will be run by an external provider and children will be grouped in small bubbles.

How we are keeping our community safe?

Questions and Answers

To make sure you have all the information you need about how we are keeping our school community safe, I have included our question and answers in this newsletter as well as the revised times for some year groups.

What about school dinners?

We will continue to provide hot lunches for the children. Lunch times are staggered and eaten in classrooms or in specifically allocated hall spaces. The children will stay in their bubbles to eat. All of these spaces are cleaned straight after the children have eaten.

If children are bringing in a packed lunch, we ask that you use a disposable paper bag (or carrier bag) instead of a lunch box.

The water fountains cannot be used so should I bring a water bottle to school?

Each child in the school will have their own named BPA free water bottle. There are water coolers in each classroom to refill the bottles from.

Do children have to wear uniform?

Yes. In line with government guidance, we expect children to return to wearing full school uniform. Please ensure, where needed, that you purchase any necessary items. Uniform can be purchased from Ian Howard—the shop is now open or parents can order over the phone (www.ianhowardschoolwear.com). On the days that children have PE, they will be expected to wear their school PE kit to school.

Will my child mix with other children?

The children and staff will be in year group bubbles to limit the number of people that they come into contact with. They will remain in these groups for lunch and playtimes and will not cross or mix with other year group bubbles — the playground has been divided up and playtimes staggered to enable this.

What is the school doing to keep my child safe?

As well as the things already mentioned, there are many other changes that we have implemented which will continue including:

- A full time cleaner on site all day to regularly clean the toilets, door handles etc.
- Pupils and staff will be placed in year group bubbles to reduce pupil contact.
- Pupils will not cross or socialise with any other group outside of their bubble throughout the school.
- Strict hygiene rules.
- Handwashing stations in each classroom.
- Children supervised whilst washing their hands to ensure they follow the correct process.
- Five hand washing times will be continued as well as every time a child coughs, sneezes or uses the toilet.
- Training children to follow good respiratory hygiene – avoiding touching their face, eyes and nose and using tissues and being taught to dispose of tissues after every use safely in the lidded bins.
- Individual chairs bags for all children from Reception to Year 6 to hold resources only used by them.
- Resources will be touched only by the pupils that are in that group unless a block of 72 hours has passed.

- Insisting where possible on social distancing
- Changes to the way we are teaching PE and the equipment used.
- Availability of cleaning products such as: soap, bacteria wipes, tissues and sanitizers will continue.
- PPE will be provided for staff who work with children who require intimate care. As you are aware the use of face masks has been discouraged within educational settings unless children are displaying symptoms.

Start and End of Days

-Drop off and pick up procedures:

- Please follow social distancing - and keep 2metres from the person in front.
- Pupils to be dropped at the door one at a time adhering to social distancing.
- Do not enter the building.
- Only have 1 family member dropping off/ picking up children.
- Do not enter the school site if you or your child have symptoms of COVID-19.
- When collecting your child, please maintain social distancing and wait to be called to the door.

Nursery Children

New children will receive a phone call and a start date will be given to you.

am session= 8:45-11:45 am

pm session= 12:30 -3:30 pm

- Please adhere to the one-way system that will be marked out.
- Settling in time- for children who are new to the Nursery staff will if needed organise times when a parent will be able to stay with the child. This will be limited to one parent per session.

Reception children

Start time = 9:00am

Finish time = 3:15pm.

Drop off

Reception will access the school through the main school gate and walk around to the Reception classrooms.

Ms Finney's class will line up in the playground using the socially distanced dots.

Ms Pointer's class will line up outside the reception classroom by the reception climbing frame 2 metres apart.

This will be clearly signposted and staff will be on hand to ensure you and your child know where to go.

Pick up

Pick up for Ms Finney's class will be outside the KS1 corridor

Pick up Ms Pointer's class will be outside the classroom door.

Year 1

Start time = 9:00am

Finish time = 3:15pm.

Drop off

Year 1 will access the school through the main entrance and then through the large onto the grass.

Mr Finch's class will go straight into the Year 1 class from the door leading onto the grass.

Ms Coleman's class will go straight into the Year 1 class from the door leading onto the grass.

Pick up 3:15pm

Pick up for Mr Finch's class outside the Year 1 classrooms at the door which leads onto the grass.

Pick up Ms Coleman's class outside Year 1 classrooms at the door which leads onto the grass.

Year 2

Start time = 8:45am

Finish time = 3:30pm.

Drop off

Year 2 will access the school through the main entrance and then through the large onto the grass.

Ms Hadrich's class will go straight into the Year 2 class from the door leading onto the grass.

Ms Marshall's class will go straight into the Year 2 class from the door leading onto the grass.

Pick up 3:30pm

Pick up for Ms Hadrich's class outside the Year 2 classrooms at the door which leads onto the grass.

Pick up Ms Marshall's class outside Year 2 classrooms at the door which leads onto the grass.

Year 3

Start time = 9:00pm

Finish time = 3:15pm.

Drop off

Year 3 will access the school through the main school gate and walk around to the Year 3 classrooms.

Ms Zaman's class will go straight into the Year 3 class from the main playground door. Parents to say goodbye at the Key Stage 1 gate and children are to walk across the main playground on their own.

Ms Helmy's class will go straight into the Year 3 class from the main playground door. Parents to say goodbye at the Key Stage 1 gate and children are to walk across the main playground on their own.

Pick up 3:30pm

Pick up for Ms Zaman's class will be outside the Year 3 classrooms- children will be dismissed one at a time to allow parents to socially distance from each other.

Pick up Ms Helmy's class will be outside the Year 3 classrooms- children will be dismissed one at a time to allow parents to socially distance from each other.

Year 4

Start time = 9:00pm

Finish time = 3:30pm.

Drop off

Year 4 will access the school through the rear gate by the nursery.

Ms Iqbal's class will meet their teacher in the rear playground and be walked around to their Year 4 class.

Ms Greene's class will meet their teacher in the rear playground and be walked around to their Year 4 class.

Pick up 3:15pm

Children will only be walked to the rear playground once all of the Year 5 children have been dismissed.

Pick up for Ms Iqbal's class in the rear playground- parents to wait on the drive by the main gate.

Pick up Ms Greene's class in the rear playground- parents to wait on the drive by the main gate.

Year 5

Start time = 8:45am

Finish time = 3:15pm.

Drop off

Year 5 will access the school through the rear gate by the nursery.

Ms Perry's class will meet their teacher in the rear playground and be walked around to their Year 5 class.

Ms Abdi's class will meet their teacher in the rear playground and be walked around to their Year 5 class.

Pick up 3:15pm

Pick up for Ms Perry's class in the rear playground- parents to wait on the drive by the main gate.

Pick up Ms Abdi's class in the rear playground- parents to wait on the drive by the main gate.

Year 6

Start time = 8:30am

Finish time = 4:00pm.

Drop off

Year 6 will access the school through the main gate and walk around to the Year 6 classrooms.

Ms Fernandes's class will go straight into their Year 6 classroom from the main playground door.

Mr Newnham's class will go straight into the Year 6 classroom from the main playground door.

Pick up 4:00pm

Pick up for Ms Fernandez's class in the main playground- parents to wait at the Key stage 1 lines.

Pick up Mr Newnham's class in the main playground - parents to wait at the Key stage 1 lines.

Our expectations of you

We are putting many measures in place to mitigate the risk to the children, staff and parents and we ask you help us to keep the school community safe by:

- Adhering to the procedures in place.
- Adhering to government guidance on social distancing not just while in school but while carrying out your daily lives.
- Not coming to the school or sending your child into school if they have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Adhering to NHS Test and Track service- please read the Public Health England Advice included after the newsletter.

If you have any concerns do not hesitate to ring the school office and ask to speak to a member of staff or contact Hannah Cleland on: 07891 181367.

Again, a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support and co-operation during these unprecedented times.

K.Edge (Executive HT),L. Johnson (HT) and K. Jones (DHT)



Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- ✦ You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

- ✦ Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

- ✦ If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

- ✦ Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- ✦ If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**

- ✦ If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected

person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



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