

Hallsville News

December 2020

Christmas at Hallsville

This year we are going to celebrate Christmas as we always do. Although we cannot invite parents and carers into school we will be asking each class to upload their Christmas performance onto their Google classrooms for you to enjoy. Any Christmas party plans will be communicated to you in advance.

The children's Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 16th December. Christmas Jumper Day is also on the 16th December. For pantomime this year, children will stay in their bubbles and watch a virtual one.

- Reception are watching The Littlest Elf.
- Years 1 to 6 are watching Aladdin.

Holidays

The last day of term is 18th December. **Please remember that this is a half day and children finish at 1:30pm**
Children start back for the Spring term on Monday 4th January 2021.

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. Each year group has a list of 12 books that children need to read across the year. **Please see the quick link on the front page of the website- Twelve Books to Read.**

Our 144 Club challenge continues- knowing all of the 144 times tables. Many children have already achieved their targets and are looking to improve how quickly they can answer 144 times tables questions correctly. This is an expected target by the end of Year 4. Times Tables Rockstars are a great way to practice!

Year 3	58%
Year 4	58%
Year 5	73%
Year 6	84%

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.

Curriculum

During this first half-term, teachers focused on catching up with teaching the curriculum that your children may have missed in the summer term. We taught extra reading and mathematics lessons to ensure that all children progressed

and caught-up on any learning. This term we have been able to re-focus of the enriching pre-Covid curriculum at Hallsville. Here are the Spring Term curriculum areas for each year group.

Year group	Curriculum Learning
Nursery	Journey tale- Whatever Next Wishing tale- NOT A BOX Transport/Space /Travel
Reception	Finding tale- We're going on a bear hunt Space/Growth/Changes
Year 1	Finding tale- Lost and Found Seasonal Changes /Everyday Materials How is my life different to that of my parents/grandparents/great grandparents?
Year 2	Journey tale- Traction Man Grouping, classifying and changing materials Great Britons -Florence Nightingale
Year 3	Finding tale- The Tear thief Forces and Magnets Our Changing Planet/Natural Disasters
Year 4	Wishing tale- Ignis States of Matter The Benin
Year 5	Wishing Tale- Romeo and Juliet Properties and changes to materials The Rainforest/Forests Under Threat
Year 6	Rags to riches tale- Oliver Twist Electricity/ Light Printing

Exciting Curriculum

18th January: Year 6- Anthony Glen Workshop- Oliver Twist.

19th January: Year 5 – Anthony Glen Workshop- Romeo and Juliet

Citizenship Week

Citizenship Week will take place during the third week in January -18th January 2021. It a week in which we celebrate what it means to be British citizens. During that week, we will also be voting for our new Head Boy and Head Girl from Year 6.

Parent's Day

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for embracing our new Parents' Day phone calls rather than a Parents' Evening meeting in school. From the feedback we have been given, it was a resounding success and we look forward to making our meetings even better in the Spring Term.

Attendance

Our attendance at Hallsville, is still making us all very proud. Here are our class percentages:

Class	Percentage	Class	Percentage
RF	93%	RP	94%
1C	90%	1F	87%
2H	94%	2M	97%
3H	97%	3Z	97%
4G	95%	4I	98%
5A	93%	5P	97%
5P	97%	5P	97%
6F	94%	6N	95%

Covid Measures during the Christmas Break

What do I do if my child tested positive for Covid 19 on Saturday 18th December or Sunday 19th December.

If your child has a positive test for Covid 19 please email Hannah Cleland at hannah.cleland@hallsville.newham.sch.uk

This is so we can text and inform parents to self-isolate their children who were in the same bubble.

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.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all of the parents who took time to complete the Google form questionnaire- another first for us!

Here are your responses:

My child enjoys school- 100%

My child is safe at school-93%

I am kept well-informed about my child's progress-92%

I am happy with the progress my child has made at Hallsville- 100%

Hallsville School helps me to support my child's learning-95%

Hallsville School helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle-100%

Hallsville School prepares my child well for secondary school-95%

Hallsville School meets my child's particular needs-100%

Hallsville School deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour-95%

Hallsville School takes account of my suggestions and concerns-95%

Hallsville School is led and managed effectively-100%

Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at Hallsville School-98%

Hallsville values all groups equally (Equality Act)-97%

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 are available from the main office. Please see the school website for details or contact Razna in the office.

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.

A new adventure...

And finally, after 24 years at Hallsville, I would like you to know that I will be leaving at Christmas.

Being a teacher and then the headteacher at Hallsville has been the most incredible adventure- one that I chose to spend more than half of my life doing. I have been truly privileged to teach in such a vibrant community with the most wonderful children who have enriched my life beyond words. Of course, the wonder of Hallsville is only possible because of the unfaltering commitment of the staff here- thank you for your continued drive for a world class education for our community. And to you, our fantastic parents- some of whom I have taught! Thank you for your super-strong support over the many years which means the world to me.

From January, Star and I are going to live on the Norfolk coast and be closer to our family. We promise to keep in touch and send regular photos of our new adventures!

I am pleased to announce that Ms Jones will be taking over the post as the Acting Head teacher from January well supported by Ms Edge the Executive Head Teacher. I know she will do a terrific job and I wish her well.

Lorraine Johnson -Head teacher