



Hallsville

Primary School

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Spring 2 March 2021 Message from Ms Jones

It has been a joy to welcome back all the children this term and to see the classrooms and corridors once again filled with the buzz of learning. Our pupils have shown such resilience and have definitely 'bounced back' into school life. I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support this term. The commitment you showed with the virtual lessons was fundamental in ensuring that all our children could continue with their learning at home and I know it wasn't easy at times but it was definitely worth it!

Now that attendance at school is compulsory again, I want to reassure you that, as always, we will strive to do what is in the best interests of the children at Hallsville and that we are following all public health and government guidance.

Everyone has now settled into the new drop-off and collection routines and your support in following the times and social distancing is very much appreciated. We hope that you all have a lovely Spring break and can start to enjoy some of the restrictions being slowly lifted.

Hallsville Values

- We love learning and challenge makes us grow.
- Our strength is in valuing our differences.
- We show we care through our behaviour.
- Our learning begins with us. Work hard!

Holidays

The last day of term is Thursday 1st April. **Please remember that this is a half day and children finish at 1:30pm.** Children start back for the Summer Term on Monday 19th April.

Dates to Note

May 3rd Bank Holiday – School closed

6th Polling Day – School closed

May 31st – 4th June - School closed for half term

Attendance

Well done to those children who received 100% attendance for this term. Here are the attendance percentages for each class since 8th March.

Class	Percentage	Class	Percentage
RF	77%	RP	96%
1C	94%	1F	96%
2H	95%	2M	98%
3H	98%	3Z	94%
4G	97%	4I	97%
5A	95%	5P	96%
6F	97%	6N	97%

It is important that children do attend school every day but if your child is going to be absent, please remember to ring the school office on each day of the absence.

Breakfast Club

We are running a limited Breakfast Club for working parents. If you would like to book a place, please speak to Lisa in the main office. It is £1:00 for each morning session. A minimum contactless payment of £10.00 will be accepted in the main office.

Wrap Around Care

We do have wrap around care at Hallsville which is provided by Premier Education. You can book a place directly through them. Details are on the school website or you can follow this link:

<https://hallsville.newham.sch.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2021/03/Hallsville-Leaflet-March-2021-1-1.pdf>

Easter Camp

Premier Education will also be running an Easter camp from Tuesday 6th April – Friday 9th April. If you would like your child to attend, please book a place directly though Premier Education. Details are on our website or follow this link:

<https://hallsville.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Hallsville-Easter-1.pdf>

Devices

Thank you to all parents and carers who have safely returned the school's laptops, Chrome Books and Dongles. If you still have a device at home, please return it to the school office so that our children can use them in school.

Reading

Research shows that children who are read to most frequently are much more likely to thrive and do well in all aspects of their lives. Reading also exposes your child to vocabulary that they do not hear in every day speech. Although we all know how important reading is, research shows that, at age 3, only half of the children in the UK are read to daily. At Hallsville we really value reading and teachers try to include '5 reads a day' into their timetable. Please continue to support us on this quest by reading to your child every day.

Recent research also shows that adding subtitles when watching television improves children's reading. Give it a try.

Homework

All children are now very experienced at using the Google Classrooms. Teachers will continue to set homework on the Google Classroom so please ensure that your child does check it over the Spring Break. If your child cannot come to school because of COVID-19 quarantine or isolation, as outlined by government advice, they must be able to access learning through Google Classrooms. If your child is new to the school, please make sure that they can access the Google Classroom at home. See office staff for login details or support with this.

144 Club

Our 144 Club challenge continues. All children are expected to know all of their times tables by the end of year 4. A great way to practise is on the Times Tables Rock Stars website. Please support your child in achieving this target.



Parent's Day

Thank you once again for embracing our Parents' Day phone calls. We do love to share the progress that children are making in school and we missed you being able to come in to see their work. It was a huge success and we managed to speak to most of our parents.

Curriculum Enrichment

Due to lockdown restrictions, we are not currently going on Educational Visits unless they are local. However, we are making the most of virtual workshops and visitors in school.

19th April Year 6- Anthony Glen Workshop- Oliver Twist.

23rd April Year 5 – Anthony Glen Workshop- Romeo and Juliet

24th - 28th May - Science Week

World of Work

Last week, all children at Hallsville took part in our World of Work Week. They learnt about the different jobs that are available and some year groups even had the opportunity of meeting real professionals – virtually of course!

Year Group	Jobs
Nursery	Eva the Explorer
Reception	Mia the Postal Worker
Year 1	Emergency Services
Year 2	Trades
Year 3	Money and Budgeting
Year 4	Engineering
Year 5	Architecture
Year 6	Government Jobs n

You can find out more about this week on the school website in the Parent Workshop section:

<https://hallsville.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Parent-Workshop-Primary-Careers-Learning-atHome.pdf>

Curriculum

Here is a preview into some of the topics that your child will be covering in Summer Term 1. You can find out more on our website.

Year group	Curriculum Learning
Nursery	Farmer Duck In the Garden
Reception	Little Red Riding Hood Growth
Year 1	Beegu Plants - Recognising plants and naming parts of plants How is my life different from that of my family in the past?
Year 2	Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Plants - Looking after plants and helping them grow One World- Pushing Boundaries
Year 3	Black Dog Plants - Knowing what plants need to survive, plant reproduction and life cycles Ancient Egyptians
Year 4	Zelda Claw Animals Including Humans - Digestion, teeth & food chains The River Thames
Year 5	Romeo and Juliet Animals Including Humans - Growing and changing, stages of life Anglo Saxons & Scots and Vikings
Year 6	Oliver Twist Animals Including Humans - Circulation, body systems and keeping healthy The Mayans

Parent Questionnaires

We value the views of our parents and carers. If you haven't already, please complete the two parent surveys that are currently on our website:

- **Online learning parental survey**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxLw6ROGvFy9YRAsI7N5QpNOJIZFd_JDJeTOQSvlyIC3fMA/view_form
- **Relationship, Sex and Health Education parent consultation**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_bHozfF0LoDRCg7NPPkUEHxqgFnMhRKW4oNzrpmow4oCDCw/viewform



Test and Trace Support Scheme

If you have to take time off work to care for a child but you are not legally required to self-isolate yourself, you can now apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment. Applications are made through the borough – details to follow.

Contact Tracing Over the Spring Break

We are required as a school to continue with contact tracing over the holidays, following similar arrangements as the Christmas holiday. **Please inform the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19 if they developed symptoms within 48 hours of attending school.** You can contact Hannah Cleland on 07891181367.

If your child develops symptoms during the holidays but they developed symptoms after 48 hours of attending school, you don't need to contact the school but should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Farewell

We are sorry to say that we are saying goodbye to Ms McGrath who has worked in our nursery for over 10 years and has probably taught most of your children! We wish her all the best in her new endeavours and hope she comes back to visit us soon.

Star

We know the children at Hallsville really miss Star and Ms Johnson. We just wanted to let you all know that they are both enjoying their new life in Norfolk and Star especially loves being able to run around on the beach!

