



Hallsville

Primary School

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Autumn 1 Message from Ms Jones

It has been lovely to see all of our children settling back into school life after the long summer break. We are particularly impressed with the way our reception children have adapted to starting primary school so well!

Seeing pupils mixing in assemblies and playing together in the playground has been a highlight along with hearing our children singing once again. It feels as though we are slowly returning back to 'normal'. We've had a busy term with educational visits taking place and celebrating Black History Week. We held our first parent event in a long time this term, for parents applying for a reception place next year. It was a great success and was so lovely to connect with parents again. We hope to host more events next term to see you all face-to-face.

Important Dates

- School will be closed to all children on Friday 22nd October as there will be an Inset day for teachers.
- Autumn Term 2 Monday 1st November – Tuesday 21st December
- Inset dates: 22nd October 2021, 26th November 2021 and 25th March 2022
- Parents' Evenings: 25th November 2021 and 24th March 2022
- Christmas Break 22nd December – 4th January 2022
- An additional date has been added to the public holiday dates. The school will be closed on 23rd May to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 8th December dental visit for nursery, reception and Year 1. Letter to follow.
- Flu vaccinations 23rd November – letter to follow.
- See term dates for the year <https://hallsville.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/School-term-and-holiday-dates-calendar-2021-only.pdf>

Healthy Schools

As a school, it is part of our responsibility to help children learn how to eat healthily. Hallsville is a Healthy School and we encourage children to eat school dinners which are free. Everyday children have meat, halal meat and vegetarian options. If you do decide to send a packed lunch for your child, please make sure it is healthy. We also only allow children to drink water which they have plenty of access to in school. Please do not send hot food.



Here are some ideas for healthy packed lunches:

- Sandwiches
- Wraps
- Cheese
- Carrot sticks/pepper
- Fruit
- Yoghurts
- Raisins
- Water

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays and the class will sing Happy Birthday when it is your child's birthday if they are celebrating it. We don't encourage sending treats but if you want to, please send a box of wrapped chocolates that can be handed out to the children. Handing out cakes is not part of our healthy eating policy.

Year 6 secondary school applications

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. **All** children need to have made an application. If you need assistance, please speak to the main office.

Reception applications

The deadline for reception applications for September 2022 is January 15th. Any children in our nursery must apply before this date.

Attendance

We were so proud to receive a letter congratulating us on a week's attendance from the Director of Education in Newham. It is essential that children come to school every day for them to lead a happy school life and to form friendship groups. Attainment and success at school are linked to good attendance. Please do all you can to make sure that your child comes to school every day. Here are the attendance figures from September 2nd – October 14th. We aim for 96%.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
RF	93.2%	RP	95%
1F	93.8%	1W	92.9%
2J	96.9%	2S	96.9%
3H	96.9%	3R	96.4%
4B	93.2%	4Z	95.1%
5A	95.7%	5G	95.3%
6N	96%	6P	93.1%

If your child is ill, please make sure that you ring the school office before 9:00am on every day of their absence. Children should still come to school if they have a cold. Children who are persistently absent will be contacted for a meeting to identify the underlying cause.

Parent Workshops

We hope you have all had chance to view the parent workshops on our website. If you haven't, please take the time to watch your child's teachers sharing important information with you. You can find the videos here:

<https://hallsville.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/parent-welcome-videos-2020/>

We are hosting a **RWI reception parent workshop** on 4th November at 9:10 am. Please come along to find out how you can support your child with learning to read at home.

Reading

As you all know, at Hallsville we regard reading as **the** most important skill a child can have as it is the key to success in all areas. Please continue to **read to** your child and **listen to** them read every day. Also remember that all children from Year 1 and up are a member of Canning Town Library and they can enjoy borrowing books. Please remember to return any borrowed books back to the library. You can also return them to school and we will drop them off for you.

Google Classroom

Homework will be set on Google Classroom. Please make sure that your child can access their Google classroom online. If you are having problems, speak to your child's class teacher for support.

School Ping App

We are starting to use School Ping to communicate with parents. If you have not received an invite to School Ping, this is because we don't have an up-to-date email address for you. Please contact the office to receive your invite. You can also update your details by following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jAvlzbteG1Sd_1B51UePKGSukNSN1VqO_V_KTix6XRQ/edit

Change to entrance and exits

There will be a change to the entrance and exit gates for the following year groups after half term:

Year Group	Time	Entrance/Exit
Year 4	8:40 – 3:30	Through the main gates and across the main playground.
Year 6	8:30 – 4:00	Through the back gates and across the back playground.

Curriculum

Here is a preview into some of the topics that your child will be covering in Autumn Term 2. You can find out more on our website. <https://hallsville.newham.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps/>

Year group	Curriculum Learning	Enrichment
Nursery	Food and celebrations The Gingerbread Man	Baking gingerbread men
Reception	Exploring our environment We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Owls in school 2 nd Dec
Year 1	The Magic Paint Brush Plants My school and where I live	A walk around the local area TBC
Year 2	Hansel and Gretal Animals in their habitats The Great Fire of London	The Great Fire of London workshop TBC
Year 3	Tell me a Dragon Rocks and soils The Stone Age to Iron Age	Geology Lab workshop 10 th Nov Diwali Dance workshop 17 th Nov The Stone Age educational visit to Lee Valley 18 th Nov Stratford pantomime 15 th Dec
Year 4	Elf Road Electricity The Roman Empire	Roman Britain workshop – 16 th Nov Stratford Pantomime 17 th Dec
Year 5	Icarus and Greek myths Earth and Space The Greeks	The Ancient Greeks workshop 12 th Nov Algo Art Project – 15 th Nov Stratford pantomime 10 th Dec
Year 6	The Hand – suspense stories Classification The Battle of Britain	The Home Front workshop - 15 th Nov Stratford pantomime 14 th Dec

Enrichment Whole School

Children in Need Day 19th November – **Spots and Sparkle** dress up day

All KS2 children will be visiting the Theatre Royal Stratford East to watch Little Red Riding Hood

We are hoping to invite parents in for our Christmas concerts this year although we will confirm this nearer the time following advice from Public Health England.

Multi-activity Holiday Camp

Premier Education will be running a multi-activity holiday camp from Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October. If you would like your child to attend for any of those days, please book a place directly through Premier Education.

Details are on our website or follow this link: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/18525/?location=E16%201LN&search=camps&radius=10>

Universal Holiday Programme

The Universal Holiday Programme brochure containing a wide variety of exciting free and low-cost offers for all young people in Newham has just been launched and can be found following this link:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/children-families/activities-youngpeople-newham>

Breakfast Club

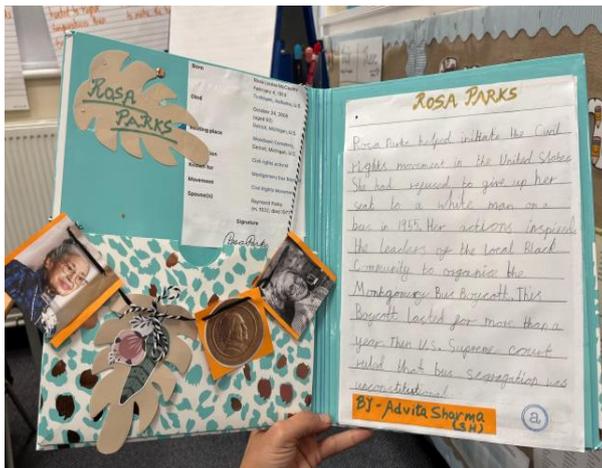
We run a breakfast club every day for working parents. If you would like to book a place, please contact the main office. It is £1:00 for each morning session. A minimum contactless payment of £10.00 will be accepted in the main office.

Wrap Around Care

We offer wrap around care every day from 3:30 – 6:00pm. This service is provided by Premier Education on the school site. You can book a place directly through them. <https://www.premier-education.com/>

Black History Week

At Hallsville, we try to weave black history throughout the curriculum all year round. We also celebrate Black History Month with a focus week, which we did this term with the theme 'Proud to be!' Children enjoyed a variety of lessons and workshops which focused on significant black people throughout history. Here's Year 4 enjoying their Caribbean cookery workshop and some work from Year 3.



It's not too late to check out Newham's Black History Month programme. For full details of the programme and to book events, visit: <https://www.newhamblackhistory.org/>

We wish you all a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st November. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.