

# Hallsville News

Autumn 2 December

## Message from Ms Jones

This term has been filled with the magic of Christmas with children enjoying a Christmas dinner, visits to the pantomime and our Christmas jumper day. We've also had the pleasure of listening to the children practise their Christmas songs which you will soon be able to enjoy in their Google Classrooms. Fortunately, children have been able to take part in a range of workshops and educational visits to enrich their learning from having owls in the early years to going back in time with History Off the Page. We have also held a few parent workshops and loved having parents in school again.

We did unfortunately have to make the hard decision to close the school early this term, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December rather than the planned date Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We feel this will help to keep the community safe and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support as Covid numbers have been rising. We will continue to provide a high quality of education for all despite these challenges.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing Christmas break with family and look forward to seeing you all again when school reopens on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.



## Attendance

Well done to the following children who received 100% attendance for the autumn term from 6<sup>th</sup> September – 10<sup>th</sup> December:

**Reception:** Abdullah, Yasser, Zephaniah, Ismael, Naathan, Kashifa  
**Year 1:** Bela, Ahmed, Aahil, Safah, Romeo, Hoorain, Joshua, Marwah, Aryaan  
**Year 2:** Minna, Faris, William, Immanuella, Vaidik, Teddy, Dominic, Gerooge, John, Muhammad, Yousof, Bouchra, Jahmarni, Jeremy, Matthew, Adiyat, Abdul Ghaniy, Lavin  
**Year 3:** Hamad, Eniola, Chesney, Nikita, Delicia, Alana, Nazeera, Issac, Kausar, Lienna, Muhammad, George, Ahmad, Shania  
**Year 4:** Amaar, Zara, Kyron, Tanisha, Kevin, Mahdiya, Shivani, Aafrin, Anastasia, Zinneddine, Tawheed, Aarvi, Alyssa, Fabio, Bethanie, Misraf  
**Year 5:** Kourtney, Damian, Manha, Nila, Kyreece-Jayden, Nabeel, Omar, Elijah, Kareemah, Dylan, Isaac, Muhammad Shayaan, Ilterish, Amelia L, Nenyasha, Carla, Maris-Ionut, Antonia  
**Year 6:** Mohammed, Khadeeja, Jaqueline, Amelia, David Y, Ian, Karima, Hind, Grace, Jack

Attending school regularly means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. Regular attendance also helps your child's social skills including making and developing friendships. Thank you to all the families who have supported their child's learning by ensuring their child has not missed any school unnecessarily.

Below are the attendance figures for each class from November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Class	Percentage	Class	Percentage
RF	92%	RP	94%
1W	93%	1F	93%
2J	96%	2S	96%
3H	94%	3R	95%
4B	94%	4Z	95%
5A	96%	5G	95%
6N	95%	6P	95%

The national target is 96%. We are currently below this target at 95%.

Please avoid booking holidays during term time and ensure that if you are travelling, that you plan in any quarantine periods as absences will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **Dates to Note**

Christmas break Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

January (school closed)

Spring term Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

February (school open)

Half term Mon 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

(school closed)

Reception applications for September 2022 – apply by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Please see the school website for important dates for the whole year.

### **Covid 19**

As cases are on the rise, please ensure that you follow government guidance by:

- Getting all the necessary doses of vaccine
- Wearing a face covering when visiting school, on public transport or in any public spaces which may be crowded
- Testing twice a week with lateral flow tests which you can get free from libraries and chemists.
- Testing with a PCR if you have symptoms - and this can be any cold or flu symptoms.

### **Parents' Evening**

A big thank you to all of you for embracing parents' evening through phone calls again this term. It is always a pleasure for our teachers to discuss the progress of your children and we hope to be able to invite you into school for the next parents' evening on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

### **Yellow zig zag lines**

Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gates. Cars dropping off outside the school gates at start and exit times pose a huge risk to pupils' safety and are a growing concern. Please help to keep our children safe.

### **Children in Need**

We all enjoyed a fun day dressing up in spots and sparkles for **Children in Need** and managed to raise £220.60 to donate to the charity. Thank you to all who took part.

### **Canning Town library**

As you will be aware, we work closely with Canning Town Library to ensure all children have access to books. During the lockdown, the library did lend the school lots of books which were sent home to children. We are now having a book amnesty to try and return as many books back to the library as possible. Could you all please check in your homes to see if you have any books with the Hallsville stamp or from the library

and return them to school. We will return all books to the library. We really appreciate your support with this.

### **Winter Reading Challenge**

Newham libraries are running the **Winter Mini Reading Challenge** over the Christmas holiday. Your child can take part by borrowing and reading three books from a Newham library. Please follow this link for more details.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stsoy28giww>

### **Curriculum**

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

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Curriculum Learning</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Houses and homes The Three Little Pigs
<b>Reception</b>	Looking forwards and backwards in time The Tiny King
<b>Year 1</b>	How is my life different to that of my parents/grandparents/great grandparents? Seasonal changes
<b>Year 2</b>	Great Britons – Florence Nightingale Materials – grouping and classifying
<b>Year 3</b>	Our changing planet – natural disasters Forces and magnets
<b>Year 4</b>	London...the greatest place on the planet? States of matter
<b>Year 5</b>	Forests under threat Properties and changes to materials
<b>Year 6</b>	The docks and links with the rest of the world Electricity

### **Curriculum Enrichment**

Year 6 - Shaking Up Shakespeare – Macbeth 6<sup>th</sup> January

Year 1 – Sea Life Centre 6<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5 – Shaking up Shakespeare – Romeo and Juliet 7<sup>th</sup> January

Year 6 – Brilliant Club launch 20<sup>th</sup> January

Whole school – Citizenship Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> January

Year 6 – Ben Kinsela educational visit 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January

Whole school – Maths Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February

### **School Ping**

If you haven't already, please download the **School Ping App**. This is the best way to receive communication from the school. You will have received an invitation by email. If you don't have an invitation, please inform the office who will check that your email address is up to date.