

## Newsletter 698 - 12th March

*What a great week this has been; once again the school is filled with merriment and enthusiasm. It really is remarkable how quickly the children have settled back into their routines after the long absence from school. We look forward to the re-start of Saturday sport tomorrow.*

*Last night, headmaster-elect Mr Tomlin and his wife met with a group of some 20 staff to discuss their hopes and aspirations for next year. It was a very happy and convivial meeting. These are exciting times!*

### **School Security – Appointments**

Please note that children are required to report to the School Office (or The Barn for EYFS) to sign in or out should they have an appointment outside normal drop-off and collection times.

### **Testing for Household Members of School Staff and Pupils**

The government has recently announced that it will offer household members of school staff or school pupils the opportunity to undertake regular lateral flow device (LFD) testing. This does not change the testing arrangements we have already put in place. Hall Grove has been offering testing to staff since January and, in accordance with the guidance for the return of all pupils on 8 March, has now extended this to pupils in years 7 and 8, and all staff including the caterers and cleaners. These tests will continue to be arranged by school.

However, household members, and members of a support or childcare bubble, of school staff or pupils can now obtain twice-weekly LFD testing. We would urge all members of the school community to take part as it is the best way to reduce the risk of transmission at Hall Grove and in the wider community. If you wish to do so, please follow the instructions in the guidance which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?priority-taxonomy=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

### **The Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will continue working with online ordering and collection from the box outside the shop. We will ensure we fulfill orders and will email parents accordingly to advise when uniform is ready to collect. There is the option of delivery for a small charge if collection from school is difficult.

Should you wish to place an order please visit the Direct Clothing website [www.thedirectclothing.co.uk](http://www.thedirectclothing.co.uk) and for any other queries please email [uniformshop@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:uniformshop@hallgrove.co.uk)

Thank you.

Helyna and Kirsty

## **Music**

### **Concerts**

Year 6 have sent in some wonderful performances this past week and we look forward to being able to share this Informal Concert with you next week.

An email was sent out to all Year 1 & 2 parents yesterday regarding the Pre-Prep Informal Concert, which we will be filming next week during their class music lessons. If your child learns an instrument and would like to perform in the concert, please email [music@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:music@hallgrove.co.uk) as soon as possible.

### *Exams*

Rehearsals for those with music exams (and who need piano accompaniment) will take place on Thursday 18th. A timetable will be sent out on Monday detailing rehearsal times (factoring in Year 8 mock exams).

### *Choirs*

It has been joyful to hear singing again in the school this week! Here is a reminder for those who may have forgotten the new times of rehearsals.

### *Mondays*

- 0730 - 0800: Year 5 Choir
- 1230 - 1300: Year 4 Choir

### *Thursdays*

- 0800 - 0830: Seniors' Choir
- 1230 - 1300: Year 3 Choir

### *Fridays*

- 0730 - 0800: Year 6 Choir

## **Sport**

It is wonderful to see all the children enjoying their games and PE lessons and taking advantage of all the sport the school offers. Pre-Prep have been learning about invasion games to help develop their fitness and understanding of tactics, whilst in Years 3 to 8 the girls are playing netball and the boys

are playing both hockey and rugby. All the children are embarking on fitness conditioning as part of their games lessons alongside some gymnastics in PE.

#### *Sports Equipment*

The boys must have shin pads and mouthguards at school. Without the correct safety equipment, we cannot allow the boys to take part in the sessions.

#### *Saturday Sport - dates and timings*

##### *Saturday 13th March*

#### **Session Time: 0830 - 1000**

- **Year 3 Boys:** Hockey (mouthguard and shin pads)
- **Year 4 Boys:** Rugby (mouthguard)
- **Years 3 & 4 Girls:** Netball

#### **Session Time: 1030 - 1200**

- **Year 5 Boys:** Rugby (mouthguard)
- **Year 6 Boys:** Hockey (mouthguard and shin pads)
- **Years 5 & 6 Girls:** Netball

##### *Saturday 20th March*

#### **Session Time: 0830 - 1000**

- **Year 5 Boys:** Hockey (mouthguard and shin pads)
- **Year 6 Boys:** Rugby (mouthguard)
- **Years 5 & 6 Girls:** Netball

#### **Session Time: 1030 - 1200**

- **Years 7 & 8:** Boys can choose Hockey or Rugby (mouthguard and shin pads)
- **Years 7 & 8 Girls:** Netball

### **IAPS Art Competition**

Mrs Foley is seeking entries for the Prep Schools annual Art Competition from any child from Year 1 to Year 8. It can be of any subject and in any media and will need to be submitted by 18th March. It must be their own unaided work and can be submitted digitally to [c.foley@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:c.foley@hallgrove.co.uk)

### **Virtual Fireside Talks Series at Wellington College**

Please find below links to the Wellington College Fireside talk series, as mentioned in recent Newsletters.

- Monday 15th March - 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Ed Brooks](#)
- Monday 22nd March - 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Dr Pragya Agarwal](#)

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The following documents can be found on the school website, under the parent information tab:

- Senior Schools Open Mornings Information

### **Bag2School Collection**

1st South Ascot have organised another clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the 1st South Ascot Scout Group.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles. Bag2School can accept 'good quality' items for RE-USE and information on what they can or cannot accept is in the link below:

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Please bring your full bag(s) to the 1st South Ascot Scout Hut, Church Road, South Ascot, SL5 9DP (NOT to Hall Grove please) on:

- Thursday 25th March between 1530 - 1630
- Monday 29th March between 0900 - 1000

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Fiona Jones

Group Scout Leader