

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Last week our wonderful Accounts Secretary, Brigitte Woodland, retired from the school after 19 years. Mrs Woodland's work for Hall Grove could so easily go unrecognised because she has been very much in the background; she has in many respects been one of the unsung heroes of the school. The careful way she has managed our finances, attending to a myriad of details, her kindness, loyalty and dedication, all these qualities and more mark her out as being quite exceptional. Her last working day was celebrated quite modestly, as she wished, by a quiet lunch attended by a small number of friends. We wish her health and happiness for the future and offer her our grateful thanks.

Our very best wishes to the netball squad, currently on a sporting tour in Jersey. We hear that they are having a lovely time and that the sun is shining. Good luck, girls; have fun!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Heffer (Music Department) and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Roxanna.

Twilight

Twilight sessions have been running for the past two weeks, from 1730 to 1815 in the classroom under the archway. These are open to all children in Years 6 to 8 as an opportunity to do prep, under the supervision of a teacher. Sessions can be booked either as a one-off or as a regular commitment. Twilight is also offered to ease end of day collections, and children can be collected at any point before 1815. To book, please contact Mrs Bath in the School Office. There is no charge for this service.

4JS Assembly - Thursday 14th October

The children in 4JS would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 14th October. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upper School Lunchtime Concert - Thursday 14th October

An informal Upper School Lunchtime Concert will take place on Thursday 14th October from 1315 to 1345 in New Hall. A list of the children selected to play in the concert will be posted on the new Music Department noticeboard by the archway. The concert is a wonderful way for children to practise the art of performance in a friendly environment and provide a focus for learning. Parents and friends of participating pupils are welcome to attend the event.

Middle School Shooting Club - Monday 18th October

Please be aware that Shooting Club will not be running on Monday 18th October due to the Middle School Parents' Evening. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Senior School Transfer Evening - Thursday 11th November

Our popular schools exhibition is open to all parents, but will especially be of interest to those in Years 5 and 6 who are considering senior school options. Parents with their children can visit the displays and meet senior school staff on a 'drop in' basis from 1700 to 1800, and there will also be short oral presentations from 1900 to 2000. In previous years parents have very much enjoyed the evening.

Coin Found

A coin has been found at school which appears to be a special edition silver collector's coin from the Royal Mint. If you think it may belong to you, please contact the School Office.

Sports News

Netball

6th October v St. Neot's 1st VII won, 2nd VII won, U11 V lost, U10 A won
6th October v Lyndhurst U10 B VII won
7th October v St. Andrew's U9 A VII and U8 A VII lost

Football

6th October v Yateley Manor 1st XI lost, 2nd XI won, 4th XI won, Colts A XI lost, Colts B XI lost, U10 A VII won
U10 B VII won, U10 C VII drew, U10 D VII lost, U10 E VII won, U10 F VII won
6th October v Caldicott 3rd XI won
7th October v Lambrook U9 A, B, C and D VII lost
U8 A VI drew, U8 B VI lost, U8 C VI drew, U8 D VI won

Surrey Cup – Friday 15th October

The Colts A XI are playing Lanesborough in the quarter-final of the Surrey Cup on Friday 15th October. It will be a home fixture starting at 1515.

Floor and Vault Gymnastics Championships

On Saturday 2nd October, Rosie Freeman and Ryan Thompson (both in Year 5) competed in the annual Woking Gymnastics Championships. Competitors are required to perform both floor and vault routines. Congratulations to Rosie for coming 5th and to Ryan for gaining a silver medal.

Where's the Bear?

The beautiful bronze resin Moon Bear in the entrance hall was a gift to the school in recognition of the work done by Mrs Lavery and the Art Department raising funds for Animals Asia (www.animalasia.org), the charity that is doing so much to draw attention to the plight of the Moon Bears that are cruelly farmed and caged for medical products. Last weekend the sculpture was delivered by the artist, Suzie Marsh, with personal letters and miniature bears for Kabir Bhalla, Saskia Campbell and Rosey Graham whose prize-winning howdah and cloth design played a prominent part in the procession of 265 elephants in London earlier this year.

Target Summer Camp 2011 - Administration Vacancy

Following a re-structure of our Summer Camp we require someone who can take over the administration of it and also to help out with the children as required. Ideally you would have at least a Level 2 NVQ in Playwork and be prepared to study for the Level 3 supervisor qualification. The role entails setting up spread sheets for the bookings and other information which has to be recorded together with the organisation of staffing, ensuring OFSTED legislation is met in all areas, answering emails and the telephone to deal with enquiries/bookings and accurately receiving and recording payments. The position is 40 hours per week during the 4 weeks of Summer Camp and part-time hours for the final half-term of the school year. Salary dependant on qualification. Letters of interest to Sarah d'Silva at Hall Grove Events and Lettings.

French Coaching

Mrs Knuckey taught at Hall Grove for two years after retiring as Head of Modern Languages at Sir William Perkins's. She is now offering extra tuition at Hall Grove after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. She writes: "Now that I have retired from classroom teaching I am beginning to offer tuition at all levels from Year 7 through to A level. I would love to see any Hall Grove pupils who want to do some extra preparation for their Common Entrance or Scholarship exams or who just want to practise their oral work on a one to one basis." If interested, please contact the School Office.

Mother's Help Wanted

Mother's help wanted to look after three children aged 20 months, 3 years and 7 years. Live-in position in Sunningdale. If interested, please contact Gayle Blackburn on 07900 438091.

Centre of Positive Energy

Karen Seeberg, a holistic stylist and mother of Harry and Jonathan Hardaker (Years 7 and 5), is happy to announce that she has opened the doors on her new Centre of Positive Energy in Chobham. Exciting news is that on Tuesdays we have kinesiologist and food allergy expert Lynne Greenmore coming. For bookings (there are a few left for next Tuesday) call Karen on 07770 885080. To find out more and about our homeopathy first aid courses given by family homeopath Alison Harris, life coaching and meditation classes by Sue Bottomly and holistic styling please go to Leonie Schwarz's blog (www.leonieschwarz.wordpress.com).

Charity Zumbathon - Sunday 10th October from 1600 to 1800

If you are not familiar with Zumba, it's the biggest craze to hit the UK's health clubs in years! It really is great fun for all ages and abilities. It's a mix between Salsa and Rumba – so get those dancing shoes on and come and Zumba at Lifestyle Fitness, Lightwater Leisure Centre, Lightwater, Surrey GU18 5RG. The cost is £10 per person with all proceeds going to The Children's Trust. For further information, please contact Julia Hart on 01276 453878 or 07814 493908.

