

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*The cold dry weather has brought a welcome seasonal flavour to the school, much better than the normal wet fog of a standard late November! It also reminds us that we should all take special care on the roads and on the school drive.*

*Now that the exams are behind us we are beginning to turn our attention to various end of term activities. Good luck to the Colts A XI who are competing in the Surrey Cup Final tomorrow.*

## **Year 6 Common Entrance 11+ Registration**

If your child will be sitting the 11+ Common Entrance examination in Spring 2011, please could you contact either Mr Heanley ([j.heanley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:j.heanley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk)) or Mr Adams ([i.adams@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:i.adams@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk)) as we need to register them before 1<sup>st</sup> December. This applies to the relatively small number of pupils who leave us at the end of Year 6 and who are proceeding to schools which do not operate their own forms of assessment, but instead prefer their entrants to sit the CE 11+ exam (St. George's, Ascot is an example).

## **After School Clubs - Spring Term 2011**

Please find enclosed details of our After School Clubs programme for the Spring Term of 2011. If you wish to enrol your child/children in any of the clubs next term, please return the completed form to the School Office by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## **Lessons with Mrs Sykes**

For those parents whose children have lessons with Mrs Sykes, please be advised that her timetable will resume as normal next week.

## **Mufti Day and Cake Sale - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

There will be a Mufti Day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December in aid of The Children's Trust. Children taking part need to bring in £1 which should be handed to their Form Teachers. Middle School children will also be holding a Cake Sale at first break for anyone wishing to buy a cake. Children may bring in up to £2 to spend at the sale.

## **4TB Assembly - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

The children in 4TB would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Middle School Lunchtime Concert - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

An informal Middle School Lunchtime Concert will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 1245 to 1315 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.

## **Girls Only Boarding Night - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

The next 'Girls Only' night will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December for Years 4 and 5 only. The theme will be Christmas baking and decorations. There are only three places left so email Mrs Tilley ([l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk)) or telephone the School Office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

## **The Drive**

Please try to avoid arriving early for collection times at the end of the school day because it blocks the drive and pick-up area for everyone else. If you are collecting two or more children from different year groups please move on and join the back of the queue or park near, or on, the tennis courts. The barrier is there to remind you not to come down the drive until collection starts.

## **The Wizard of Oz**

The Spring Term will see us embark on this year's production, 'The Wizard of Oz'. We will be holding our preliminary auditions for Year 7 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November and for Year 6 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December within school hours. We will then call pupils back for further auditions as required. Do please encourage your child to have a go, even if he/she does not feel confident of getting a part. It is a valuable process to take part in, even if unsuccessful, and you just never know what might happen! We remind parents that parts for the main cast are limited but, as with previous shows, the production team always endeavour to include enthusiastic pupils wherever possible.

## **Sports News**

### Netball

24 <sup>th</sup> November v The Marist	1 <sup>st</sup> VII won, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VII won
24 <sup>th</sup> November v Bishopsgate	U11 VII lost, U10 A VII lost, U10 B VII won
25 <sup>th</sup> November v St. Andrew's	U9 VII lost, U8 VII won

### Junior House Netball Matches

On Monday and Tuesday this week the Year 3 and 4 girls all participated in House Netball Matches which provided two enjoyable afternoons of netball, despite the cold. The staff were impressed with the improvement that the girls have all made this season. The games were very close, but special mention should go to Eagles who won all their matches captained by Jessica Hammans. 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Kestrels; 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Hawks; 4<sup>th</sup> place - Falcons.

### Rugby

24 <sup>th</sup> November v Aldro	1 <sup>st</sup> XV lost, 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV won, 3 <sup>rd</sup> XII lost, Colts A XII won, Colts B XII won, Colts C IX won, U10 A IX won, U10 B IX won
25 <sup>th</sup> November v Hoe Bridge	U9 A IX lost, U9 B IX won, U9 C VII won, U9 D VII won

### King's House Rugby Tournament - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

The U10 and U9 squads are to meet at Hall Grove at 0750. Please ensure that the children are dressed warmly. King's House will inform us by 0745 if the tournament is to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

## **Girls' Clothing for Games**

Girls are allowed to wear a white base layer, their polo shirt, rugby top and black tracksuit top for games. The weather is particularly cold at the moment so the girls may also be dressed in their tracksuit bottoms. In addition, they can wear a Hall Grove grey woollen hat which can be purchased from the School Uniform Shop, as well as blue or black gloves but we would prefer that the gloves are the kind with grip to allow them to catch the balls or hold their hockey stick securely. For matches we ask that the girls wrap up well, but remove their tracksuit bottoms for the actual game.

## **Judo Competition - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 0900 - 1300**

Over fifteen schools are registered to compete at our annual Judo Competition. A full team list from all three of our judo classes is posted on the 'Other Sports' noticeboard so please check for your name. Children should arrive at 0930, the contests should start by 1000 and finish by 1300. Spectators are welcome. Visitors will be able to buy refreshments at the Christmas Fair.

## **Christmas Fair - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1100 - 1500**

Just a reminder that the Christmas Fair organised by Sebastian's Action Trust is next Saturday. Due to the Judo Competition, it is not being held in New Hall, but the Trust is putting up a heated marquee on the front drive outside the school - you should notice it next Friday! The Year Group stalls will be in the Wessex building this year with the obvious exception of the Year 7's Coconut Shy. Refreshments will be available in the Wessex courtyard. Please dress warmly! There will be lots of lovely things to buy in the main marquee from jewellery to presents for men, soft furnishings to Christmas decorations and everything in between. There is no need to buy a single Christmas present anywhere else - well almost ....

Many thanks in advance to all those volunteering to run and help with the Year Group stalls - your contributions are invaluable and make it such fun for the children.

*Sebastian's Action Trust*

## **Year 4 Bottle Tombola for the Christmas Fair**

Year 4 will once again be holding a Bottle Tombola and I would be very grateful for donations of bottles of champagne, wine, lemonade, bubble bath, ketchup or anything in bottles! A collection box is in the School Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*Mrs Chappell (Year 4 mother)*

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## **Santa Fun Run - This Saturday**

It's not too late to join the Santa Fun Run this Sunday around the lake at Virginia Water in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust. We have all ages signed up (the youngest is 3 months old and the oldest 83) and a mixture of serious runners and fun walkers too. Dogs welcome. Come along on the day to the entrance via the main car park next to the Wheatsheaf on the A30, registration is from 0900 and the run starts at 1000. Adults and older children who want Santa suits to run in £15; children £5 which includes a flashing Santa hat. Everyone participating gets a goodie bag at the end. For more information or to register online go to [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org)

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