

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Our congratulations to children, parents and staff for good attendance at school this week, even after heavy snow. At Hall Grove we work very hard to keep the school going if at all possible and a closure is a rare event; we recognise that working parents expect this of us. Once again we have seen heroic efforts from kitchen staff, groundsmen and cleaners. We are also very fortunate that the School Office is so competently operated and our special thanks and congratulations go to Sandra Bath for providing a full service and plenty of information for us all. The forecasts are for a thaw this weekend and then for the freeze to continue. We must wait and see what next week will bring!

Christmas Fair - Cancelled

Unfortunately, the adverse weather has meant that the Christmas Fair on Saturday, organised by Sebastian's Action Trust, has had to be cancelled. This is especially sad for those who have already spent time and energy organising their year group stalls. Instead, on the last day of term, as we listen to carols in the courtyard, we hope there will be an opportunity to knock over coconuts, play the lucky dip and the bottle tombola etc. More information will be sent out via year group organisers and the newsletter. In the meantime, Sebastian's Action Trust wishes you all a Merry Christmas and, if you do want to support the Trust, please pop into their offices in Sunninghill to buy some Christmas gifts.

Hall Grove Judo Competition - Cancelled

Due to the uncertainty of the weather, the Judo Competition on Saturday has had to be cancelled. We hope to reschedule it for next term.

Surrey Cup Champions!

Congratulations to the Colts A XI football team for winning the Surrey Cup Football Final last Saturday at the Chelsea Training Ground, Cobham. It was a very close and exciting game against Shrewsbury House, but Hall Grove came away with a 1-0 victory. Mr Tullett would like to congratulate all the players; it was a great team performance that rounded off a very successful season.

Mufti Day and Cake Sale

Middle School staff and pupils would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who baked or supplied us with cakes for our cake sale. Overall, with Mufti Day money included, we raised £617.57. A fantastic amount!

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 10th December. TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 16th December, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as places are limited and it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

After School Clubs - Spring Term 2011

The deadline for returning forms for next term's clubs was today. If you have missed the deadline but still wish to enrol your child/children for a club, please return your form to the School Office on Monday morning.

Please be aware that the following clubs are already full: Pre-Prep - Fun Food, Model Making, Ceramics, Construction, Puzzle and Chess; Middle School - Subbuteo, Shooting, Meccano, Ceramics and Fun Food.

Upper School Lunchtime Concert - Monday 6th December

An informal Upper School Lunchtime Concert will take place on Monday 6th December from 1315 to 1345 in New Hall. (Please note the date of the concert has been changed from Tuesday 7th December to Monday 6th December.) Parents of children selected to play in the concert have already been notified and a list has been posted on the 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.

Upper School Speaker - Monday 6th December

On Monday 6th December at 1630 we will welcome a Speaker for the Upper School – Tarquin Cooper. Tarquin is a journalist and adventurer who writes regularly for the Daily Telegraph, Financial Times and Men's Fitness magazine. His work has also appeared in The Times, Sunday Times and America's Outside Magazine. On television, he has presented for Channel 4's Adrenalin Rush series and contributed to TransWorld Sport and the National Geographic Channel. He recently returned from a 500 mile ski expedition across Norway with the Royal Marines. We are sure that children, staff and any parents attending will be looking forward to an interesting insight into his adventurous life.

If you wish to attend, please email Mr Adams (i.adams@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) in advance. Please note the pick up times for this event will be different from normal: **Year 6 at 1725, Year 7 at 1735 and Year 8 at 1745.**

3CM and 3VB Assembly - Thursday 9th December

The children in 3CM and 3VB would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 9th December. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pre-Prep Nativity - Thursday 9th December

The Pre-Prep Nativity is taking place on Thursday 9th December in New Hall, with an afternoon performance at 1400 and an evening performance at 1900. The Nativity should last approximately 40 minutes. On Thursday evening, the children should return to school in costume at 1840 and be taken to their classrooms. After the performance, the children will be taken back to their classrooms, ready for collection. Please do not take them directly from the hall. We request that you bring small siblings to the afternoon performance only.

Footsteps Dance Classes - Friday 10th December

Ms Stein would like to remind parents of children in Footsteps that she is holding a 'Watch Week' on Friday 10th December. Parents are welcome to attend.

Middle School Christmas Concert - Monday 13th December

On Monday 13th December all pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taking part in the Middle School Christmas Concert. The concert will start at 1900 and parents, grandparents and friends of the pupils performing will be most welcome to come along.

Pupils in Years 3 – 5 should be collected at 1600. Year 5 children must be returned to school for 1815 and Years 3 and 4 children between 1840 and 1845, coming straight to the Admiral Room. If you need your child in Years 3 to 5 to stay for supper, please let the School Office know by Friday 10th December.

'Hall Grove's Got Talent' - Thursday 16th December

'Hall Grove's Got Talent' is taking place on Thursday 16th December at 1000 in New Hall. Pupils of all ages are busy preparing music, songs, dance routines, comedy sketches and gymnastic displays! As with previous years, this event is produced by the children, for the children. However, parents are more than welcome to join the audience (or even as part of the show!).

Carol Service - Thursday 16th December

The Carol Service will be taking place on Thursday 16th December at 1630. All of Years 6, 7 and 8 will be taken to Windlesham Church from school. Parents and their guests are welcome to attend; it is a very special occasion with beautiful music and the church is candlelit. Children may be taken home from the church or from school at 1745.

End of Term Arrangements - Friday 17th December

Term ends on Friday 17th December. The collection times are as follows:

1100	Reception
1115	Years 1 and 2
1130	Years 3, 4 and 5
1145	Years 6, 7 and 8

Please ensure that the children have all been taken home by 1200; there is a staff meeting then so we are unable to look after stragglers. Older pupils may leave with their younger siblings.

Parents are invited to attend the informal gathering in the courtyard which starts at 1045. This is a nice way to say farewells before the Christmas break, eat a mince pie and have a cup of mulled wine; there is always a very jolly atmosphere. The drive will be closed and parking will be on the playing fields.

End of Term Christmas Presents

Last year we issued the following advice about gifts at the end of term:

“Whilst it is recognised that parents may wish to show their appreciation towards a particular teacher, there is certainly no requirement to do so. We do not encourage children to come in at the end of term with boxes of gifts to hand round”.

Neither do we wish to see presents exchanged between children at school. Christmas cards may be brought in during the last week of term and they are sorted and delivered through the internal Charity Post system organised by Year 8.

Impetigo

There has been a case of impetigo in school. This is highly contagious and presents itself as crusty and/or sore areas on the skin. If your child has unusual 'spots', please have them checked by your doctor who may prescribe medication. Your child should not attend school for at least forty eight hours from the start of the medication.

School Dates for 2011-2012

Autumn Term 2011

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December

Half Term: Saturday 22nd October – Sunday 6th November (inclusive)

Spring Term 2012

Monday 9th January – Wednesday 28th March

Half Term: Saturday 11th February – Sunday 19th February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2012

Tuesday 24th April – Wednesday 11th July

Half Term: Saturday 2nd June – Sunday 10th June (inclusive)

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Santa Fun Run

Last Sunday morning, 150 Santas – young and old plus a few with four legs – gathered at Virginia Water for the first ever Santa Fun Run organised by Sebastian's Action Trust. With entrants ranging in age from a sprightly eighty-three to a very cute four and a half months, it really was a family affair. However, it was nine year old Felix Stewart (Year 5) who defeated the rest of the field. He sprinted round the 6.7 km lake course in just under 30 minutes leaving numerous red-faced and puffing adult Santas in his wake! A huge thank you to all the Hall Grove families who supported the run with such enthusiasm.

Golf Gadget Website

Special discount for parents at the new golf gadget website. Use coupon code GGSHG at www.thegolfgadgetshop.com to buy those last minute Christmas gifts.

Coffee Morning and Sale - Thursday 9th December

Please join Karen Hurt and Tanya Thompson for a coffee morning and sale on Thursday 9th December at Sunnymede, Pound Lane, Windlesham, GU20 6BP. I am having one of my famous half price sales on scarves and cardigans (an 'everything really must go' sale!) and introducing Tanya's Touch. Please join us for mince pies and coffee after drop off. *Mrs Hurt*

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