

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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A very happy New Year to all our readers!

After a long Christmas break it was good to get school underway again this week and the children settled back into routines very quickly. We now look forward to the longer days and warmer weather of the Spring. Bring it on!

Christmas Fair

'Twas like a scene from 'White Christmas', with the snow falling and musicians playing carols as the school gathered in the courtyard for mulled wine, fun and games. Many thanks to all those who gave up their last morning of freedom to run the stalls and games, and to all those who supported with such enthusiasm and gusto. In total over £600 was raised that morning for Sebastian's Action Trust. Everyone at the Trust is so grateful to the Hall Grove community for their continued support and they wish you all a prosperous 2011.

Ski Trip

This year, the Hall Grove ski party went to Saas Grund in Switzerland during the Christmas holiday. All the pupils made good progress and had an exciting time in the Swiss Alps. The weather was excellent and the skiing exhilarating; many are already looking forward to next year's trip.

Spring Term 2011 School Calendar

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the Spring Term 2011 School Calendar.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs begin on Monday 17th January and run until Friday 25th March, inclusive.

Take Part in the Longest Ever School Football Match!

Thank you to all those taking part in the Charity Football Match on Sunday. It should be an exciting day and raise plenty of funds for Valley End Cricket Club to help secure the funds needed to build a dedicated centre for disabled and visually impaired cricketers at its Woodlands Lane ground. Enclosed is the running order for the day. You need only attend for the time your child is involved in the coaching session and match, however if you wish to stay longer you are most welcome. There are refreshments on sale throughout the day. Please note the tournament ends at 1330, not 1530 as previously announced. School sports kit and shin pads to be worn. Additional players most welcome - just turn up with your £10 donations.

Year 8 and Remove Field Trip - Monday 17th January

On Monday 17th January, Year 8 and all of the Remove group will be visiting Didcot Power Station, the Northmoor Environmental Centre and the Didcot Railway Museum. It should be a fascinating day.

Burns Night Supper - Friday 4th February

On Friday 4th February, the Graham family will be hosting an evening of revelry at Hall Grove to celebrate the life of Scotland's famous bard, Robbie Burns. There will be amusing speeches, music, poetry, song and, after a delicious meal, some light-hearted Scottish dancing for those who would like to give it a go (instruction included). The menu includes vegetarian options. If you would like to attend, please let the School Office know. The cost is £15 per head. Our previous years' suppers have been much enjoyed by Hall Grove parents and their guests. Don't miss this one!

The Royal Wedding - Friday 29th April

A number of parents have asked whether school will take place on Friday 29th April. Because the day falls so close to our beginning of term it is not practical to have another holiday. We will however mark the occasion in a suitable way (plans are already being made!) and we will make sure it is a fun day for all the children. They will all be able to watch the ceremony on a big screen.

Sports News

Netball

12th January v St. George's Windsor 1st VII and 2nd VII lost

12th January v Oakfield U10 B VII won

Girls' Hockey

12th January v Edgeborough U11 VII lost, U10 A VII won

12th January v Holme Grange U11 VII lost, U10 A won

13th January v Edgeborough U9 VII won

The U9 team had a difficult netball season but, despite the lack of success from a results perspective, the girls all made improvements and can be proud of their efforts. They played their first hockey match of the season against Edgeborough yesterday and the team were determined to do well. We dominated the game from the first whistle, scoring five good goals in the first half of the match and winning the game 10-1. It was a real team effort with a number of the girls scoring two or more goals. Well done to the Captain and Girl of the Match, Jessica Hammans.

Girls' Saturday Commitments

Next Saturday is the Years 5 to 8 Girls' Hockey House Matches, starting at 1000 - all the girls are expected to attend. On Saturday 29th January the Hall Grove U13 Hockey Tournament is taking place and all Years 7 and 8 girls should make themselves available as we will be entering two teams.

Rugby

12th January v Edgeborough 1st XV won, 3rd XII won, Colts A XII won, U10 A IX won, U10 B IX won

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 15th January

Rugby v Milbourne Lodge 1st XV, Colts A XII and U10 A IX to meet at Hall Grove at 0930 for home matches starting at 1000

Please note the changes from the information published in the Calendar: Milbourne Lodge have cancelled the 2nd XV match and we have transferred the Colts A XII fixture to Hall Grove due to water-logged pitches at Milbourne Lodge.

Pampered Chef Fundraising Event

Miss Dowse and Mrs Lewis would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Pampered Chef Fundraiser before Christmas. £127 was raised to go towards the forthcoming hockey tour!

Adult Ceramic Evening Classes

This term, the Ceramic Evening Classes are starting on Tuesday 18th January and Thursday 20th January at 1930. There are a couple of places available on each night. If you are feeling creative and fancy working with a variety of clay techniques, please telephone Miranda Dowse on 07951 572560.

Groove at the Grove 2011 - Saturday 2nd July - Web Designer Needed

Plans for this year's Groove at the Grove are well underway so please put Saturday 2nd July in your diaries in ink! We are hoping people will buy tickets online to reduce our volunteers' administration time and, as a result, we have concluded that we need a designated Groove at the Grove website. Is anyone out there willing to work with us to do this? If you can help, please contact me on 07769 655591.

Meirion Shaw

Woking Symphony Orchestra Family Concert - Saturday 15th January at 1530

The annual Family Concert is taking place tomorrow from 1530 at the HG Wells, Church Street East, Woking (above the Big Apple). All tickets are £5 and are available from the Box Office (01483 712710) or on the door. The concert lasts approximately one hour and there is the chance to 'meet the orchestra' and try out different instruments afterwards. The programme includes Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, Bach's Piano Concerto in D minor (with 13 year old soloist Harry Baker) and Danse Macabre by Saint-Saëns.
