

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Our very best wishes to the Choristers who are off on their exciting tour to the northern cities of York, Leeds and Manchester this weekend. Hall Grove is fast earning a reputation for the excellence of its choral music, this is the third time they have been invited to lead the BBC Radio 4 morning service. They may be heard in separate broadcasts 'live' on Wednesday 9th February and pre-recorded on Thursday 10th February, from 0945 to 1000. We will be holding a special Assembly on Wednesday to hear the live broadcast and all are welcome to join us.

Senior School Awards

The first of what we hope will be several awards were announced this week. Many congratulations to Deasil Waltho who has won a Music Exhibition to Sherborne School, and to Matthew Cook who has gained an All-Rounders Scholarship to Lord Wandsworth College.

Upper School Debate

The first big school debate for a number of years took place in New Hall on Thursday. There were excellent speeches on the subject of climate change and a lively exchange of views followed with many pupils displaying remarkably good knowledge of the subject. It was a most enjoyable event and the speakers deserve much credit for their oratory and debating skills.

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

28 th January v St. Neot's	U9 VII won
2 nd February v Feltonfleet	1 st VII won, 2 nd VII drew, U11 VII lost, U10 A VII won, U10 B VII won
3 rd February v Feltonfleet	U9 VII drew, U8 A VII won

Hall Grove U13 Girls' Hockey Tournament - Saturday 29th January

Four teams participated in the tournament on this very cold morning. Our 1st team had a slow start, losing convincingly to Edgeborough, but their second and third games produced two good wins, making them second in the group. Our 2nd team drew their first match against Holme Grange and lost their other two, but played well. In the final, the 1st team were keen to get their revenge on Edgeborough and had a very exciting match. In the last few seconds, Edgeborough just scored to make them the winners. Well done to all the girls who took part.

Rugby

2 nd February v Woodcote House	1 st XV won, 2 nd XV won, Colts A XII won, Colts B XII won
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Our rugby season this year has ended with Hall Grove achieving 60% wins or draws which is fantastic considering we play a very hard circuit. Well done to the boys and thank you to all the parents who have supported us throughout.

Senior Rugby Colours

Congratulations go to William Burton (Year 8) and Thomas Pheasey (Year 8) who were awarded senior house colours for rugby.

National Schools Rugby Tournament Regional Qualifications - Sunday 6th February

Details have been sent home this week for those involved. Please ensure the children bring plenty of warm clothing as the forecast is for poor weather.

Rugby Supper

It is hoped that we can organise an informal gathering of 1st XV players and their parents on the evening of Friday 11th February at 1900. We will share some photographs of the season and re-live some of the highlights. More details to follow next week.

Cross Country

Eagle House Girls' Cross Country

Congratulations to all the girls who competed at Eagle House on Thursday. The best individual performance of the day was from Lianne Lafreniere (Year 8) who won the U13 race comfortably showing the form that took her to the national 800m title last summer. The U10 girls performed well with a fine 5th and 6th place from Isabel Norrey and Zara Stewart (both Year 5), contributing to the team coming 3rd overall.

Sunningdale Boys' Cross Country Relays

The boys' team competed at the Sunningdale Relays on Thursday and should be proud of their efforts. The junior and senior team both finished in a very creditable 3rd place. Every boy ran himself into the ground and we could ask for no more. Well done.

Headlice

There have been cases of headlice reported in all sections of the school. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation.

Elite Activity Camps

Please find enclosed a leaflet from Elite Activity Camps giving details of the Summer Day Camps they will be running at Hall Grove from 25th July to 26th August.
