

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*This has been a busy half term and the children are tired and ready for a good rest. The second half of term is just five weeks long, and there is a lot to pack in. We will be rehearsing hard for the school musical, there are competitions for Music and Poetry, outings, field trips, matches, tournaments and, for the senior pupils, exams and academic scholarships. We wish you all a refreshing holiday.*

## **Engagement Announcements**

We offer our warmest congratulations to Mr William Sutton on his recent engagement to Miss Catherine Bishop and to Miss Lucy Felmingham on her engagement to Captain John Cockburn. Our very best wishes to both couples.

## **Middle School Parent Interview Schedules**

Middle School parents will find enclosed the schedules for the Parent Interviews taking place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## **Middle School Clubs - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

The Meccano, Shooting and Subbuteo Clubs on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February will not be running due to the Middle School Parent Interviews. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## **Chatterbox Challenge for Reception - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Reception is joining together with Little Grove for a half hour 'Chatterbox Challenge'. At 1100 the children will take part in a nationwide Guinness Book of Records attempt to get as many Early Years settings across the country as possible singing 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' for five minutes. The challenge will then continue until 1130 as they perform more favourite nursery rhymes and actions. We invite the Reception children to bring in a £1 donation for the challenge organisers 'I CAN' and 'Hello' who raise money for children with communication difficulties. We will be making hats and carrying out other nursery rhyme related activities to celebrate the event.

## **Three Villages Supper - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

A reminder that we are hosting an informal supper on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It will be a convivial gathering and an inexpensive evening out. If you missed the Burns Supper don't miss this one! All Hall Grove parents and their friends are most welcome to attend. Please notify the School Office if you would like to book a place. No tickets issued, you can pay on the night (£10 per head).

## **Instrumental Competition**

The Instrumental Competition will be taking place towards the end of this term. The competition will be divided into sections, taking place over four different mornings. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to perform in a friendly environment and receive constructive feedback from external adjudicators. We would encourage all pupils who play an instrument to take part, even if they have not yet completed their preparation and are only able to play a portion or, in the case of pianists, just with one hand. Entry forms for pupils who have lessons outside school are available from the Music Department after half term. If you have any queries, please contact Miss Taylor ([r.taylor@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:r.taylor@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) or 01276 470008).

## **Supermarket Vouchers**

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2011 vouchers which are currently being issued for every £10 spent in stores and we will be collecting the Tesco Computers for Schools vouchers to be issued from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. We would be grateful if you would send in any vouchers that you receive.

## Art for Youth

We have been approached by the charity UK Youth ([www.ukyouth.org.uk](http://www.ukyouth.org.uk)) with a request for us to host a fund-raising exhibition called Art for Youth. The work on show will include paintings, sculpture and ceramics from around sixty local and national artists as well as a display by some of our own school children. We would be supporting a charity which provides a lifeline for thousands of under-privileged young people to bring them back into society and give them hope for their future. UK Youth also works with young carers, and a percentage of the funds raised will go to Sebastian's Action Trust.

The event would be organized by UK Youth with the help of a committee drawn from interested parents, local contacts and representatives from the school. There will be a Private View for parents, local friends and family and a public Open Day. Corporate sponsorship is key to the event going ahead. The set up costs, panelling, lighting, supplies etc will be around £8,000 and, once these costs are covered, all funds raised can go to the charities. Previous Art for Youth sponsors in London, Yorkshire and Oxford have included Savills, Strutt & Parker, Amlin, Flemings, JP Morgan, Newtons and Cazenove Capital Management. Sponsorship includes a Sponsors Evening with logos and corporate information on the invitations and on display at the event. If any parents are interested in exhibiting, being on the committee or in corporate sponsorship please contact the School Office.

## Lost Property

Over half-term, please ensure all your child's possessions are clearly and securely named, including all footwear. There is a huge amount of lost property which cannot be returned as it is unnamed. If items of uniform are purchased from the School Exchange, please remember to remove the old name tapes and replace with your child's own name.

## Sports News

### Girls' Hockey

16 <sup>th</sup> February v Oakfield	1 <sup>st</sup> VII won
16 <sup>th</sup> February v St. Andrew's	2 <sup>nd</sup> VII lost, U11 VII won, U10 A VII won
16 <sup>th</sup> February v Claremont	U10 B VII won

### Boys' Hockey

16 <sup>th</sup> February v Edgeborough	1 <sup>st</sup> XI drew, 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI won, Colts A XI won, Colts B XI won, U10 A VII won, U10 B VII won
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### Calendar Addition - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March we are competing at the Feltonfleet Rugby Sevens Tournament. Boys who are selected will be notified after half-term. This tournament will be in preparation for the IAPS National Small School Sevens Tournament being held at Oundle School on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## Hockey Tour to Sherborne

We wish all the boys who left for the Year 6 hockey tour today the very best of luck. We know they will have a great time and we wish to thank Sherborne and Mr Heanley for organising this tour.

## Hockey Masterclass - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

For the second year running we have had a great response to the Hockey Masterclass taking place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please arrive promptly for a 0900 start.

## Football Kits for Gambian Children

Mrs Wills (mother of Adam in Year 6) has written to say that her parish is making a collection of unwanted football shirts and shorts and will send them to The Gambia as Gambian children love English football and are keen on English football shirts. If you have any old 'Premier League' type shirts or shorts that your children no longer want, please consider donating them to the collection. Donations should be handed to Mr Tullett or Mr Tomlinson in the Sports Office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March as the shipment deadline is mid-March. For further information, please contact Julia Wills on 07811 871365.

## Thank you

The Wallace family (Cameron - Year 5 and Lily - Year 2) would like to thank everyone for their support in raising money for the Neuro Intensive Care Unit at St. George's, Atkinson Morley Hospital in Tooting. The hugely generous amount of £3,958 was donated by Hall Grove families and friends which has helped us reach our target currently standing at £80,918. On 10<sup>th</sup> February, we were very proud winners of the JustGiving Award for Fundraisers of the Year 2011. *Mrs Wallace*

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## 'My Little Shoe Box'

'My Little Shoe Box', a new children's shoe shop, opens in Sunninghill this Saturday. Owned by Debbie and Steve Beeching, parents of Maddy in Reception, it provides a shoe fitting service from keeping your baby's toes snug, through their first little steps until leaving school. Offering exciting European school and fashion brands for boys and girls including shoes by Spanish designer Agatha Ruiz de la Prada with her trademark hearts and flowers including her ranges Garvalin and Biomechanics, also Petasil from Portugal, beautiful soft baby shoes from New Zealand designer Bobux, while stylish young ladies will love funky designs by Pom d'api and Mod8 from France. The brands will continue to be expanded and just next month we will add Terra Plana and Birkenstock. Please do pop in and see us at 29D High Street, Sunninghill, 01344 870206.

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