

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*After a magnificent blast of late Summer we now seem to be plunging into Autumn! The boys and girls continue to give of their best in the classroom and on the sports pitches. There are some exciting events coming up, and half-term is only two weeks away. Where has the time gone?!*

## Staff News

Following the news last week of Mr and Mrs Tullett's baby boy, we can now also offer our warmest congratulations to Mr Adams (Deputy Head) and his fiancée on the birth of their daughter, Florence Mara.

After 18 years as a sports coach at Hall Grove, Clive Towler has decided that this is the time for him to retire from his duties and he will leave the school at the end of the football season at half term. During his years at Hall Grove, Mr Towler has coached many teams very successfully and he has been a staunch supporter of the school. He will be much missed.

Lucy Felmingham (part-time Latin Teacher) has recently been absent because of illness. We are very sad that she has subsequently tendered her resignation. We wish her a speedy recovery to full health and our very best wishes for the future.

## Middle School Dance Celebration - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October the Middle School Dance Celebration is taking place in New Hall. It will start at 1800 and we anticipate it finishing before 1900. Please collect the children at their normal home time (clubs will be running that day) and return them to their form rooms no later than 1745, fully changed ready for the performance. Please then take a seat in New Hall by 1755. At the end of the show the children will be taken back to their form rooms for collection. We hope you enjoy the celebration!

If you would prefer your child to remain at school prior to the performance, please inform the School Office by the end of Monday and we will be happy to provide supervision and a substantial snack. After school clubs will be running that day so a substantial snack will be provided to those children participating in a club.

## The Oarsman's Supper- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

A fun, inexpensive evening out in anticipation of the 2012 rowing events at Dorney Lake, Eton. The event is in aid of the Bryanston School Boat Club and their supporters, The Buffaloes. All are very welcome. The guest speaker is Hall Grove parent and rowing legend Toby Hessian, with some fantastic prizes (including Olympic Rowing tickets) to be auctioned by former Hall Grove parent, Fabian Hine. Details from the School Office or on the website.

## Books, Books, Books

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Book Fair. All children in Reception to Year 5 will be brought to the Old Library by their teachers to choose a book. Their choice will be written down and sent home. Years 6 to 8 children will be able to visit the Old Library during break and lunch periods to peruse the stock. Please be aware that you are under no obligation to buy. Payment for orders can be made by cash or cheque (cheques made payable to Hall Grove School Ltd please). There will be a number of excellent bargains available from only £2.99, as well as reduced price new titles and Annuals. Parents are welcome to come and browse on Monday and Wednesday between 1520 and 1630.

## Degas and the Ballet, Picturing Movement - 17<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> December

Parents of children in Year 6 may be interested to know that the Royal Academy of Arts, London, is currently presenting a wonderful exhibition by Edgar Degas. Renowned for his beautiful pictures of the Ballet and his preoccupation with movement, this exhibition fits perfectly with our current Art topic of 'People in Action' and would make a super day out in half term.

## Music Department

Being a chorister is a commitment; expectations are high. Choristers enjoy singing, are good at listening and watching, are amazing team players and have a willingness to be challenged. There are a few spaces for additional choristers, so if any child in Year 3 and above thinks that this description fits them they should speak to me to arrange an audition. The choristers are currently in excellent voice and plenty of exciting events are being planned for the coming year; the enjoyment and opportunities associated with this commitment far outweigh the hard work and effort. From next week, choristers will also be rehearsing on Friday mornings at 0800. If this is a particular problem for anyone, do please let me know.

Instrumental and singing lessons are going very well this term thanks to our dedicated team of peripatetic staff. There are a handful of bills still outstanding for the term; please ensure yours has been paid. If you are wishing your child to start instrumental or singing lessons in January, please let me know as soon as possible because some instrumental lists are nearly full or have waiting lists. Perhaps your child's instrument of choice is not currently offered at Hall Grove – do please ask as I am happy to arrange tuition on most instruments if there is interest. Please note that Mr Branch has changed his teaching day to Wednesday next week, and that he will not be in at all the following week due to performing commitments in Tel Aviv.

*Mrs Salmond Smith*

## Sports News

### Netball

30<sup>th</sup> September v Bishopsgate: U9 A won, U9 B drew, U9 C won

30<sup>th</sup> September v Hurst Lodge: U11 A won, U10 A won, U8 A won, U8 B won

1<sup>st</sup> October – King Edward's Witley Tournament: U11 A semi-finalists, U11 B 4<sup>th</sup> in division

5<sup>th</sup> October v Yateley Manor: 1<sup>st</sup> VII lost, U11 A won, U11 B drew, U10 lost

### Netball Fixture Cancellation

The Bishopsgate Netball Tournament on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled.

### Football

1<sup>st</sup> October v Lambrook: 1<sup>st</sup> XI won, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI drew, Colts A lost, U10 A drew, U10 B won

4<sup>th</sup> October v Northcote Lodge (Surrey Cup): 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost after extra time

5<sup>th</sup> October v Yateley Manor: 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI won, Colts A won, Colts B drew, U10 A drew, U10 B won, U10 C won, U10 D lost, U10 E lost

5<sup>th</sup> October v Caldicott: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> XI won

6<sup>th</sup> October v Lambrook: U9 A drew, U9 B lost, U9 C won, U9 D won

### Weekend Fixtures – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Football v Feltonfleet: Colts A to meet at Hall Grove at 0930 for a home match starting at 1000. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, U10 A and U10 B are to meet at 0900 at Hall Grove for away matches starting at 1000 (kick-off for the U10 B fixture will be at 1030). The Colts B fixture has been cancelled.

National U13 6-a-side regional qualifiers at Crosfields: the team should meet Mr Tomlinson at Crosfields at 0930.

### Additional Football Fixtures

The Colts A will be competing in the Surrey Cup quarter-final against Parkside on the afternoon of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at home starting at 1430.

## The Hall Grove 'Greensomes' Golf Competition – Saturday 22nd October

This term's Golf Competition will be held in a 'Greensomes' format, i.e. teams of two made up of a child and an adult. This is a lovely opportunity for children to play around the upgraded 9 hole course in a fun competition with an adult partner of their choice. It is open to every pupil with an adult golf partner. The Competition will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the hope that any Grandparents visiting for the previous day's Grandparents' Afternoon will be able to join in. The cost is £15 per team and there are trophies to be won! Please see the booking form attached for further information or contact Caroline Grant (caroline.windsor@tfigroup.com or 01276 858348/07770 755584).

## Hall Grove Adult Netball – Wednesday Evenings from 1930 – 2045

We play for fitness and fun and to improve our netball skills with the help of our coach, Michelle Riddy, a Hall Grove mum. All standards are welcome so don't worry if you haven't played since school. Come along to our **New Players' Evening** on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and try it out with other new recruits. All you need is your trainers. We look forward to seeing you on the courts by TASC. Call Caroline Grant if you have any queries in advance 01276 858348 or 07770 755584.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the wonderful people who baked delicious cakes, biscuits and scones, donated tasty treats, guessed the weight of the apple (818g), served and drank coffee and helped to raise just over £511 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

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## Au Pair Wanted

If anyone knows of an au pair looking to work with two young boys, working parents and a family dog, please contact Amanda Whiteley at [awhitele@cisco.com](mailto:awhitele@cisco.com) or on 07730 781396.

## **For Sale**

Volvo V40 SE Auto. September 2003. MOT and recent service with FSH. Very low mileage 38,900 miles. Please see <http://gallery.me.com/johnbrennen777/100028> for photos. Many extras including built-in child seats, electric heated front seats, electric sunroof and air conditioning and many more. Comes with all the famous Volvo safety features. Extremely reliable, low maintenance motoring as a possible back-up/nanny car and with built-in child seats there's the convenience of not having to transfer/buy a set of cumbersome child seats. £3,800 ono. If interested, please contact Pia or John at [johnbrennen777@me.com](mailto:johnbrennen777@me.com) or on 01276 453343.

