

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What a busy week this has been! Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm, mathematicians to Cranleigh for Enigma style code breaking, orchestra to Wellington, Year 6 to Warwick Castle, Year 5 to HMS Victory, Middle School dance performances and lots of children involved in inter-school matches. Tomorrow we look forward to House Football, all boys and girls in Years 3 - 8 welcome, and lots of support from the touch lines.

"Do you love me... now that I can dance?"

Congratulations to the children in Middle School who treated parents and siblings to a thrilling spectacle on Wednesday evening. With a full auditorium, disco lighting and inspiring routines the atmosphere in New Hall was electric. Pupils found a groove that John Travolta himself would have been proud of. Thank you to all parents for providing such amazing costumes. With so much of the children's own work and creativity on display it really was a night to remember.

Videos of the performances are now ready for viewing on the Hall Grove website. If you would like to buy a copy of the DVD priced at £5 per copy, please complete the form attached with this newsletter and return it to the School Office together with your payment (cheques should be made payable to Hall Grove School Ltd).

The Oarsman's Supper- Saturday 15th October

Dress informal, cash bar, music and games; a super evening is in store. Fantastic auction prizes including tickets for the Chelsea match next week, a weekend in Jersey, Olympic rowing tickets and many more. Bookings can be made up until 1800 this evening.

Year 8 to West Wittering - Monday 17th October

On Monday Year 8 will go on a Geography field trip to the coast. Since this is a routine visit, within school hours and with no significant safety issues, consent forms have not been sent out. If a child is unable to go please inform the School Office. The children should wear school tracksuits and bring a coat. Packed lunches will be provided by the school.

Book Fair - Monday 17th to Thursday 20th October

The Book Fair is taking place next week in the Old Library. All children from Reception to Year 5 will be brought by their teachers to choose a book. Their choice will be written down and sent home. Children from Years 6 to 8 will be able to visit the Fair during break and lunch periods. 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). Parents are welcome to come and browse on Monday and Wednesday between 1520 and 1630.

Open Morning - Thursday 20th October

Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 20th October from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

Harvest Festival Assembly - Friday 21st October

We are holding a special Harvest Festival Assembly at 0840 on Friday 21st October and all parents are welcome to attend. If you are able to come, please be in New Hall by 0830. Those children who would like to bring in any tinned, packet or home-made produce (eg fruit, vegetables, chutney, jam, cakes, etc) should take it to New Hall from 0815 on Friday morning. The gifts will be donated to elderly people living in Bagshot.

Grandparents' Afternoon - Friday 21st October

We would like to invite all grandparents to visit the school on the afternoon of Friday 21st October from 1400. Middle and Upper School children will meet their grandparents at that time to show them around. Pre-Prep grandparents are invited to listen to their grandchildren sing a few short songs in New Hall starting at 1400 after which their grandchildren will be available to show them round the school. Concert Band will be performing, weather permitting, at the top of the school drive at 1430. Years 3 and 4 children will sing a few short songs in New Hall at 1500. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon and there will be 'open lessons' and activities which the visitors are welcome to observe, as well as shopping at the (mostly) French Market.

Harvest Fair and French Market - Friday 21st October

Along with Grandparents' afternoon, there will be the annual farmers' market on the school drive. The market opens at 1400; come along and buy your pumpkins for halloween, honey, lamb, sausages, vegetables, plants, homemade goodies etc all supplied by local artisans. There will also be a petting farm, sheep shearing and loads of children's displays. Please do come and support it.

We also need your help - with cakes for the cake stall, home-grown produce for the fruit and veg stall and volunteers to help on the day so please bring your contributions in to the School Office next week or let Mrs Bath know what help you can provide.

The Great Hall Grove Bake-Off

The Great Bake-Off is back. Who will be crowned the best cake baker in the school for 2011? There are no rules except that the cake must be homemade and please tell us whether it was just baked by a child or was made with adult help. Judging will take place at the Harvest Fair and French Market on Grandparents' afternoon next Friday. Please bring your cakes to Miss Dowse in the Food Cabin on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning in a named tin or tupperware container. There will be a number of prizes including best child-made, most delicious, best decorated and the most French (interpret that as you like). The entry fee is £5 which will be donated to charity. So get baking!

Judo - Friday 21st October

Reminder: Judo will not be running on Friday 21st October as Mr Fricker has a Judo commitment in Paris.

Friends of Hall Grove - Wednesday 9th November

There will be a brainstorming get-together on Wednesday 9th November in the Admiral Room from 1830 and all parents are welcome to attend. Please bring along your ideas and enthusiasm so we can discuss events, plan dates for the diary and allocate responsibilities. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs Leech

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.

'My Trip to Wellington' by Thomas Hazell (Year 6)

On Thursday 6th October, fifteen Hall Grove students went to the 'Chemistry Spectacular' at Wellington College. All sorts of bamboozling tricks were performed using many elements, from exploding balloons to dry ice - there was something for everyone! Hall Grove's own Troy Walker aided the experiments by having fairy bubbles (containing hydrogen and oxygen) 'blown up' on his own hand (you'll have to ask Troy what it felt like!). My favourite experiment was the liquid nitrogen banana hammer in which a banana was dipped in liquid nitrogen. It was then used to hammer a nail into chipboard! In another experiment, on the hotter end of the scale, iron was made. The container, in which there were several elements, was heated to over 2000°C. When it was hot enough, the cap on the bottom melted and molten iron poured out. Overall, I think this was a brilliant trip and, given the chance, I would definitely do it again.

Year 2 Football Demonstration for Parents - Monday 17th October

Year 2 parents are welcome to watch the Year 2 football lesson on Monday 17th October from 1320 to 1420 after which they are invited to go to the pavilion for refreshments.

Sports News

Netball

7th October v St. Neot's: U9 A won, U9 B won and U8 A won

12th October v St. Neot's: 1st VII lost, U11 A drew, U10 A lost, U10 B drew

12th October v Lyndhurst: U11 B lost

13th October v Cranleigh: U9 A lost, U8 won

13th October v St. Andrew's: U9 B lost

Netball Calendar Amendment - Thursday 20th October

The U9 A and B matches on Thursday 20th October are against Oakfield School, Pyrford, and not Luckley-Oakfield as stated in the Calendar.

Football

8th October v Feltonfleet: 2nd XI lost, U10 A drew, U10 B drew

8th October - U13 National 6-a-side Regional Qualifiers at Crosfields: The team finished 3rd in group and missed out on the semi-final by goal difference

11th October v Parkside (Surrey Cup): Colts A lost on penalties

12th October v Sunningdale: 1st XI won, 2nd XI won, 3rd XI drew, 4th XI drew, Colts A won, Colts B won, Colts C won

12th October v King's House: U10 A won, U10 C won, U10 B, D and E lost

13th October v Yateley Manor: U9 A lost, U9 B drew, U9 C won, U9 D drew

13th October v Parkside and Hawthorns: U8 A and D lost to Parkside and Hawthorns, U8 B lost to Parkside and won against Hawthorns, U8 C lost to Parkside C team and drew with Parkside D team, U8 E drew with Parkside and Hawthorns

Football House Matches - Saturday 15th October

Years 3 and 4 house matches start at 0900 and Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 matches start at 1030. Children should wear their house t-shirts. Girls are more than welcome to participate in what is always an exciting morning of football. *Please note the change of start time for Years 5 - 8 from that stated in the Calendar.*

National Indoor Hockey Finals - Saturday 29th January 2012

Mr Marland is planning a trip to watch the National Indoor Hockey Finals at Wembley Arena on Sunday 29th January for children in Years 6, 7 and 8. Indoor hockey is a very fast paced game, played at a high speed, with non-stop action and a high level of skill. The indoor competition is a six-a-side version, where goals are guaranteed, in lightning-quick, twenty minute halves. This final is the culmination of regional rounds and will see the best players in the country battling it out for the national title; it should provide a fantastic day's entertainment for the children. They would get to see four matches - two semi-finals and a final for both men and women. Initially Mr Marland is just gauging interest, so please email him at e.marland@hallgrove.co.uk for more information or if you think your child might be interested in going.

Northbrook Gift Wrap Sale

If you wish to place an order this year, please return your Gift Wrap forms to the School Office by Wednesday 19th October.

Operation Christmas Child

As many of you will remember, we have in previous years taken part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse and each shoe box provides a Christmas gift for a girl or boy who is a victim of war, poverty, famine, disease or natural disaster. Leaflets have been sent home with the children today containing details of how to fill the shoe boxes. Please include a donation (recommended donation is £2.50 per box) which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. If you would like to donate more, any extra will go towards supporting disadvantaged families. Cheques should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Alternatively, you can pay online. Giving online makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to make your donation. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by Friday 11th November.

Reminder: 'Greensomes' Golf Competition - Saturday 22nd October

This term's Golf Competition will be held in a 'Greensomes' format, i.e. teams of two comprising a child and an adult. This is a lovely opportunity for children to play around the upgraded nine 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 22nd 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! The booking form was attached to last week's newsletter email. For further information, please contact Caroline Grant (caroline.windsor@tfigroup.com or 01276 858348/07770 755584).

Found

A 'Links' bracelet has been found. If you think it may belong to you, please contact the School Office.

Mother's Help/Nanny/Babysitter Available

Fancy some child-free Christmas shopping? A day to yourself? A reliable babysitter? I am a mother of three children at university and am available for childcare until 20th November. Own transport. Private pre-school and personal references are available. £10 per hour. If interested, please call me, Nikki Leader, on 07968 552998.

