

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Our thanks and congratulations to members of the Choir and the Concert Band for leading our Remembrance Service today. It was a moving occasion enhanced by beautiful music and some poignant slides.*

*Years 5,6,7 and 8 will be in action on the Rugby pitches tomorrow at the House Rugby Festival. It is always an exciting occasion and we hope there will be a big crowd of supporters.*

## **Part-time Latin Teacher**

We would like to welcome Mrs Lucy Jackson (BA Classics - Bristol, PGCE) to Hall Grove. Mrs Jackson has worked in industry, but latterly as a Latin and Greek private tutor and a sessional lecturer and course manager at Bracknell and Wokingham College.

## **Senior Schools' Information Evening**

This was regarded as being a successful occasion and parents said they found it to be interesting and informative. The visiting schools all commented on what a friendly and welcoming group of children, parents and staff they met during the evening.

The School Office has a list of senior schools with connections to Hall Grove which includes outline details of entry requirements. Please remember that the Headmaster is always ready to advise parents on an individual basis.

## **Year 6 Parent Interview Schedules**

The Year 6 schedules were sent home with the children on Tuesday for the Parent Interviews taking place on Monday and Wednesday of next week.

## **Year 6 Common Entrance 11+ Registration**

Please contact/e-mail either Mr Lewis ([t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk)) or Mrs Vernon-Smith ([j.vernon-smith@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:j.vernon-smith@hallgrove.co.uk)) if your child will be sitting the Spring 2012 11+ Common Entrance examination as they need to be registered by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This applies to any pupils in Year 6 who are proceeding to schools which do not operate their own forms of assessment but, instead, prefer their entrants to sit the 11+ CE exam. St George's, Ascot and St Swithun's, Winchester are amongst the schools which do this.

## **4TB Assembly - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

The children in 4TB would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall at 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **School Photographs - Gillman and Soame**

Order envelopes of the recently taken individual school photographs and, where applicable, family group photographs have been sent home with the children this week. They contain a proof card and instructions on how to order via the internet or by post direct to Gillman and Soame. Please be aware that the deadline for ordering is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and orders placed after that date can incur a late charge.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Our thanks to all those who have donated Christmas boxes under the Samaritan's Purse scheme. We have a growing number in the entrance lobby awaiting collection and would be delighted to receive more. Please ensure that each box has a payment envelope inside, as directed in the leaflet sent home before half-term.

## Music Department

This week we were very happy to have our peace shattered by Pipe Major Graham Waller and his trusty bagpipes. Children in Years 3 to 6 were treated to workshops, and a lucky few even had the opportunity to try to get a sound from the pipes. We heard all about how they work, what they can be made from, and even found out about highland dress. Mr Waller is a very experienced, inspirational teacher and performer; several keen-eyed individuals even recognised him as the piper from James May's 'Man Lab' earlier this week! We are very lucky to be able to offer the bagpipes as an additional instrument for Hall Grove pupils to learn on an individual basis – beginners use a practice chanter rather than a full set of pipes, so it's not even as noisy as you may think. Do please email me ([l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk)) if your child is interested in lessons or if you have any questions.

*Mrs Louise Salmond Smith*

## Sports News

### Netball

9<sup>th</sup> November v Feltonfleet: 1<sup>st</sup> VII lost, U11 A won, U11 B won, U10 lost

10<sup>th</sup> November v Feltonfleet: U9 B won, U8 A and B lost

### Football

8<sup>th</sup> November v Sunningdale: U10 won, U9 lost

10<sup>th</sup> November v Yateley Manor: U8 A, B, C and D lost, U8 E drew

### Rugby

9<sup>th</sup> November v Eagle House: 1<sup>st</sup> XV lost, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV drew, 3<sup>rd</sup> XV won, Colts A lost, Colts B won, Colts D won

### Rugby House Matches – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 are to meet at Hall Grove at 0910 for the House Matches starting at 0930. We anticipate that the matches will finish at 1100. The children should wear their house t-shirt. Please be aware that parking will be tight, but the netball courts will be open for cars. The tennis coaching will take place on the Astro.

### Calendar Amendments for Hoe Bridge fixtures on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

U10 C and D v Hoe Bridge are now home fixtures starting at 1430

3<sup>rd</sup> XII match has been re-arranged and their opponents are now Aldro. The match will be an away fixture starting at 1430.

## National Indoor Hockey Finals – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012

If any more children are interested in attending the National Indoor Hockey Finals at Wembley Arena on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January (see Newsletter 383 for more information) please let Mr Marland know via email at [e.marland@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:e.marland@hallgrove.co.uk) as soon as possible.

## Olympic Torch Relay

During the half-term holidays, Mr and Mrs Campbell were notified by BMW UK that Saskia (HG Old Girl) has been chosen to be a torch-bearer for the 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. She was nominated by BEN – The Automotive Industry Charity based in Sunninghill. Saskia took on the 50km Just Bike cycle challenge in October 2009 to thank BEN for looking after her grandmother during her final weeks, completing the demanding route around the South Downs (which most of the adult participants found difficult) and managed to raise £1991.00 – one fifth of the total money raised during the entire event. We are very pleased for Saskia that she has been awarded this once in a lifetime opportunity.

## Harvest Service

Representatives from the School Council accompanied Mr Graham and Mrs Vernon-Smith to the Bagshot Alms Houses (Meade Court) to distribute some of the harvest gifts. These were gratefully received on behalf of the residents and we have had some lovely thank you letters. Meade Court was re-built thanks to generous support of the Clanwilliam family who lived at Hall Grove from the early 1900s until 1955. It is good to keep up the connection.

## Farmers' Market and Cake Competition

The Farmers' Market was a great success raising a fantastic total of £1,594 so far for Sebastian's Action Trust, with still more coming in. Thank you to all involved and a special thanks to the visiting grandparents.

A huge thank you goes to all the cake bakers who entered the competition on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We raised approximately £430 for the above charity from entry fees and cake sales. The winners were announced at the Farmers' Market:

Best Taste: Emily Clark (Year 4) for her Lemon Drizzle Cake and Archie Graham (Year 3) for his Coffee Cake

Best Child-made: Isobel and Sophia Burford (Years 3 and 1, respectively)

Best Decorated Cupcakes: Alice Myers (Year 6)

Best Chocolate Entry: Grace Millar (Year 4)

Best French Theme: Alexander Uphill (Year 3)

## **Friends of Hall Grove - Save the Dates!**

Thank you to all those who attended the Friends of Hall Grove meeting on Wednesday evening. I am pleased to announce that we have fixed some dates for the calendar. The Staff will be hosting a Curry Night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February to which all parents are invited. A Summer Ball will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Jackie Vandenberg will be hosting a meeting regarding the Ball on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 2000 so please contact Jackie if you will be attending or are interested in helping (jackie@vdbergs.com). Please remember to keep Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July free for the ever-popular Groove at the Grove and contact Meirion Shaw if you are keen to help (slot.shaw@virgin.net).

*Mrs Paula Leech*

## **Golf 'Greensomes' Competition**

It was great to see so many participants in our latest golf tournament which took place on the first Saturday of the half term holiday. The format this term was an adult/junior greensomes, which allowed the juniors to be accompanied and guided round by an adult partner. This term we saw no less than fifteen children competing in the Reception - Year 2 age group, which is providing invaluable playing experience for our younger pupils. As always, the standard was very high with two of the categories being decided on a scorecard count back. The best scores of the day came from Alex Wessely and Jamie Grant, both posting a score of 32. Well done to all the winners and runners-up and we look forward to seeing everyone at next term's golf competition.

Prizes (to be awarded at an Assembly):

Reception - Year 2 Trophy: Winner - Shrey Rawal (Year 2) and Kunal Rawal with a score of 33. Runner-up - James Brash (Reception) and Chris Brash with a score of 35.

Years 3 and 4 Trophy: Joint winners - Danny Wessely (Year 4) and Lucy Wessely / George Freeman (Year 4) and David Freeman - both with a score of 34.

Years 5 and 6 Trophy: Winner - Charlie Brennen (Year 6) and John Brennen with a score of 37. Runner-up - Troy Walker (Year 6) and Roy Bateman with a score of 40.

Years 7 and 8 Trophy: Joint winners - Alex Wessely (Year 7) and Jason Wessely / Jamie Grant (Year 8) and Chris Grant - both with a score of 32.

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## **Woking Symphony Orchestra Concert - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

There will be a Woking Symphony Orchestra Concert taking place at 1930 on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at HG Wells, Church Street East, Woking, with a pre-concert talk from 1845. Price: £12 for adults and £6 for children. Tickets are available from the Box Office (01483 712710), from Lucy Wessely (07946 869519) or on the door. Programme highlights include Elgar's Cello Concerto and music by Vaughan-Williams and Bax.

## **Make Room For Christmas!**

The Children's Trust is opening a new Charity shop within Surrey and it would be very grateful for any items you are able to donate. TCT charity bags will be sent home via the children next week for you to use for all your old clothes, toys, books and anything that has been lying around for ages. If you are able to donate, please bring your filled bag to school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November and drop it at Leo's Workshop (opposite the Uniform Shop) where a Children's Trust van will collect all the bags at the end of the day. If you require any further information, please contact Julia Hart on 07814 493908. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **'Ladies Who Care' Lunches**

Temple Spa is hosting another series of the popular 'Ladies Who Care' lunches at Bluebells Restaurant, Sunningdale, on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. All proceeds will go to The Children's Trust. For further details go to [www.thechildrestrust.org.uk/ladieswhocare](http://www.thechildrestrust.org.uk/ladieswhocare) or to book your tickets contact Ela Klein on 07963 975737. Spaces are limited so early booking is advisable.

## **Need help planning your next holiday or looking for the best deals?**

Are you thinking about skiing, Winter sun or wanting to make the most of cheap flights and early booking discounts for your 2012 Summer holiday? If so, please contact Helen at Bespoke Vacations (01344 881026, [helen@bespokevacations.co.uk](mailto:helen@bespokevacations.co.uk) or visit [www.bvluxuryholidays.co.uk](http://www.bvluxuryholidays.co.uk)). Please email [discover@bespokevacations.co.uk](mailto:discover@bespokevacations.co.uk) to view the 'Best Time To Visit Guide'. Alternatively, if you get a quote for your holiday from elsewhere, including the internet, we will endeavour to better it!

