

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*The Autumn term is 'hotting up' now, with lots of events and activities leading up to the end of term. After exams next week for the seniors, there will be just three weeks left with much to fit in: judo festival, craft fair, concerts, talent show, Carol Service and plenty more inter-school matches. Meanwhile we have further evidence of the high academic standards obtained at Hall Grove; all nine of our candidates for Wellington College won places on the main list or on a waiting list. Well done to them all.*

*This week the electricians have completed the wiring of our Astro ground. We now have three well-lit outdoor sports areas, a huge benefit for a wide range of Winter sports.*

## **Email Correspondence**

When emailing the School Office or any of the school staff, please do not correspond or reply using the email address generated by our emailing system operated by ClarionCall (Hall Grove School - hallgroveschool.309@myclarioncall.co.uk). Instead, please use the Hall Grove email addresses (office@hallgrove.co.uk or, for specific staff members, initial.surname@hallgrove.co.uk).

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Many thanks to all those who have participated in this year's Samaritan's Purse scheme. The Christmas boxes will be collected on the morning of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Should you still wish to donate a filled shoebox, we would be happy to receive boxes up until the collection date. Please ensure that each box has a payment envelope inside, as directed in the leaflet sent home before half-term.

## **Middle School Lunchtime Concert - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

An informal Middle School Lunchtime Concert will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 1245 to 1315 in New Hall. A list of the children selected to play in the concert will be posted on the Music Department noticeboard by the archway. The concert is a wonderful way for children to practise the art of performance in a friendly environment and provide a focus for learning. Parents and friends of participating pupils are welcome to attend the event.

## **Music Department**

### Ukulele Workshop

Following on from our bagpipe workshop, this week we turned our attention to ukuleles. We were very lucky to welcome Clive Harvey, a very experienced performer, who worked with eleven Year 8 pupils for a day of strumming and plucking. We learnt a variety of chords, and how to read ukulele tablature. An informal concert at the end of the day was well-received, and we are hoping to have a group of ukuleleists meeting on a regular basis. The group was diverse in terms of experience and all pupils worked hard, but particular mention should go to Josh Behr, Olivia House, Joel Fox, Fraser Graham and Matt Burford who stood out for particular effort and participation.

### Royal College of Organists

On Saturday, seasoned organists Marcus Norrey and Calvin Hung, and interested newcomer Henry Coop, attended the Royal College of Organists' 'Raise Your Game' day in London. They had the opportunity to play the organs of All Souls Langham Place, All Saints Margaret Street, St Marylebone Parish Church, and finally the magnificent organ of Westminster Cathedral. It was a long and demanding day, but behaviour and enthusiasm were exemplary throughout and the course was immensely enjoyed by all. Talking to other participants, we were reminded how fortunate we are at Hall Grove to have an accessible organ upon which pupils are able to practise, and there is no doubt that this contributed to their impressive performances in the afternoon concert.

### Eton Choral Courses - The Junior Choral Course 31<sup>st</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Open to young people aged between 8 and 15, equally balanced between boys and girls, the 2012 course will be held at Cheltenham College. It will cover a wide variety of music, from sacred to secular and from serious to light. As well as learning and enjoying music written for youthful voices, participants will have the opportunity to sing some of the great choral works alongside adult voices from amongst the course staff, most of whom are singers. To find out more, visit the course's website at: [www.thejuniorchoralcourse.co.uk](http://www.thejuniorchoralcourse.co.uk)

### Private Music Lessons

A reminder that if you are intending your child to begin private music lessons with one of our peripatetic staff next term, please let me know as soon as possible as spaces can be filled quickly and some instruments already have waiting lists. We are able to offer lessons on most orchestral instruments, but don't forget singing, guitar, percussion, piano, recorder, organ and bagpipes! For any advice as to which instrument would suit your child, please feel free to contact me ([l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk)) to discuss options.

*Mrs Louise Salmond Smith*

## **Sports News**

### Netball

16<sup>th</sup> November v Hawley Place: 1<sup>st</sup> VII won, U10 A won

16<sup>th</sup> November v Highfield: U11 A and B lost

### Netball House Matches - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Years 3 and 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Hawks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eagles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels, 4<sup>th</sup> Falcons

### Bradfield College Netball Tournament - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

The U11 A team is to meet Mrs Maxfield at Bradfield College no later than 0930 for the tournament starting at 1000.

### Netball Calendar Amendment

The U10 away fixture on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November against Highfield will start at 1430 and not 1500 as stated in the Calendar. The home fixture against Eagle House on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November is now for the U9 A, U9 B, U8 A and U8 B teams starting at 1430.

An additional away fixture has been arranged for the U8 B team on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December against Eagle House starting at 1430.

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

Years 5 and 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Falcons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eagles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hawks, 4<sup>th</sup> Kestrels

Years 7 and 8: 1<sup>st</sup> Hawks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eagles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Falcons, 4<sup>th</sup> Kestrels

### Rugby

16<sup>th</sup> November v Hoe Bridge: 1<sup>st</sup> XV lost, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV won, Colts A and B lost, U10 A won, U10 B won, U10 C won, U10 D lost

16<sup>th</sup> November v Aldro: 3<sup>rd</sup> XII lost

17<sup>th</sup> November v Eagle House: U9 A won, U9 B won, U9 C won

17<sup>th</sup> November v Lambrook: U8 A, B, C and D lost

### Hall Grove U13 10-a-side Rugby Tournament - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

The U13 squad is to meet at Hall Grove at 0900. The tournament starts at 0930 and should be finished by 1300.

## **The Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is pleased to announce that grey school gloves will be available to purchase from 24<sup>th</sup> November. They will also be stocking baselayers/playerlayers in black and white from the end of November. The shop's opening times are Tuesdays from 0800 to 0915 and Thursdays from 1500 to 1730 during term-time.

## **Pony Grove**

Last Sunday, Pony Grove took a team to the Interschools Showjumping Competition in Eastbourne. Fraser Graham, Jamie Grant, Caitlin Pawinski and Oliver Hadden-Wight represented Hall Grove and rode brilliantly. Twenty-two schools competed and, whilst we missed out on a place as a team, Jamie Grant came 6<sup>th</sup> and Oliver Hadden-Wight 8<sup>th</sup> as individuals out of one hundred and three competitors. Well done to our riders.

## **Autumn Craft and Gift Fair - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November - 1100 to 1500**

Sebastian's Action Trust will host its annual Craft and Gift Fair on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 1100 to 1500. Most of the stall-holders will be based in New Hall, but an impressive range of stalls will also be run by pupils and parents in the log cabins. Shoppers will be able to browse around thirty stalls selling everything from Christmas cards and jewellery to home accessories. When the shopping is done, visitors can sit back and enjoy the refreshments. Entry is by donation and a percentage of the stall-holders' takings will be donated to the Trust.

Sebastian's Action Trust is a small registered charity providing respite holidays and practical support for seriously ill children and their families. The children we support are battling cancer and other life-limiting conditions. The charity was formed in 2004 to fulfil the last wish of nine-year-old Hall Grove pupil, Sebastian Gates, to build a holiday house that would give other children the chance to enjoy precious time with their families and loved ones.

*Sebastian's Action Trust*

## **Autumn Craft and Gift Fair - School Stalls**

It's that time again and the annual Craft Fair is next Saturday. Every year group has a stall/game so a big thank you to all those who have kindly agreed to help. Also there are lots of ideas for Christmas presents for every age and every taste so please come along and support.

*Meirion Shaw*

Year 7 are running the Krispy Kreme doughnut stall this year. If you would like to pre-order a box of a dozen original glazed doughnuts for the reduced price of £7.50, please text your name and order to Lucy Wessely on 07946 869519 by Wednesday evening. The doughnuts will be sold for £1 each or £8 for a dozen on the day.

Year 8 are running a good quality toy and game children's tombola. If you want to clear out your bulging cupboards and donate your unwanted quality toys and games please either contact Jill Goss ([jillgoss@metronet.co.uk](mailto:jillgoss@metronet.co.uk)) or leave any donations in the School Office next Friday.

## **Groove at the Grove - Help for Heroes**

The following letter has been received from Bryn Parry OBE and Emma Parry OBE, co-founders of Help for Heroes, which we thought we would share with you:

"Thank you so much for your donation of £5,000 to Help for Heroes (H4H). We appreciate every penny that comes in and will ensure that it is put to use providing direct, practical support for the men and women who are wounded while in the service of our country.

When Emma and I decided to do 'our bit', we had no idea so many people across the UK would decide to join us and, together, create the Help for Heroes phenomenon. We are proud parents of a soldier and know what it is to have him away fighting. We also know what it is like to see his friends injured with their lives changed forever. We cannot prevent these terrible injuries, but by joining together with others in support, we can do something positive and help them on their road to recovery.

Since its launch in October 2007, H4H raised over £100m and funded a variety of projects that are already making a big difference. For example, the £8m Rehabilitation Complex at Headley Court; a new £3.5m treatment centre for Combat Stress; Adaptive Adventure Training through the Battle Back programme; and the creation of a £6m Quick Reaction Fund to support individuals within 72 hours of the need being identified.

The next project for H4H, which your donation will go towards, aims to ensure those wounded while in service get the very best support, for life. H4H is working in partnership with the MoD and The Royal British Legion, to deliver the Defence Recovery Capability (DRC) - a comprehensive pathway to help the wounded launch into the next phase of their lives. H4H committed £100m to the DRC, which not only ensures that those who leave service get jobs, but that they have access to a comprehensive range of support whatever their needs.

Our work is by no means over. There is a great deal to do, but your contribution will make a great difference to the lives of some very special people. On behalf of all of us at H4H and all those who we will help, thank you."

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

The Woking Symphony Orchestra Concert is taking place at 1930 tomorrow at HG Wells, Church Street East, Woking, with a pre-concert talk from 1845. Price: £12 adults and £6 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.

## **The Children's Trust - Charity Shop Donations**

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 were sent home via the children this 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.

## **Christmas Gift Fair - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

For some great Christmas gifts come to a private house fair and help support the charity Tommy's on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 0930 to 1430. You can purchase Pranela Jewellery, Crew clothing (the original), Aspiga belts and slippers, Neals Yard, genuine Ugg Boots, evening bags, designer sun and ski glasses, men's small leather goods, Cath Collins luxury fragrances, Fee Fi Fo Yum, Temple Spa, Organise-Us diaries, Jammin Jelly Chilli Jam, Hendrikka Waage silver jewellery and much more. The fair is taking place at Badgers Drift, Cricketers Lane, Warfield RG42 6JT (only 15 minutes from school). Please visit <http://leonieschwarz.com/blog/?p=2605> for further information.

