

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Another full week has come to an end; concerts, matches, outings and rehearsals have all been fitted in. Our thanks for excellent support for the Craft Fair.

Tomorrow morning please come to cheer on our Judo players as they battle against visiting schools in our inter-schools Judo tournament.

Can Anybody Help?

If anyone has any information or can recall seeing a car collide with the front passenger door of a black Mercedes GL parked in one of the diagonal bays beside the climbing frame between 1200 and 1400 last Saturday at the Christmas Fair, please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

Christmas Charities

As in previous years, the school will be supporting a number of charities this Christmas. Money raised at the various events will be shared between:

Home Start Bagshot: this offers support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children in local communities throughout the UK and with British Forces in Germany and Cyprus.

Meningitis Research Foundation: a national registered charity whose vision is a world free from meningitis and septicaemia. The foundation is fighting death and disability from these diseases, and supports people affected by them.

Over the Wall: a national charity providing free activity camps to children aged 8 – 17 who are affected by serious or life-limiting illnesses. The camps are designed to foster coping, resilience, self-esteem and confidence.

The Apprentices - Wednesday 7th December

On Wednesday 7th December a group of enterprising students from Bryanston School will be visiting to present their products to Middle and Upper School at Assembly. The items that they have designed and manufactured are intended to appeal to children and will be on sale for £3 or less. Boys and girls may bring in some pocket money (we suggest no more than £10) to buy the items that they are most impressed with, and all the money raised will go to the Hall Grove Christmas Charity Collection. This should prove to be an interesting and enjoyable occasion.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 9th December. TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 15th December, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

Footsteps Dance Classes - Watch Week

Ms Stein would like to remind parents of children in Footsteps that she is holding a 'Watch Week' during her classes on Tuesday 6th December and Friday 9th December. Parents are welcome to attend.

Pre-Prep Nativity - Thursday 8th December

The Pre-Prep Nativity is taking place on Thursday 8th December in New Hall, with an afternoon performance at 1400 and an evening performance at 1900. The Nativity should last approximately forty minutes. On Thursday evening, the children should return to school in costume at 1840 and be taken to their classrooms. After the performance, the children will be taken back to their classrooms, ready for collection. Please do not take them directly from the hall. We request that you bring small siblings to the afternoon performance only.

Middle School Christmas Concert - Monday 12th December

On Monday 12th December all pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taking part in the Middle School Christmas Concert. The concert will start at 1900 and parents, grandparents and friends of the pupils performing will be most welcome to come along.

Year 5 children must be returned to school for 1800 and Years 3 and 4 children between 1840 and 1845, coming straight to the Admiral Room.

'Hall Grove's Got Talent' - Thursday 15th December

'Hall Grove's Got Talent' is taking place on Thursday 15th December at 1000 in New Hall. Pupils of all ages are busy preparing music, songs, dance routines, comedy sketches and gymnastic displays! As with previous years, this event is produced by the children, for the children. However, parents are more than welcome to join the audience (or even as part of the show!).

Carol Service - Thursday 15th December

The Carol Service will be taking place on Thursday 15th December at 1630. All of Years 6, 7 and 8 will be taken to Windlesham Church from school. Parents and their guests are welcome to attend; it is a very special occasion with beautiful music and the church is candlelit. Children may be taken home from the church after the service or collected from school at 1745.

End of Term Arrangements - Friday 16th December

Term ends on Friday 16th December. The collection times are as follows:

1100	Reception
1115	Years 1 and 2
1130	Years 3, 4 and 5
1145	Years 6, 7 and 8

Please ensure that the children have all been taken home by 1200; there is a staff meeting then so we are unable to look after stragglers. Older pupils may leave with their younger siblings.

Parents are invited to attend the informal gathering in the courtyard which starts at 1045. This is a nice way to say farewells before the Christmas break, eat a mince pie and have a cup of mulled wine; there is always a very jolly atmosphere. The drive will be closed and parking will be on the playing fields.

Music Department

Our Upper School Informal Concert on Thursday was a great success. I hear Marcus Dickson sing most mornings in Choristers, so it was no surprise to me that he wowed a gobsmacked audience with his fabulous voice. Many of our older pupils performed, including Suzie Clark and Edward Butler who represented the brass section most admirably, and Fraser Graham and Adam Wills who showed us their finely-honed piano skills. In addition to those, it was most reassuring to see so many Year 6 pupils having a go at taking centre stage in their first Upper School concert. Well done to all our musicians.

Please could any Chorister parents wishing their child to participate in the trip to Spain make sure I have the reply slip and deposit returned as soon as possible.

Mrs Salmond Smith

Sports News

Netball

1st December v St. Edmund's, Hindhead: U9 A won, U8 A lost, U8 B lost

Netball House Matches - Wednesday 30th November

Years 5 to 8: 1st Kestrels, 2nd Eagles, 3rd Falcons, 4th Hawks

Rugby

26th November - King's House Rugby Tournament: U10 A finished third in group, U9 A finished fifth in group

30th November - Wellington College Tournament: 1st XV made the semi-finals of the plate, Colts A made the quarter-finals of the plate

30th November v Feltonfleet: 2nd XV lost, 3rd XV won, Colts B lost, U10 A, B and C lost

1st December - King's House Rugby Tournament (Bill Sharrock Cup): 3rd XV finished third in group

1st December v Feltonfleet: U9 A and B lost, U9 C won

Judo Competition - Saturday 3rd December 0900 - 1300

Over fifteen teams are registered to compete at our annual Judo Competition. A full team list from all three of our judo classes is posted on the 'Other Sports' noticeboard so please check for your name. Children should arrive at 0930 and should be finished by 1200. Spectators are welcome.

Saturday Golf and Tennis Lessons for Children - Spring Term 2012

Now open to ALL Hall Grove pupils! The Friends of Hall Grove will continue to organise the Saturday morning golf and tennis lessons previously organised by the Golf and Tennis Association. Golf lessons are given on the nine hole course at school by Symon O'Keefe and his team from The Berkshire Golf Club. Tennis lessons are given on the school courts by Service Line tennis professionals. Children are grouped according to age unless the professionals advise otherwise because of ability.

If you would like to enrol your child for golf and/or tennis lessons in the Spring Term, please see the information sheet and booking form attached with this week's newsletter. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the school office with your payment before the end of this term. Lessons will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Golf queries: please contact Caroline Grant on 07770 755584. Tennis queries: please contact Leslie Gathy on 07710 112113.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff who contributed to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A total of £411.84 was raised by Hall Grove.

Sebastian's Action Trust - Craft and Gift Fair

We have now counted all the funds raised on Saturday at the Craft and Gift Fair and are thrilled to announce that the total raised was £4620.90! We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody involved.

Sebastian's Action Trust

The Children's Trust - Thank You

A huge thank you to all of you who donated items to The Children's Trust charity shop in Chertsey. They have been overwhelmed with your incredible generosity. The shop's average weekly sales for toys is £60 – last week they took £400 thanks to your wonderful donations. They are extremely grateful for your support and thrilled that children within the area will benefit from your kindness this Christmas. Please contact Julia Hart jhart@thechildrenstrust.org.uk or go to their website www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk if you would like further information about the life changing work at The Children's Trust.

Holiday Childcare

Kirsty Dunnage (sister of ex Hall Grove girls Megan and Gabrielle) is looking for childcare work in the Christmas holidays. She is training to be a Primary School Teacher, is a qualified swimming instructor, is CRB checked, has experience with babies to teenagers and has her own transport. If you are interested or would like to know more please contact her on 07581 68466 or kirstydunnage.x@hotmail.co.uk

