

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The last week of term saw some wonderful events, the culmination of which was yesterday's Talent Show and then the evening Carol Service. The show brought together an eclectic programme of acts that ranged from slap-stick to karaoke with everything in between. There was plenty of talent, and bags of enthusiasm. New Hall came alive as one performance followed another in a slickly presented show of great vitality and originality. Then a complete change of mood to the beautiful Service of Lessons and Carols. The candlelit church, the robed Choir, the readings from the King James Bible and the Baroque brass group set the scene for an occasion steeped in tradition and solemnity. It was a fitting close to the term.

It was good to see so many parents join in the festivities in the courtyard today. Our thanks for the many cards and messages at the end of term and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and all good fortune for 2012.

Hall Grove Christmas Collection

£3,168.36 has been raised so far from our Christmas Collection this year which will be shared between the following charities: Home Start Surrey Heath (supporting local families going through difficult times), the Meningitis Research Foundation (supporting people affected by this terrible disease) and Over the Wall (provides short holidays for severely disabled children). Thank you very much to everyone who has donated.

Spring Term 2012

Term starts on Monday 9th January and normal drop off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have booked it, TASC and Twilight commences on the first day of term. After school clubs start on Monday 16th January.

Spring Term 2012 School Calendar

A provisional copy of the calendar will be available on the school website from today. The finalised printed copy will be sent home at the beginning of next term. Please note the weekend commitments. Parents are reminded that all boys and girls are expected to be available for whole year group training sessions and weekend matches if they are regular team players.

After School Clubs - Spring Term 2012

Club spaces have now been allocated. The Upper School Indoor Cricket Net club will not be running due to insufficient demand. With the exception of that and the clubs where we have had to limit numbers (affected children's parents will be notified), children have been successful in gaining places for the clubs of their choice next term.

Pre-Prep Parent Workshop

Pre-Prep parents are invited to join the Pre-Prep teachers on Tuesday 24th January at 1900 for an hour of 'Radiant Reading'. You will be guided through a series of short, active workshops to show you how the different elements of reading are brought to life at school. You will also be given handy hints of how to help your child read at home. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sports News

Netball

14th December v Lambrook: 1st VII won, U11 A won, U11 B won, U10 A won

Rugby

14th December v Lambrook: 1st XV won, U10 B won, U10 C won, 2nd XV, 3rd XV, Colts A, Colts B and U10 A lost

Hockey

All children in Years 2 to 8 must have mouthguards and shinpads at school for games and PE lessons next term.

Year 2 Hockey

After the Christmas holiday Year 2 will be playing hockey in their games lessons. In order for them to be able to compete in training matches, it will be necessary for each child to have a mouthguard and shinpads for lessons. Mouthguards can be purchased from a sports shop, but we recommend that they are supplied and fitted by your own dentist or by OPRO (the dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards – www.opro.com).

2012 Burns Night - Friday 3rd February

We are hoping to host another evening of Scottish revelry at Hall Grove on Friday 3rd February with a traditional supper and Scottish dancing. All parents are welcome. Put the date in your diaries and tell your friends. Details of tickets and cost to follow.

Woking Symphony Orchestra Family Concert - Saturday 14th January at 1530

The annual Family Concert is taking place on Saturday 14th January from 1530 at the HG Wells, Church Street East, Woking. All tickets are £5 and are available from the Box Office (01483 712710), from wso2011@hotmail.co.uk or on the door. The concert lasts approximately one hour and there is the chance to 'meet the orchestra' and try out different instruments. The programme includes Strauss: Overture Die Fledermaus, Mozart: Oboe Concerto (with soloist Barney Couch) and Britten: The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. Last year's concert sold out very quickly so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Snow Boots Available

Are you skiing this season? We have a range of fantastic snow boots for boys and girls from size 22 to 42 (UK8) boys up to a 35 (UK2.5). We also have school shoes as well as winter boots and cute Christmas slippers. Please pop by to see us in Sunninghill at My Little Shoe Box or visit us online (www.mylittleshoebox.co).

Bagshot Cricket Club

Bagshot Cricket Club Colts begin Indoor Practices on Sunday 15th January at the Lightwater Leisure Centre. Practices continue every Sunday thereafter until the end of March, with the exception of 12th and 19th February. Boys and girls from U8 and younger to U16 are welcome. Practice times are 1500 - 1600 for U11, U10, U9 and younger; 1600 - 1700 for U12; 1700 - 1800 for U16, U15, U14 and U13. The cost per one hour session is £4.50, payable on the day. Sessions are carried out by experienced coaches in line with the English Cricket Board Manual. League and friendly fixtures are played during the Summer.

Are you in Years 4, 5 or 6? Fancy having a go at Cricket? Bagshot Cricket Club invites you to a free session on Sunday 8th January at the Lightwater Leisure Centre from 1630 - 1800. No experience necessary. Fully qualified ECB coaches will be on hand to give you a fun introduction to the great game of Cricket. See you there!

For further information about any of the above sessions, please telephone Graham Searle on 01276 682995, email graham@searle2147.freemove.co.uk or just turn up.

Are you thinking about building works?

The school is pleased to recommend its retained building contractor, Parnells, to anyone contemplating building work this Spring. David Parnell is a former parent of the school and his company's work at Hall Grove has been of a very high standard. They will be pleased to price any project or offer advice on any building issue. For enquiries please contact Parnells by email at parnell@btconnect.com or on 01276 451400. Alternatively, forward details to your architect for inclusion on your tender list.

