

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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In common with most schools, the traffic on the driveway is always difficult at peak times. We ask that parents, especially those new to the school, observe the guidance given below. It really does not help when parents park in an awkward place or get out of their cars in an area intended for the free flow of traffic. Your help would be much appreciated.

Years 6, 7 and 8 are all on expedition today. We hope the visits to Intech, Flanders and Warwick Castle are a great success. We will report on them next week.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our chef Simon Batchelor and his wife on the birth of their third child, Findlay.

Cheese and Wine Tasting Evening

A most successful social evening was held last week thanks to the Friends of Hall Grove.

Ski Trip 2013

A couple of places have become available for the ski trip to Claviere, Italy from 2nd - 8th January. Please contact Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) if you require further details or would like to reserve a place. The cost of the trip is £930, inclusive of all skiing costs.

The Drive

Please try to avoid arriving early for collection times at the end of the school day because it blocks the drive and pick-up area for everyone else. Please remember that cars should never park on the yellow lines or turning circle, or be left unattended - it is important that the flow of traffic is not disrupted. If you are collecting two or more children from different year groups please move on and join the back of the queue or park near the tennis courts and walk.

Book Fair

A Book Fair is being held on the New Hall Balcony from Monday 15th to Thursday 18th October. A huge selection of books will be available for children aged 4 to 13. Pre-Prep classes will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the week and older children can come in at breaktimes to browse. Your child may be given a slip to take home detailing books he/she would like. Please remember you are under no obligation to make a purchase but, if you would like to buy, please return the slip to Mrs Clubb, together with a cheque for payment made out to Hall Grove School Ltd. Older children may pay with cash or a pre-written cheque. The Fair will also be open for parents to visit on Monday and Tuesday between 1500 and 1630.

School Dates for 2013-2014

Autumn Term 2013

Wednesday 4th September – Wednesday 18th December

Half Term: Saturday 19th October to Sunday 3rd November (inclusive)

Spring Term 2014

Wednesday 8th January – Friday 28th March

Half Term: Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2014

Wednesday 23rd April – Thursday 10th July

Half Term: Saturday 24th May – Sunday 1st June (inclusive)

Sports Team Photographs - Monday 15th October

Please ensure that all children in Years 3 to 8 have their games kit at school on Monday for the team photographs.

Middle School Showstoppers Performance - Wednesday 17th October

On Wednesday 17th October there will be a Middle School Showstoppers Performance in New Hall starting at 1830. Each of the forms will be performing a song and dance number from a West End Musical. Year 3 has a Lion King theme, Year 4 are doing Bugsy Malone and Year 5 are performing songs from Grease. All are welcome to attend.

Hall Grove Open Morning - Thursday 18th October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 18th 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.

3CH Assembly - Thursday 18th October

The children in 3CH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 18th October. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Harvest Festival Assembly - Friday 19th October

We are holding a special Harvest Festival Assembly at 0840 on Friday 19th 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.

Country Fair and Grandparents' Afternoon - Friday 19th October

The timings are as follows:

Grandparents arrive from 1345 onwards to meet with their grandchildren from 1400 onwards.

Main arena events:

1400 Eton College Beagles

1430 Falconry display

1500 Goose herding

1530 Dog Show, followed by gundog retrieving display

Other attractions include cake stall, teas, garden plants and produce, vintage tractors, laser clay shooting, reptile handling, bee keeping display, sale of organic meats from South Battisborough Farm, children's stalls.

Country Fair Fun Dog Show - Friday 19th October

Please bring along your dog and enter our Fun Dog Show taking place at 1530. We will also be running a timed dog agility course throughout the afternoon with a prize for the fastest dog of the day. Entry fee of £2 per category (payable on the day). Rosettes and prizes awarded in all classes. Classes are as follows:

1) Prettiest Bitch

2) Handsomest Dog

3) Waggiest Tail

4) Dog most like its owner!

After School Clubs - Friday 19th October

Reminder: there will be no clubs running on Friday 19th October due to the Country Fair and Grandparents' Afternoon. If the events are cancelled due to bad weather, Footsteps will be reinstated. However, Judo will not be able to run as Mr Fricker will be away at a family celebration.

The Great Hall Grove Bake-Off

The Great Bake-Off is back. Who will be crowned the best cake baker in the school for 2012? 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 Country Fair and 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. The categories are best chocolate cake, best non-chocolate cake, best child's decorated cake and best countryside theme. Entry forms were attached to last week's newsletter and the entry fee is £5 which will be donated to charity. So get baking!

Rugby Training Camps

There are still places available on the rugby training camps taking place at half term. Please contact Mr Joll (g.joll@hallgrove.co.uk) for further information.

Music Department

Choristers

Choristers are singing Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral on Monday 22nd October at 1730. Support would be most welcome.

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

We have enjoyed two very successful Informal Concerts performed by children from Middle School so far this term. The Upper School and Pre-Prep Informal Concerts will soon be upon us, so if your child has lessons outside school, please let Mrs Salmond Smith know if you would like them to perform. There may not be a slot if you leave it until the day before; please give as much notice as possible. These concerts are an excellent opportunity to perform in a friendly atmosphere and are an excellent platform for those with imminent music exams or scholarships to learn how to conquer nerves.

Pre-Prep Informal Concert: Wednesday 14th November at 1245

Upper School Informal Concerts: Thursday 8th November and Thursday 15th November at 1245

Sports News

Netball

6th October – Feltonfleet Netball Tournament: Hall Grove U11 finished in 4th place and U10 finished in 3rd place

10th October v St. Neot's: 1st VII won, 2nd VII won, U11 won, U10 A won, U10 B won

11th October v Egeborough: U9 A and B lost

Cranleigh Netball Tournament – Saturday 13th October

The U11 team is to meet Mrs Lomas at Hall Grove at 1200. The tournament starts at 1330 and the final presentation is expected to be at 1630. Parents may collect the girls from Cranleigh at 1630; any girls left will return in the minibus to Hall Grove for a 1730 collection.

Football

5th October v Parkside (Surrey Cup): 1st XI won

6th October – ISFA Football Tournament: Congratulations to the U13 and Colts teams who finished 2nd in their regional tournaments. The U13s gained selection to the national finals next month and the Colts are awaiting results of other regions before learning whether they will qualify for the nationals.

6th October v Feltonfleet: 1st XI drew, 2nd XI drew, Colts A lost, Colts B lost, U10 A won, U10 B lost

10th October v Sunningdale: 1st XI won, 2nd XI won, 3rd XI won, Colts A won, Colts B won

10th October v Feltonfleet: 4th XI won, 5th XI won

10th October v Staines Prep: Colts C lost, Colts D won

10th October v King's House: U10 A won, U10 B won, U10 C won, U10 D won

Years 3 and 4 Football House Matches – Saturday 13th October

Years 3 and 4 house matches start at 0900. The boys should wear their house t-shirts.

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 17th October.

Operation Christmas Child

As many of you will be aware, 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 this week 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. Please 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 9th November.

Newsletter Attachments

The following document is attached to this week's newsletter:

- Middle School Showstoppers Costume Information

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Unwanted Stationery

Does your company have any old, out-of-date or surplus promotional stationery (pens, pencils, notepads, highlighters etc) and would you consider donating them to Abi Gunning? Abi (a Hall Grove Old Girl) is organising an Operation Christmas Child shoebox party, her goal is to make 100 (or more) shoeboxes. She would appreciate any donations of items for the shoeboxes, but she is specifically seeking stationery items. Items can be given to her siblings, Hannah (Year 8), Ethan (Year 5) or Jessica (Year 3), or please contact her mother, Jo, on 07900 232633. Thank you.

Sebastian's Action Trust

In a recent assembly the school heard about The Bluebells, the UK's only purpose-built respite house for seriously-ill children and their families that has been created in North Waltham, Hampshire as the realisation of the last wish of former Hall Grove pupil, Sebastian Gates. The Bluebells is open for tours and a small fair on Saturday 13th October from 1200 until 1700. If pupils and their parents would like to visit they would be most welcome having played such an important part in creating this facility. The Bluebells, Popham Lane, North Waltham, Hampshire, RG25 2BB. 01256 391854 (off junction 7 of the M3).

Luxury Villa available for rent in Portugal

Situated in Carvoeiro in the Algarve, this beautiful villa sleeps 6/7 and is ideally located for a host of great beaches, shops, restaurants and golf. From £1,000 per week - mention Hall Grove when booking to receive a 10% discount. Due to a late cancellation half term week is now available! Please visit www.villavalentine.co.uk for full details.

Family Circus - Tuesday 16th October

The circus is coming to Chobham Rugby Club on Tuesday 16th October. Doors open at 1700, show starts at 1800. Family tickets available. Go to www.chobham-rugby.co.uk for more details.

Golf Afternoon for Women - Thursday 18th October

Golf afternoon for women at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club, Richmond, Thursday 18th October from 1330 to 1700. Two hours of coaching on swing and short game with a lady golf pro followed by fun skills challenges over three holes. Suitable for beginners or improvers. Price including afternoon tea - £70 per person. Please contact Lucie Robson on 07970 037249 or lucie@offtheredtees.com for further information.

