

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*The school has enjoyed an excellent week of sport, with good wins at netball, rugby and junior football. Congratulations to all the teams. On Saturday we will have the House Rugby Tournament for Years 5 to 8, all boys are welcome and will be assured of a game. Do please support the Gift Fair as well, details below.*

*Now that the clocks have changed we ask parents to take special care on the drive and be sure to keep to a very low speed at all times. It is too ghastly to contemplate what might happen if someone was hit. We have added additional warning signs and placed cones to act as reminders. Children must also be dressed for the colder weather and have a jersey at school every day.*

*Congratulations to the Colts Football team who beat Parkside in a thrilling match today (2-1) and are now through to the Surrey Cup Final. What a fantastic result.*

*Stop Press: many congratulations to Piers Nicholls and Jamie Chilver-Stainer (both Year 7) who this afternoon won the IAPS National Inland Sailing Championships. This is a very significant achievement. A write-up will follow next week.*

## **A New Arrival!**

Congratulations to Henry Toulson (Year 6 Form Teacher) and his wife Mary on the birth of a baby boy on Tuesday.

## **Independent Schools Exhibition - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

A reminder that Hall Grove is exhibiting at the exhibition centre in Battersea Park over the weekend. If you have London based friends who might be considering Hall Grove do pass on the word, we will be pleased to meet them.

## **Hall Grove All Rounder Senior Scholarships**

Details will be given of the new bursaries to be available for Year 7 in September 2013 at the Senior Schools' Fair on Thursday.

## **Senior Schools' Fair - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

We shall be hosting a senior schools information evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 1900 until 2100. The evening will especially be of interest to Years 5 and 6 parents, but all parents are welcome. The following schools will be attending: Bedales, Bradfield, Charterhouse, Cheltenham, Christ's Hospital, Clayesmore, Cranleigh, King Edward's Witley, Pangbourne and Wellington.

1900 Fair opens - children may attend with their parents

1930 Short presentation by Christine Goodyear - 'School Fees and how to pay them'

1945 The Hall Grove All-Rounder Scholarship explained

2000 Short presentations from each exhibiting school

2015 Exhibition stands open

2100 Fair closes

## **Pre-Prep Maths Workshop for Parents**

Thank you to all of those who attended last night's Maths Workshop to find out about the Maths curriculum in Pre-Prep. For those of you who were unable to attend, the Pre-Prep 'Maths Strategies' document is available on the website under the academic tab where you will also find a number of other useful resources. We would like to invite parents into the classroom to take part in some Maths activities in the New Year so please watch this space for upcoming dates.

## **Black School Coats**

Now that the colder weather has arrived the children are using their black school coats more frequently. Please could parents ensure that their child's name is visible on the inside of the collar. The manufacturer's name label is in the pocket which means a child's name is hidden and the coats are easily picked up by the wrong child. We would be grateful for your help in this matter.

## **Headlice**

There has been a case of headlice reported in Middle School. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation.

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> November and orders placed after that date can incur a late charge.

## **Footsteps - Date for your Diary**

Watch Week for Footsteps this term is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December during the normal class times.

## **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**

### Choristers

During half term, 25 of our Choristers sang a service of Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral. It was wonderful to experience such a marvellous acoustic and the children all sang beautifully. In particular, I was extremely pleased with Year 8 Choristers, Marcus Dickson and William Silverthorne, for setting an excellent example of behaviour and musicianship.

### Year 8 Ukulele Day

Please return reply slips for children wishing to participate in the Year 8 Ukulele Day to Mrs Salmond Smith as soon as possible.

### Informal Concerts

Yesterday we had our first Upper School Informal Concert of the year. The standard was exceptionally high and all children performed with great aplomb. The second of these will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November and our first ever Pre-Prep Informal Concert will be held on the previous day, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Both concerts begin at 1245 in New Hall - please do come and support if you are able.

*Mrs Salmond Smith*

## **Senior Girls' Netball Tour to Malta**

The senior girls' netball tour to Malta was a resounding success. The girls represented Hall Grove admirably despite a bit of sickness in the group which didn't seem to dampen any spirits! The teams we played were predominately girls who were a few years older and experienced in playing basketball which meant they had skilful ball handling and were very fast and particularly physical. However, this made the matches very competitive (tremendous experience for the Hall Grove girls); it was all a bit of a shock at first, but the girls dug very deep and with steely determination out-played the opposition every day! We returned to England triumphant and undefeated. Very well done and thank you to the girls who made it such an enjoyable tour. The results were as follows:

Monday v Fun Netball Club: Hall Grove won 14 - 8

Tuesday v Immaculate Conception School (Year 9): Hall Grove won 31 - 7

Wednesday v Hazelwood School: drew 14 - 14

Thursday v Marie Goretti (Years 9 and 10): Hall Grove won 27 - 7

*Mrs Maxfield and Mrs Tilley*

## **Sherborne Rugby Tour**

During half term, Years 7 and 8 boys had a wonderful opportunity to go on a Rugby Tour to Sherborne School in Dorset. We were put up by the school, enjoyed their wonderful facilities and were lucky enough to have the services of their senior coaching staff, many of whom are involved with coaching England or South West County level teams. The boys were able to glean many new ideas and were challenged at whatever level they played. They worked hard throughout the three days and on the last day were able to play some friendly matches against two other schools. The tour was a very positive experience for all involved which no doubt will set us up well for the season ahead.

*Mr Joll*

## Sports News

### Netball

The girls' netball has continued with good results, notably the U10 B team who defeated Feltonfleet for the first time ever. In addition to this, our U9 A team won the Cranleigh Tournament with our U9 Bs taking 4<sup>th</sup> place, and our U8 A and B teams played and won their first fixtures.

This week's netball results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Feltonfleet	lost	17 - 9
1 <sup>st</sup> VII v St. George's Ascot	won	11 - 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Feltonfleet	won	10 - 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v St. George's Ascot	won	13 - 0
U11 v Feltonfleet	lost	9 - 7
U10 A v Feltonfleet	lost	9 - 8
U10 B v Feltonfleet	won	11 - 4
U9 A - Cranleigh Tournament	won	winners
U9 B - Cranleigh Tournament	4 <sup>th</sup> place	
U8 A v Feltonfleet	won	8 - 4
U8 B v Feltonfleet	won	2 - 0

### Feltonfleet Netball Tournament - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

The 1<sup>st</sup> VII team should meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove at 0800 tomorrow morning. The tournament starts at 0930 and is scheduled to be finished by 1200. The girls will return to Hall Grove for a 1300 collection.

### Netball v Bearwood - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Please be advised that the 1<sup>st</sup> VII and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII matches against Bearwood next Wednesday will be played against their U14 and U15 teams.

### Cranleigh U8 Netball Festival - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Please note that the return time for the U8s following the Cranleigh Netball Tournament is estimated to be 1700-1715 so they will not be back for their normal collection time of 1600.

### Football

All the U8 teams showed superior skill and determination. Well played everyone - a great afternoon of football.

This week's football results are as follows:

Colts A v Parkside (Surrey Cup)	won	2 - 1
U9 A v Sunningdale	lost	2 - 6
U9 B v Sunningdale	won	6 - 2
U8 A v Yateley Manor	won	4 - 3
U8 B v Yateley Manor	drew	1 - 1
U8 C v Yateley Manor	drew	1 - 1
U8 D v Yateley Manor	won	1 - 0

### Surrey Cup Football Semi Final - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> XI v Rokeby (a) kick off at 1415.

### Rugby

It has been an exciting start to the second half of term with plenty of success through the week and Rugby House Matches taking place tomorrow. We played Eagle House on Wednesday, providing a fantastic start with eight wins from eight matches. Well done to all those boys involved.

This week's rugby results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Eagle House	won	10 - 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV v Eagle House	won	38 - 0
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV v Eagle House	won	by a significant margin
Colts A v Eagle House	won	35 - 7
Colts B v Eagle House	won	by a significant margin
U10 A v Eagle House	won	25 - 10
U10 B v Eagle House	won	10 - 5
U10 C v Eagle House	won	30 - 25

### Years 5, 6 and 7/8 Rugby House Matches - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

The rugby house matches for Years 5 and 6 start at 0900 and for Years 7/8 at 1030. The boys should wear their house t-shirts.

## Hall Grove Hockey Camp

Please find attached information regarding the Hall Grove Hockey Camp being run during the February half term for children from Years 4 to 8.

## **Pride of Britain Award - Sebastian's Action Trust**

Many congratulations to Jane and Michael Gates who have been honoured with a Special Recognition Award presented by the Prime Minister at the recent Pride of Britain Ceremony. The presentation was shown on television over half term.

## **Gift Fair in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Come and join in the fun at Sebastian's Action Trust Gift Fair on Saturday from 1100 to 1500 (please note the change of time from that printed in the School Calendar). Refreshments will be available early for those watching house matches with steaming cups of coffee, tea, hot chocolate and Winter Pimm's to keep the cold at bay. There will also be bacon and sausage buns on sale all day. Come and stock up on original gifts and treats for Christmas and birthdays - handpicked stallholders will be selling everything from chocolates and fudge, books, spa products, fossils, handcrafted children's plaques and bags, to jewellery, children's shoes and a host of other women's fashion accessories. There will also be stalls selling Christmas cards and decorations, stylish mugs, aprons and tea towels, and a fantastic range of colour-in tablecloths and items for kids and our very own Eco-warriors. In addition, there will be a range of brilliant fun activities run by Hall Grove parents and children for everyone to enjoy.

Joanne Gunning (mother of Hannah, Ethan and Jessica in Years 8, 5 and 3) plans to run a stall at the Fair for Operation Christmas Child. She writes: "I know many of you will have filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child during the half term or you may be busy filling one this week. I am sure there will soon be a substantial pile of presents stacked by the office awaiting collection! Did you know that last year 1.1 million children received a shoebox and this year OCC are hoping to reach even more! Each additional shoebox that is donated means OCC can reach out to another child. In addition to our individual boxes, I thought that, as a community, we at Hall Grove could fill a few more boxes if we each donated just one or two items. Here is my idea:

1. Add an item or two to your weekly shop...a toothbrush, toothpaste, pack of pens, colouring pencils etc.
2. Bring them to the fair on Saturday.
3. I will be running an Operation Christmas Child stall where the children can help to pack up shoeboxes, make a craft, have their photo taken and write a card to include in the box.

By the end of the fair we will hopefully have a few more boxes to add to that pile by the office! I suggest the following donations: Pre Prep - small toys; Middle School - stationery items; Upper School - toiletries. Of course you can donate what you like, but if we can roughly follow those guidelines we hopefully won't end up with hundreds of tubes of toothpaste and no toys! Please visit <http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/> if you would like clarification of items that can go in the boxes. Spare shoeboxes are also much appreciated."

## **Animals Asia**

Mrs Lavery would like to say a big thank you to all who supported the Animals Asia stall she was running at the Country Fair, a massive total of £477.50 was raised. All this money will go directly to the charity and will be greatly appreciated. Please follow the link [www.animalsasia.org/StopTheEviction](http://www.animalsasia.org/StopTheEviction) if you would like to support their current campaign to stop the eviction of the Vietnamese Bear Sanctuary from Tam Dao National Park.

## **Newsletter Attachments**

The following documents are attached to this week's newsletter:

- Hockey Camp Information
- Sebastian's Action Trust Santa Run Flyer 2012
- Sebastian's Action Trust Santa Run Registration Form

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## **The Wentworth Christmas Fair - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

The Wentworth Christmas Fair is taking place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 1000 to 1600 in support of The Woking and Sam Beare Hospices. Entrance £5, children free. Free car parking. Wentworth Club, Wentworth Drive, Virginia Water, Surrey GU25 4LS.

## **Santa Fun Run - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 1000**

It's that time of year again, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November Sebastian's Action Trust is holding their annual Santa Fun Run round the lake at Virginia Water - 7km. Come and join all the other Santas running, walking, toddling and skipping and raise vital funds for families with seriously ill children this Christmas. The run is open to everyone so bring all your little and big Santa's helpers. Entry is £20 for adults and £10 for children, which includes your very own Santa suit and medal. For further information see the flyer attached and registration form. Any questions please call Meirion on 07769 655591.

## **Wine and Chocolate Tasting Evenings**

If you fancy doing something a little different with/for your friends around the holiday season how about hosting your own wine and chocolate tasting evening? For a fun, educational and unique way to spend an evening, plus a great opportunity to buy some exclusive wine, wine-related gifts and artisan chocolate telephone Alison (Hall Grove parent) on 07785 232340. Please call if you are interested in being involved in the business.

## **Wanted: Toddler and Baby Toys for the Gurkha Welfare Association**

The wives and children meet for regular coffee mornings whilst their husbands are away serving in Afghanistan but, unfortunately, they have no toy library for the children to choose from so I am making a small collection of toys for them. If you have any toys you would like to donate, please can you give them to me or leave them marked for my attention (all toys must be clean and in good working order). Many thanks for all your help.

*Mrs Tilley*

