

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Our thanks to Mrs Gathy for introducing the school to a charity she supports, 'Right to Play'. On Friday the Upper School were thrilled to meet a famous Olympic hockey player, Crista Cullen, who spoke about her work with this charity, helping children in developing countries to participate in sports in a way that can transform young lives. Crista told the story of her own journey in sport, from its start at The Banda School in Nairobi, through Oakham School in Rutland where she first played hockey for England and on to the London Games this Summer. She then led a wonderful hockey skills session for the senior girls. It really was inspiring.

Good luck to the Judo Team tomorrow in the Schools Tournament being hosted at Hall Grove.

Years 7 and 8 Parent Interview Schedules

The Years 7 and 8 schedules were sent home with the children yesterday for the Parent Interviews taking place on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th December.

Year 8 Battisborough Dates 2013

The Year 8 trip to Battisborough will take place from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2013 (please note the dates have altered from those published in the Autumn Term Calendar).

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff who contributed to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A total of £410.86 was raised by Hall Grove.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 14th December. TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 18th 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

Miss Stein would like to remind parents of children in Footsteps that she is holding a 'Watch Week' during her classes on Tuesday 4th December and Friday 7th December. We hope parents will take this opportunity to attend to see what has been achieved during the term. Parents are reminded, to alleviate congestion in the corridor, not to enter the Dining Hall through the main school but to follow the directions given out at last week's classes.

Spring Term 2013 After School Clubs

Please find attached After School Clubs information for next term. We would ask you to return forms by Friday 7th December.

Years 2 and 3 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 11th December

On Tuesday 11th December the pupils in Years 2 and 3 will be taking part in their Christmas Performance in New Hall. It will start at 1900 and should last approximately one hour. Parents and grandparents of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along. On Tuesday evening, the children should return to school in costume at 1840 and be taken to their classrooms. After the performance, they will be taken back to their classrooms for collection.

Reception and Year 1 Nativity - Thursday 13th December

The Nativity is taking place on Thursday 13th December at 1900 in New Hall. It should last approximately forty minutes. Parents and grandparents of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along. On Thursday evening, the children should return to school at 1820 and be dropped off at their classrooms, where staff will help them change into their costumes. After the performance, the children will be taken back to their classrooms for collection. Please do not take them directly from the hall.

Years 4 and 5 Christmas Concert - Monday 17th December

On Monday 17th December all pupils in Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in their Christmas Concert in New Hall. The concert will start at 1900 and should last approximately one hour. Parents and grandparents of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along. Year 5 children must be returned to school for 1800 and Year 4 at 1830, going straight to the Admiral Room. After the performance, the children will be taken back to their classrooms for collection.

Carol Service - Tuesday 18th December

The Carol Service will be taking place on Tuesday 18th December at 1630 at Windlesham Parish Church. All of Years 6, 7 and 8 will be taken to the 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 by 1745.

Christmas Charities

As in previous years, the school will be supporting a small number of charities this Christmas and money raised at our various Christmas events will be shared between them. The charities are yet to be confirmed, but will be chosen with the help of the School Council.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

The end of this term is full of excitement for all the children, but we should remember that Christmas is above all a family time and we do not wish to stretch the build up to a full month beforehand. With this in mind, it helps if Christmas cards are not swapped in school until the last full week of term when we have a special system for collecting, sorting and delivering them. Please remember that presents are not to be given between children at school, and sweets, cakes and other food should not be brought in either for personal consumption or for general distribution.

End of Term Arrangements - Wednesday 19th December

Term ends on Wednesday 19th December. The collection times are as follows:

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| 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 collected 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

Ukulele Day

Last Friday was a busy one for some of our musical Year 8 children, who spent the day learning how to play the ukulele. In addition, some of Year 5 were lucky enough to get in on the act as well! We were very fortunate to welcome Clive Harvey to school for the second year running - it really was an enormous amount of fun. We learnt Wimoweh, Feliz Navidad and Mele Kalikimaka which we performed to an appreciative audience at the end of the day.

U13 and U11 Football - Surrey Cup Finals

U13 Surrey Cup Final

This game will now be played on Monday 10th December at 1400 at Hall Grove.

U11 Surrey Cup Final

Congratulations to the Colts A Football team on their fine win in the Surrey Cup against Rokeby. They played wonderful football during their 3 - 1 victory at the Chelsea training ground. Well done to all players - they represented the school exceptionally well both on and off the pitch.

Hall Grove Judo Teams Competition - Saturday 1st December

Five man junior teams and seven man senior teams will be competing against several other schools in this annual event. Please come and support - spectators are most welcome. The competition starts at 1000 and should finish at approximately 1200. All players (judoka) should come wearing their judo kit.

National Indoor Hockey Finals - Sunday 27th January

A reminder that if any more children are interested in attending the National Indoor Hockey Finals at Wembley Arena on Sunday 27th January 2013 please let Mr Marland know if you haven't already done so.

Sports News

Girls' Games

The girls' hockey fixtures commenced this week and netball fixtures continued. A special event on Wednesday afternoon saw St. Catherine's and Queen Anne's U18s in an Exhibition Lacrosse Match hosted by Hall Grove, resulting in a highly contested 6 - 5 win for St. Catherine's. On Thursday afternoon, the junior girls took part in hockey training matches in mixed ability groups.

This week's netball results are as follows:

Junior Netball House Matches 1st Kestrels, 2nd Hawks, 3rd Falcons, 4th Eagles
U10 B v St. George's Windsor lost 5 - 1
U10 C v St. George's Windsor lost 3 - 0

This week's girls' hockey results are as follows:

1st VII v Holme Grange lost 1 - 0
U11 v Holme Grange lost 6 - 1
U10 A v Holme Grange won 1 - 0

Correction: last week's U10 A v Hawley Place result should have read won 10 - 4 instead of lost. Many apologies for the error.

Rugby

This week's rugby results are as follow:

1st XV - Wellington Tournament reached the plate quarter-final, but lost to Cumnor House 14 - 7
2nd XV v Feltonfleet lost 21 - 7
3rd XII v Feltonfleet lost 47 - 7
3rd XV - Bill Sharrock Cup lost all three games, but played very well and showed a lot of heart and passion
U9 A v Feltonfleet lost 30 - 20
U9 B v Feltonfleet lost 15 - 10
U9 C v Feltonfleet won 45 - 20

Rugby v Highfield - Saturday 8th December

Highfield has requested that only the 1st XV, Colts A and U9 A games be played due to unforeseen circumstances. All other matches are cancelled. The Colts A will now be an away fixture together with the 1st XV, and the U9 A match will be at home.

Times Tables Plates

Some of you may have seen the samples of the Times Tables Plates at our recent Country Fair. These wonderful plates can be purchased from a website called the Multiples (www.theMultiples.com). The company also sell times tables bowls, beakers and posters. We have been in contact with the director of the company, Robert Norfolk, and, if you place an order by 1800 on Friday 7th December, he will deliver them to Hall Grove for collection on Tuesday 11th December. This would mean that you would not have to pay for postage and packaging, which would provide a considerable saving. If you do make a purchase and want them delivered to Hall Grove, please select the 'Buy and Collect' option on the website during checkout, and also insert 'Hall Grove' when asked to nominate a school. Robert will then donate a plate, bowl or beaker to Hall Grove, for every six that our parents order.

Friends of Hall Grove

The Friends of Hall Grove will be organising a Comedy Store on Friday 8th March 2013. This will take place in New Hall, which will be transformed into a theatre for the evening, where amateur comedians will entertain you. Please contact Catherine Wyatt (mother of Amelie in Year 4 and Kaitlyn in Year 2) if you are interested in helping or finding out more about this event (catherine.e.wyatt@btinternet.com).

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Spring Term 2013 After School Club information
