

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*The Rugby season has started well, with nine wins out of eleven played against Eagle House. Well done the senior girls for an excellent Netball performance in Jersey over half term, and to the U9 girls for winning the festival at Cranleigh. We have had a rather soggy end to the week, and the forecast for tomorrow suggests more rain to come. We must expect such weather in November! Please support the House Matches and come to the Gift Fair in New Hall (expect busy car parking - see note below). Look out for the splendid new Hall Grove umbrellas - perfect for watching matches!*

## **Independent Schools' Fair 2013 - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

A reminder that Hall Grove is exhibiting at the exhibition centre in Battersea Park over the weekend. All families are welcome to attend. It is a good way to meet a number of the senior school Heads and learn about their schools' entry requirements. If you have London based friends who might be considering Hall Grove do pass on the word, we will be pleased to meet them.

## **Remembrance Service**

This is always a special occasion, and today's service was as high a standard as ever with beautiful music and poignant readings. Our thanks to all those who contributed.

## **Lower School Parents' Workshop**

We would like to thank all those who attended the workshop last night. We hope that this gave an insight into some of the methods we employ to encourage secure and pleasurable reading and writing, and also some food for thought in terms of what the children are being prepared for - not only for senior schools, but also for the wider world and the years ahead. We will shortly be sending out a feedback form to help us with planning for future events such as this, and for any reflections or comments on what was discussed.

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

Year 6 Parents are reminded that we now offer All-Rounder Scholarships to help boys and girls complete Years 7 and 8 at Hall Grove. Up to six of these awards are available, worth up to 25% of school fees each term for which the award is held subject to continuing good conduct of the candidate. Criteria: pupils are required to demonstrate that they are able to make a strong all-round contribution to the school's cultural, sporting or academic life. Qualities of good citizenship and leadership are required. Holding such an award will be evidence to a senior school that the pupil is very highly regarded. Applications are to be received by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014. All applications must be supported by an independent reference and a letter of recommendation. Forms will be available from the school office next week

## **Exam Guidance and Support Materials**

In the Academic section of our website we have now placed the Exam Guidance Notes, which were sent out to all Upper School parents at the beginning of half-term, and added some additional Year 6 Geography support material at the end of the Year 6 Notes. We have updated our Recommended Reading Lists for Years 3 - 8, also in the Academic section. Following requests we are also preparing materials for upload following on from the Lower School Parents' Workshop - Questions for Comprehension (ideas to promote discussion of reading as well as prepare for Comprehension-style questions) is already there, on the same page as the Reading Lists.

## **Parent Contact Details**

Should your email address, mobile phone number or any contact details change during the school term, please ensure that you inform the School Office as soon as possible. School records and ClarionCall will then be updated to ensure that you continue to receive all correspondence from the school.

## Country Fair

Children in the Upper School were thrilled to be asked to set up their own stands at the Country Fair. All sorts of items were on offer and a massive thanks to all involved, particularly the support from parents. The children raised a staggering £1,600, which ensures our Christmas collection is off to the best possible start.

## Book Fair Success

Once more we have had a tremendously popular Book Fair. We have taken more than £1,200 in orders. It is heartening to see the importance that Hall Grove parents and pupils continue to place in the value of reading for enjoyment. The school will also benefit from the largesse of the parents as we are able to select several hundred pounds worth of books in commission, enabling us to continue to add to our book choices in school. Most orders that were received by the end of the Book Fair have been processed and the children should have come home with their books. We are awaiting delivery of a few books, which were out of stock due to such high demand before half-term.

## Year 8 Trip to Hampton Court - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Year 8 will be going on a trip to Hampton Court on Monday afternoon. Consent forms have not been sent out as the trip is covered by the form previously signed by parents giving permission for children to attend an off-site activity organised during the school day.

## 3VB Assembly - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

The children of 3VB would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Music Department

### Kingston Upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts

William Chen (Year 7) won a gold medal and the Sheila Townsend Memorial Cup at Kingston Upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts (80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year) for his outstanding solo piano performance. This is a superb achievement!

### Informal Concert

This week's Informal Concert was a delightful display of the range of instruments played at Hall Grove. From the piano to the French horn, the 'cello to the trumpet, every performer impressed the audience. Our next Informal Concert will be for Pre-Prep on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 1245.

## Netball Tour to Jersey

The senior girls' netball tour to Jersey was a resounding success and was a mixture of netball fixtures and team building activities. The girls represented Hall Grove admirably in all aspects, but particularly with their sporting prowess. The first two matches were competitive, but the Hall Grove teams proved too much for the opposition. Going into the final fixture Jersey School for Girls had obviously heard that the Hall Grove girls were very capable netball players and put out 2 teams, one being two years older than our girls. The sheer physicality was all a bit of a shock at first, but the girls dug very deep and with steely determination played well against their toughest opposition of the tour! The 1<sup>st</sup> VII pulled off a well-deserved draw, flying home triumphant and undefeated.

The results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Accies Netball Club	won	28 - 9
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Accies Netball Club	won	12 - 11
1 <sup>st</sup> VII v St. Clement Netball Club	won	36 - 12
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v St. Clement Netball Club	won	16 - 4
1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Jersey School for Girls	drew	22 - 22
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Jersey School for Girls	lost	28 - 16

## Sherborne Rugby Tour

Thirteen senior boys, Mr Lewis, Mr Tullett and two gap students spent two nights at Sherborne School over half term. The boys received coaching of the very highest level (from the outgoing coach of England U16s, and the newly appointed forward coach of this team and Head of Rugby at Sherborne to name but two) and played two matches on the hallowed 1<sup>st</sup> XV pitch at Sherborne. It prepared the boys extremely well for the start of the season and we will hope to take a larger squad next year as the benefit is enormous. Coaches from Sherborne will be visiting Hall Grove at the beginning of next term to run an afternoon of coaching. The date will be in the the calendar.

## Sports News

### Girls' Hockey

IAPS 1<sup>st</sup> VII Hockey Finals - the girls performed admirably, but the competition was tough at this prestigious hockey tournament. They played five games winning one and losing four. They were placed 5<sup>th</sup> in their pool (out of six).

IAPS U11 Hockey Finals - on a wet and windy day an optimistic U11 girls' hockey team set off for the regional IAPS competition. Overall it was a tough day; however, the girls should be commended for their attitude. Even when nothing

seemed to be going their way they remained positive and hardworking, continuing to strive to play their best hockey until the very final whistle. They played five matches, drawing two and losing three.

U9 A v Cranleigh Festival - the U9 A team went to Cranleigh to participate in the Netball Festival. The girls played four matches, winning three and drawing one. They finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place, scoring seven goals and conceding none. Well done girls!

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

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Holme Grange	won	3 - 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Crosfields	lost	4 - 1
U11 B v Crosfields	lost	2 - 0
U10 A/B v Crosfields	won	4 - 0
U10 B/C v Crosfields	won	4 - 3

#### Girls' Calendar Reminders and Additions

Hall Grove Hockey Tournament tomorrow - please arrive at 0845 for a prompt 0900 start.

U8 Cranleigh Netball Festival - the team sheets are now available for the U8 A and B teams. Parents are welcome to attend. Please note the girls are not expected to return to school until 1630.

Bradfield Netball Tournament on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November - girls are required to be at Hall Grove to meet Mrs Lomas at 0830. Collection from Hall Grove is expected at 1430.

#### IAPS National Gymnastics Championships

Good luck to Margaux Gathy, Rosie Freeman, Eden Bray and Isabel Norrey who are competing next Saturday in Birmingham.

#### Rugby

This week's boys' rugby results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Eagle House	lost	21 - 12
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV v Eagle House	won	57 - 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV v Eagle House	won	52 - 0
Colts A v Eagle House	won	12 - 5
Colts B v Eagle House	lost	67 - 5
U10 A v Eagle House	won	55 - 5
U10 C v Eagle House	won	25 - 0
U9 A v Eagle House	won	55 - 20
U9 B v Eagle House	won	55 - 15
U9 C v Eagle House	won	45 - 10
U9 D v Eagle House	won	25 - 15

#### Rugby House Matches - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November

0900 Years 5 and 6

1030 Years 7 and 8

#### Rugby Calendar Reminder

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Hall Grove Rugby 10-a-side Tournament. The boys selected to play should arrive promptly at 0900.

#### Football

This week's boys' football results are as follows:

U8 A v Yateley Manor	lost	4 - 2
U8 B v Yateley Manor	lost	1 - 0
U8 C v Yateley Manor	won	3 - 2
U8 D v Yateley Manor	lost	1 - 0

#### Football Calendar Additions

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Colts A are playing in the Surrey Cup Football Plate 1st round competition away at Cranmore. The kick-off is at 1430.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November - U13 IAPS National 6-a-side Finals at Shrewsbury School.

## **Gift Fair in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Taking place from 1000 to 1300 (*please note the change of time from that printed in the School Calendar*).

Just a reminder that the Sebastian's Action Trust's annual Gift Fair is tomorrow from 1000-1300 in New Hall and surrounding cabins. Each year group has fun and games going on, there are some excellent stalls to ease the strain of Christmas and there's a secondhand uniform and sporting goods sale too. Year 7 are selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts - these always fly out the door so if you want to reserve yours in advance please email [jillchappell@btinternet.com](mailto:jillchappell@btinternet.com) as soon as possible so she can reserve you some. This is a great opportunity to raid your coin collections rather than handing £20 notes over to your children but, if you only have £20 notes, I'm sure they'll enjoy spending them.

**If you are coming to support your children in the Pre-Prep Trick-or-Treat Fun Run, House Rugby or the Hockey Tournament, refreshments, including tea, coffee, mulled wine, bacon and sausage rolls, will be available from 0930 in the Wessex Courtyard.** All proceeds go to Sebastian's Action Trust and all donations will be gratefully received. Please come and join the fun after your matches finish.

**And finally, if the car parking at school is full, please park at Longacres and walk over the bridge. They know Hall Grove have a number of events on and are happy to accommodate our overflow. Please do not park on the A30.**

*Mierion Shaw*

## **Operation Christmas Child at the Gift Fair**

Have you filled up a shoebox with lots of Christmas goodies yet? If not (or even if you have!) do stop by the OCC stall on Saturday. There will be shoeboxes, wrapping paper and lots of gifts to choose from to fill a box. Please bring a gift donation (small toy, toothbrush, toothpaste, stationery items etc) to add to a box. Or (even better) bring your own box and contents and put it all together at the fair. The whole idea is to make up as many boxes as possible to bring a bit of Christmas joy to overseas children often living in desperate situations. See [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) for complete details or call Jo Gunning on 07900 232633.

## **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 bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November as collection has been arranged for the following week. Please ensure that each box has a payment envelope inside, as directed in the leaflet sent home before half-term.

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