

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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As November turns into December we can anticipate a range of Christmas events in the last two weeks of term. We also turn our mind to the Hall Grove Christmas Charity Collection. This year the School Council (made up of representative pupils) has voted to support the work of the Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital, the Surrey Wildlife Trust and Save the Children. You will see from the report below that we are also supporting the Philippines appeal which the prep school body, IAPS, is co-ordinating. Our boys and girls are very keen to raise funds to assist in the humanitarian work urgently required in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan.

Sponsored Run in aid of the Philippines Appeal

On Friday 6th December all pupils from Years 3 - 8 will take part in a sponsored run around the grounds of Hall Grove to raise money for the Philippines appeal. The aim is for the children to challenge themselves physically by improving on the time they recorded this week in PE. Sponsorship forms are attached for completion; we hope parents and friends will give this good support.

Years 7 and 8 Parent Interview Schedules

The Years 7 and 8 schedules have been sent home today with the children for the Parent Interviews taking place on Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th December.

6EM Assembly - Thursday 5th December

The children of 6EM would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 5th December. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff who contributed to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A total of £460.97 was raised by Hall Grove.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 13th December. TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 17th December, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

Spring Term 2014 After School Clubs

After School Clubs information for next term was sent out on Wednesday. We would ask you to return forms by Monday 2nd December.

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 3rd and Friday 6th 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.

Years 2 and 3 Christmas Concert - Tuesday 10th December

On Tuesday 10th December the pupils in Years 2 and 3 will be taking part in their Christmas Concert 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 12th December

The Reception and Year 1 Nativity is taking place on Thursday 12th December at 1800 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 1730 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 16th December

On Monday 16th 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 17th December

The Carol Service will be taking place on Tuesday 17th 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.

End of Term Arrangements - Wednesday 18th December

Term ends on Wednesday 18th December. The collection times are as follows:

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 musical 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.

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.

Music Department

Informal Concert

Yesterday was another good opportunity to hear some of our senior soloists perform in the Drawing Room. A special mention should go to Juliana McIntosh and Matthew Lees who have clearly made excellent progress since we last heard them. Well done to all our musicians!

Carols in Bagshot

Please support our wonderful Concert Band, who will be playing a selection of carols in Bagshot on Saturday 7th December. The performance will be outside The Kings Arms at 1600.

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

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

Year 4 House Matches	1 st place – Falcons; 2 nd place – Kestrels; 3 rd place – Hawks; 4 th place – Eagles
Year 3 House Matches	1 st place – Kestrel; 2 nd place – Eagles; 3 rd place – Falcons; 4 th place – Hawks
1 st VII v Daneshill	lost 1 - 9
2 nd VII v Daneshill	lost 1 - 6
U11 B v Claremont	drew 2 - 2
U10 B v Claremont	drew 1 - 1
U9 C v Claremont	won 3 - 1

Netball

This week's netball results are as follows:

U11 A v Coworth-Flexlands	won 9 - 3
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U10 A v Coworth-Flexlands	won	13 - 2
U9 A v Cranleigh	drew	5 - 5
U9 B v Cranleigh	won	2 - 0
U8 A v Cranleigh	lost	3 - 1
U8 B v Cranleigh	won	5 - 2

Boys' Rugby

Wellington College Rugby Tournament. The 1st XV and Colts A competed in the Rugby Tournament at Wellington College on Wednesday. The 1st XV performed particularly well, beating Horris Hill 12-0 and Eagle House 17-0 on their way to the quarter-finals. Both teams learnt a great deal from the experience.

This week's rugby results are as follows:

2 nd v Aldro	lost	24 - 5
3 rd XV v Aldro	won	22 - 12
Colts B v Aldro	lost	24 - 5
U10 A v Aldro	lost	10 - 5
U10 B v Aldro	won	40 - 25
U10 C v Aldro	won	50 - 15
U10 D v Aldro	won	60 - 50
U9 A v Feltonfleet	won	30 - 15
U9 B v Feltonfleet	won	30 - 5
U9 C v Feltonfleet	won	50 - 0

Judo Tournament - Saturday 30th November

Good luck to all those taking part in the Hall Grove Judo Tournament tomorrow.

Sports Kit

In the cold weather it is important that the children wear layers to keep warm. During games, they are encouraged to wear their school base layers, sports tops and tracksuits. Girls in Years 3 - 5 should wear white base layers and those in Years 6 - 8 should wear black. They are available to purchase from the Uniform Shop. Please make sure all kit is clearly marked with name tapes.

Hockey Camp - February Half Term

Please find attached a leaflet about the Hockey Camp that will be running during the February half term for boys and girls in Years 3 to 8. All abilities are welcome.

A Message for Past Valley End Parents from the Headmistress

Some of you may be aware that Mrs Watts, who taught at Valley End for many years and who had recently retired, passed away not long ago. We would like to make a book of memories with contributions from you and your children to present to the family at a small memorial service in the Spring, to which you will be invited. I have already received some lovely emails to include. If you and/or your children would like to contribute with pictures or children's writing or by email (mheritage@valleyend.surrey.sch.uk) or by post (Highams Lane, Chobham, Surrey, GU24 8TB), please could we receive them by the end of term. I will be in touch regarding the date and time of the Memorial Service in January. *Margaret Heritage*

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Sponsored Run Forms
- Hockey Camp Leaflet

Car For Sale

Ford S-MAX titanium TDCI 138, diesel, 7-seater, navy blue, in a neat condition with a very low mileage: 3,400 miles only (previously a show car in a Ford Garage); first registered March 2012. If interested please call 07970 192428 for more details.

