

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Since this is the last Newsletter of the term, the Headmaster and Staff take this opportunity to wish all Hall Grove families a very happy Christmas, and all good fortune in 2014.

TASC

TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 17th December, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy.

School Reports, Spring Term Calendars and School Reviews

School reports, the Spring Term Calendar and a copy of the Review for 2012/13 will be sent home with the children on the last day of term.

School Invoices

The Spring invoices will be sent out in the end of term envelopes and we ask that they are settled promptly and no later than Wednesday 8th January please. We continue to make a charitable donation to the Royal National Children's Foundation of £10 per term per child and this cost is included in the school fees, further details of this charity can be found on the school website. You can also find copies of all the School Insurances on the school website (Admissions/Fee Information) or get copies from the Accounts Office.

Christmas Sweets and Gifts

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.

Spring Term 2014

Term starts on Wednesday 8th January and normal drop off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have booked it and TASC commences on the first day of term. After school clubs start on Monday 13th January.

Spring Term 2014 After School Clubs

Club spaces have now been allocated. The following clubs will not be running due to insufficient demand: Pre-Prep - Nature Detectives; Middle School - Rugby; Upper School - Rugby, Ceramics, Bushcraft, Chess and Fun Food. With the exception of those and the clubs where we have had to limit numbers (affected children's parents have been notified), children have been successful in gaining places for the clubs of their choice next term. Please be aware that the following clubs for next term are full: Pre-Prep - Lego/Construction; Middle School - Ceramics, Shooting and Fun Food.

Year 3 Maternity Cover Teacher

Miss Tamara Blackham will be covering for Mrs Hale during her maternity absence. Miss Blackham is an experienced teacher of this age group, and she has previously taught at St. Andrew's in Woking. We are delighted to have her on the staff. We take this opportunity of wishing Mrs Hale all the best for the birth of her twins, expected early next Spring.

Director of Music Position

Mrs Salmond Smith leaves us at the end of this term to take up her position as Head of Tormead Junior School in Guildford. She will be much missed. In her absence Mr Heffer will be teaching the majority of her lessons and will be here for four full days. Miss Lizzie Post has recently joined us to take on music administration. Mr Waltho will be acting Director of Music, a position for which he is well qualified. He is a Music graduate and, prior to joining Hall Grove, was Head of Music at two different schools. The Choristers will be trained by Mr Goodwin.

Other Staff News

Mr Martin Thorne will be returning to join the Upper School English team and Miss Bangert will take on some additional English teaching in Year 6 for the next two terms. Both are very experienced teachers with significant practice of preparing children for senior school entrance exams.

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. Please note that there will be a retiring collection.

Preparations are going well and we are looking forward to our final dress rehearsals during the day on Monday. On Monday evening pupils should be collected at their normal collection time. Year 5 children should be returned to school at 1800 to change into costumes and have make-up. Year 4 children should be returned to their classrooms at 1830 (no make-up required). No costumes should be taken home before the performance. If your child is unable to wear make-up please let us know. At the end of the production the cast will return to their form rooms for collection.

Thank you to all parents for their support with costumes. If your child's costume is not wanted after the performance and you would like to donate it for next year we would be very grateful!

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 directly from school. Whilst parents are welcome to attend, we must advise that the Church is not large and often it is standing room only. There is also very limited parking near the church. Please note that there will be a retiring collection. We would ask that, due to space and demand for seating, younger children are not brought to the service. Pupils 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. In the event of wet weather we will not be able to park the cars and we will ClarionCall parents to ask them to collect their children as close as possible to the above times. The drive will of course be very busy and parents MUST NOT PARK ON YELLOW LINES.

Choristers' Tour

We have received confirmation that the Choristers will be singing at Sorrento Cathedral on Saturday 7th June at 1930. We hope this will be useful information for those parents wishing to travel to Italy to see some of the performances. As soon as we know the details of any other aspects of the itinerary, we will publish them.

Sports News

Girls' Games

With the matches on both Wednesday and Thursday cancelled, the girls all took part in mixed hockey and netball tournaments during their games lessons.

Girls' Calendar Reminder

Saturday 11th January: Queen Anne's Netball Tournament for the U11 A team. Players are to be dropped at Queen Anne's at 0920 and will be ready for collection at approximately 1230. Team selection is published on the school website.

Rugby

This week's rugby results are as follows:

1 st XV v Lambrook	lost	42 - 0
2 nd XV v Lambrook	won	15 - 5
3 rd XV v Lambrook	lost	42 - 15
Colts A v Lambrook	lost	12 - 0
Colts B v Lambrook	lost	42 - 0

U10 A v Lambrook	lost	20 - 0
U10 B v Lambrook	won	25 - 20
U10 C v Lambrook	won	50 - 5

Games Bags/Lost Property

Please do not send your child in with their games bag next week – no sports kit will be required. The Sports Department will ensure that any named lost property is returned. Please could parents check that all kit is named for the beginning of next term.

Rugby Sevens

We are delighted to announce that former Hall Grove sports teacher Greg Joll will be coaching the 1st VII squad next term. Training will be on Wednesday evenings from 1700 to 1830 starting on Wednesday 5th February. Selected boys will be invited to attend these sessions in the New Year.

Hall Grove Judo Championships 2013

The results of the Individual Judo Championships are as follows:

Gold:	Hogan Whiteley, Hayden Brown, James Crane, Thomas Morley (7 golds), Archie Rhodes, Callum Kinner, Bertie Deane (15 weight groups)
Silver:	Jana van Eeden (9 schools), Jai Edwards (4 silvers), Max Tenenbaum, Ffion Davis
Bronze:	Sam Wells, Toby Conner (4 bronze), Ozzie Whiteley, Lewis Strickland
Fourth:	Ryan Thompson, Rhett Wooldridge (4 th =), Shrey Rawal (4 th =), Joshua Symons
Fifth:	Ethan Leech, Alex Uphill, Theo Conner
Sixth:	Charles Deane, Elea Tulloch, Aimee Thompson

The result of the Team Championships is as follows:

- 1 Hall Grove A team
- 2 Hall Grove B team

The 'Best Throw of the Day' was awarded to Ethan Leech

Strictly Jive School... 'Strictly' for Hall Grove Parents!

Why not start the New Year with a new hobby? Mr Slape is running a new course of partner dance classes in the Spring Term for Hall Grove parents on a Thursday evening. The course is for complete beginners and is great for fitness as well as being a super social night out. If you've ever wanted to turn up to a ball and really dance with your partner... now is your chance to learn! There is no complex footwork and classes are fun and relaxed. Please contact Mr Slape via email at jiveschool@hotmail.com for more details or to book one of the remaining places.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Chris Dean Fitness
- Golf and Tennis Lesson Spring 2014 Form

EBCC Holiday Cricket Coaching

EBCC are holding four afternoon cricket coaching sessions at Eversley Indoor Cricket Centre during the first week of the New Year. Should you be interested please contact Tony Porter at EB Sports on either 01189 732079, 07944 604310, ebcoaching@hotmail.com or www.ebsports.co.uk.

