

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Some time ago, we introduced 'Twilight' sessions for children in Year 4 and above aimed at filling the gap for parents who make more than one collection or for the occasional unavoidable delay. We did not expect more than a handful of children for just a short spell. It is now apparent that it is being used by some parents as a cheap form of child care which was never our intention and we regret to say that we will now have to introduce charges to pay for the staffing. More details will be given later, but please remember that children from Reception to Year 5 can be booked into TASC which is set up as a proper child care arrangement, and that children from Year 3 onwards can be booked into evening supervision through the Boarding House. Some children are regularly being collected late from school without prior arrangement which makes the supervision difficult.*

## Roadworks in Bagshot

We are well aware that the delays on the roads have caused considerable frustration for parents and staff. As you may know, these works are due to go on until the end of May, though the contractors have started with the most complex stretch which will take two more weeks. Things have settled down a little, the traffic lights are being better managed and many people are finding other ways around, but please be prepared for a difficult period. The Council has now extended working hours so that the works can proceed more quickly. Our breakfast club is getting more and more popular, and we do offer a cooked evening meal for those children in Year 3 and above who may need an extended school day. Please book either or both through the Boarding House ([l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk)).

## Attain Magazine

The Spring edition of this excellent magazine will be circulated to parents next week, it features the prep school age range. Several of the articles have been quoted in national papers with a diverse range of topics including the value of Latin, teaching handwriting, parental behaviour at school matches(!) and why it is good if children are occasionally bored. We hope you find it to be of interest.

## Pre-Prep Big Talk/Big Write Sessions

As a follow up to the workshop, Pre-Prep teachers would like to invite Pre-Prep parents to come and observe a Big Talk/Big Write session. You will see how the children's talk and subsequent writing is extended through using 'WOW' words, punctuation 'Splats' and connectives.

If you would like to attend, please sign up on the board outside your child's classroom to come to one of the following sessions:

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January:	Reception 1030-1100	Years 1 and 2 1100-1145
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February:	Reception 1030-1100	Years 1 and 2 1100-1145

An email will follow next week with more details about what Big Talk/Big Write is and hopefully put all the words your child may be using at home into context.

## Matilda

Year 4 had a tremendous time on Wednesday when they went to the Cambridge Theatre to see the multi-award winning musical, 'Matilda'. Not only were they treated to performances of the highest calibre, but they were thrilled by the demonic Miss Trunchbull, Matilda's foul parents and the 'revolting children' of Matilda's school. We shouted out, 'Telly!', and some of us sang along as we heard 'When I grow up I will eat sweets everyday on the way to work and I will go to bed late every night'. Truly a witty, smart and musically intelligent show, well worth seeing (again and again).

## Music Department

Soloists' Concert

On Tuesday we were treated to a concert by a most impressive line-up of musicians, performing everything from Bach and Handel through to folk song and 20<sup>th</sup> Century composers such as Bridge. Many thanks to Caitlin Gluckstein, Henry Coop, Rosie Freeman, Isabel Norrey, William Chen and Neve Macdonald for their super performances.

#### Informal Chamber Concerts

Please be reminded that the Upper School concert is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 1245, and the Middle School concert is at 1245 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. We are currently finalising the list of performers – if your child is learning outside school, we would still love to hear them perform. Please contact Lizzie Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) no later than Monday if you would like to put your child forward for one of these concerts. We hope to hold both concerts in Mr Graham's Drawing Room.

#### Music Competition

The Music Competition is later this term and we have a prestigious panel of judges from some of the senior schools to which we regularly send children. The competition is open to all instrumentalists, regardless of ability, and all children are strongly encouraged to participate. If your child learns an instrument in school, their teacher will submit an entry on their behalf if they wish to enter. For those who have lessons outside school, the entry form will be sent out with this week's newsletter and must be submitted to Lizzie Post by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Hopefully this amount of time will allow for discussion with your child's instrumental teacher and the selection of an appropriate piece of music with which your child feels comfortable. Late entries shall not be accepted because multiple changes to the schedules are unfair on parents taking time off work to see their children perform; please respect this and ensure that any entries arrive by the deadline. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

#### Music Examination Results

Well done to all the named children below for their success in last term's grade exams. It takes some hard work, effort and practice to just pass these, but the results, both musically and cognitively, are well worth it!

Grade 5	William Wyatt	Piano (Merit)
	Isabel Norrey	Flute (Merit)
Grade 4	Eden Bray	Flute
Grade 3	Neve Macdonald	Voice (Merit)
	Alice Myers	Recorder
	Pierre Gathy	Recorder
	Charlie Millar	Saxophone
Grade 2	Eden Bray	Recorder
Grade 1	Jack Dale	Piano (Merit)
	Tara Rijal	Voice (Merit)
	Ben Symons	Drums (Distinction)
	Ffion Davis	Piano
Trinity Exam Board – Initial Exam		
	Dawie Lindeque	Piano (Distinction)
Prep Test	Emily Armitage	
	James Brash	
	Florence Coughlin	
	Toby Hancock	

## **Sports News**

#### Girls' Games

Years 5 and 6 girls' house hockey results: 1<sup>st</sup> place Falcons, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kestrels, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Eagles, 4<sup>th</sup> place Hawks.

This week's netball results are as follows:

The U11 A took part in the Queen Anne's Netball Tournament on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their original pool and 1<sup>st</sup> in the second pool. Special thanks to Chloe Hill and Emily Myers who assisted from the U10s.

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Pangbourne U14s	won	40 – 2
1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Downsend	won	11 – 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Downsend	lost	3 – 4
U11 A v Holme Grange	won	16 – 3
U11 B v The Marist A	lost	10 – 6
U11 C v The Marist B	won	2 – 1
U10 A v The Marist	won	15 – 0
U10 B v Holme Grange	lost	2 – 15
U9 A v Lambrook	won	9 – 1
U9 B v Lambrook	won	9 – 0
U9 C v Lambrook	won	1 – 0
U8 A v Lambrook	won	4 – 0
U8 B v Lambrook	won	3 – 0

#### Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January: Queen Anne's Netball Tournament is for the U10 A team. All team players are to meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove at 0820 for a prompt 0830 departure. The team are expected to be back at Hall Grove for a 1300 collection. Parents are welcome to watch. Please note that Sonning and Caversham bridges are closed.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January: The fixture against Sherfield is now a netball match and not hockey.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January: All Years 6, 7, and 8 girls are reminded that they should meet at Hall Grove at 0830 for senior girls' House Netball matches.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January: All U9 girls are expected to be available to participate in the U9 Netball Festival at Hall Grove. The start time is 1000 with an expected finish time of 1130.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January: The U9 B hockey fixture against Staines Prep has been cancelled.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February: U13 Girls' IAPS regional swimming round will take place at St. John's Beaumont, Windsor.

### Rugby

This week's rugby results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Yateley Manor	lost	35 - 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV v Yateley Manor	won	30 - 25
Colts A v Yateley Manor	lost	14 - 12
U10 A v Yateley Manor	won	15 - 10
U10 B v Yateley Manor	won	45 - 5
U9 A v Yateley Manor	won	0 - 0
U9 B v Yateley Manor	won	25 - 20

The U8s played their first competitive rugby matches on Thursday in a triangular fixture against Donhead and Feltonfleet. The boys had an enjoyable afternoon and despite losing six and drawing two the matches were extremely close.

### Boys' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Rugby v Woodcote: 1<sup>st</sup> XV is now being played at home starting at 1400 and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV is now at home starting at 1500. The Colts A fixture has been cancelled.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Rugby v Ludgrove: 1400 U10 A, U9 A (h), 1400 1<sup>st</sup> XV, Colts A (a).

## **Sherborne Rugby Coaching Clinic - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Mr Dave Muckult, Head of Rugby at Sherborne School, England U23 forwards coach and former premiership player, will be running coaching sessions throughout the afternoon. He will offer the boys an insight into what is required to play the game at the highest level, as well as giving them advice on their own performance. We very much look forward to an excellent afternoon of rugby.

## **FOHG Tennis and Golf Lessons**

Just a reminder that a few places are still left for children wishing to take tennis and/or golf lessons at Hall Grove on Saturday mornings. As some lessons are full, however, please contact us to be sure a place is available before registering your child/ren - Rachel Bray for golf ([rachel\\_bray@icloud.com](mailto:rachel_bray@icloud.com)) and Leslie Gathy for tennis ([lesliemg@btopenworld.com](mailto:lesliemg@btopenworld.com)). The FOHG Flag Golf Competition will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **FOHG Quiz Night - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Round up your friends and family for a fun-filled, social evening. Why? It's the Hall Grove Quiz Night.

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Where: Hall Grove School

Who: Parents, teachers and friends (adults only please)

Why: We all can do with some fun and laughter, and just because we can!

Please see attached flyer for details or contact Tanya Thompson by email at [tanya@tanyas-touch.com](mailto:tanya@tanyas-touch.com) or on 07540 885458.

## **Masked Ball - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Due to great excitement and interest regarding the Masked Ball on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, tickets will go on sale on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January and not on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February as previously stated. Tickets cost £70 per person and can be paid for by internet transfer, cheque or cash. Internet transfer: sort code - 30-92-88; account number - 00886066. Please ensure that you give your name as a reference. Once paid please email [hgmaskedball@gmail.com](mailto:hgmaskedball@gmail.com) to confirm all names that refer to that payment. Cheques should be made payable to V. Parker please. Cheques and cash should be given in to the School Office. Please ensure that all names being paid for are listed on the envelope. All payments for tickets are to be received by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (the day before half term).

## **Newsletter Attachments**

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

- Music Competition External Entry Form 2014
- Golf and Tennis Lesson Form Spring 2014
- FOHG Quiz Night Information
- Scout Leader Recruitment notice

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## **For Sale**

White Ikea two door desk and drawer, bought for £300 and will accept £120 ono. Two brand new boys' Ralph Lauren black reefer jackets, bought as Christmas presents in America, but were too small - would fit 12 to 13 year olds. Paid £60 but would accept £35. Please call Fiona Fox on 07860 231441.

## **Valley End Cricket Club Winter Coaching**

Valley End CC Winter Coaching for U8s to U13s is starting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at King's International and the Sunningdale indoor nets. Contact James Young at jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com or on 07885 235703 for further details.

## **Touch Typing Courses**

Verityping is running touch typing courses in the Easter and Summer holidays in Sunbury, just off the M3, suitable for children aged 7 upwards and for adults. If interested, please see their website ([www.verityping.co.uk](http://www.verityping.co.uk)) for more details. This is such a useful skill for anyone to master, especially for dyslexics.

