

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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School trips, expeditions and sporting fixtures play a big part in Hall Grove life, and boys and girls regularly travel away from school. We have recently ordered four smart new replacement minibuses and we are delighted to announce that they are being delivered next Friday. The benefit to Hall Grove of the additional minibus to the current three is that it will reduce the number of times we have to hire in coach transport.

Hall Grove All-Rounder Senior Scholarships

We would like to remind Year 6 parents that applications for the Hall Grove All-Rounder Scholarship are to be received by Monday 3rd February 2014. Forms are available from the School Office.

The Drive

Concerns have been expressed about the speed at which cars are being driven on the drive. We cannot stress strongly enough the importance of driving slowly (the speed limit is 10 mph) and with extreme caution at all times whilst in the school grounds.

Please try to avoid arriving early for collection times at the end of the school day because it blocks the drive and pick-up area for everyone else. Please remember that cars should never park on the yellow lines or turning circle, or be left unattended – it is important that the flow of traffic is not disrupted. If you are collecting two or more children from different year groups please move on and join the back of the queue or park near the tennis courts and walk.

3JD Assembly - Tuesday 28th January

The children of 3JD would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 28th January. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

'Mobile Phone' - Tuesday 28th January

Year 7 Remove would like to invite parents, family and friends to their performance of 'Mobile Phone' next Tuesday (28th January). The performance will take place in a cosy, informal setting back stage in New Hall starting at 1900. On the evening of the performance it is expected that the cast will remain at school where they will receive supper and refreshment before the show. The performance has a running time of approximately 30 minutes.

Senior Schools' Fair - Tuesday 4th February

We are holding a Senior Schools' Fair on Tuesday 4th February in New Hall. The evening will be of especial interest to parents of children in Years 5 and 6, but all parents are welcome. The Fair will begin at 1900; at about 2000 a representative from each school will speak briefly about their school and then answer questions. The event will end by 2100.

The following schools will be attending: Bradfield College, Charterhouse, Cheltenham College, Christ's Hospital, Eton College, Hampton School, Lord Wandsworth College, Luckley House School, Milton Abbey, Pangbourne College, Queen Anne's Caversham, St. Edward's Oxford, Sherborne and Shiplake College.

Ski Trip: 28th December 2014 - 3rd January 2015

Next year's ski trip dates to Claviere, Italy are now confirmed. The party will be departing on 28th December and will return on 3rd January. The dates have been moved to allow children and staff to have a couple of days to recover from the trip before returning to school. New Year in the Italian Alps will be very exciting and an unforgettable experience for the children who will see Claviere's annual torch procession down the mountain and New Year's Eve firework display. The children will receive 5 hours instructor-led skiing each day and enjoy a night hike to France, ice skating and a skidoo ride. The cost is now confirmed at £1,015 which will cover everything. Places are limited so please reply promptly by email to Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) if you are interested in reserving a space. There is no need to pay a deposit at this point and further information will be sent out in February.

Music Department

Informal Concerts

This week saw our first informal concert of the term. On Thursday it was the turn of six children who impressed the audience not only with their playing, but with their confident, self-assured delivery. Due to the high numbers of children ready to perform pieces in Middle School we will be putting on two Middle School concerts next week; the first is as advertised, on Thursday 7th February, and the second will be on Friday. Both will be in New Hall, to accommodate the larger numbers, starting at 1245. The lists are being finalised and we will be notifying performers' parents by email later today. It is really encouraging to find so many children ready to perform, and both concerts should be tremendously enjoyable.

Choristers' Tours

We are currently putting the finishing touches to both of our Choristers' Tours for this year. Towards the end of this term our Choristers will be heading up to the North West to perform at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and to sing for a live broadcast of Radio 4's Daily Service, as well as enjoying the many treats that the North West has to offer. Next term we will be going to Sorrento, taking in Pompeii and Vesuvius, visiting Rome, singing at two fabulous churches and, possibly, singing at St. Peter's in Rome itself! We expect to be sending out letters to Chorister parents with further details in the next week and are considering putting on an Information Evening next term for the Sorrento trip - could Chorister parents please let Mr Waltho or Lizzie Post know if you feel that this is something you would like us to offer (j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk or l.post@hallgrove.co.uk).

Sports News

Girls' Games

Queen Anne's Netball Tournament: last Saturday the U10 A team took part in the Queen Anne's Netball Tournament. The girls won six matches, drew one and only lost one. Well done to all involved.

This week's netball results are as follows:

U11 B v Herries A	won	15 - 2
U11 C v Herries B	lost	3 - 2
U10 A v Twickenham Prep	won	10 - 4
U10 B v Twickenham Prep	lost	2 - 1

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

U9 B v Sherfield	won	4 - 0
U8 B v Sherfield	won	10 - 1
U9 A - Cranleigh Hockey Festival	won all three games - 1 st place	
U9 B - Cranleigh Hockey Festival	drew two, lost one - 2 nd place in pool	

Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Saturday 25th January - All Years 6, 7, and 8 girls are reminded that they should meet at Hall Grove at 0830 for senior girls' netball house matches.

Saturday 25th 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.

Wednesday 29th January - The Surrey Cup netball is taking place at Croydon High School, not Guildford High School as previously advised.

Thursday 30th January - The U9 B hockey fixture against Staines Prep has been cancelled.

Saturday 1st February - St. George's Ascot U10 A Netball Tournament: girls to meet at St. George's at 0900. Collection at 1130. Please be aware that parking is limited at the school.

Wednesday 12th February - 2nd VII v Holme Grange netball has been cancelled.

Friday 28th February - U13 Girls' IAPS regional swimming round will take place at St. John's Beaumont, Windsor.

Boys' Rugby

This week's rugby results are as follows:

1 st XV v Woodcote	lost	31 - 19
2 nd XV v Woodcote	won	33 - 5
U13 XV v Holme Grange	lost	61 - 43
U8 A v Lambrook	lost	13 - 7
U8 B v Lambrook	lost	11 - 6
U8 C v Lambrook	lost	13 - 11
U8 D v Lambrook	won	10 - 9

Boys' Calendar Reminders

Saturday 25th January - Rugby v Ludgrove: U10 A and U9 A to meet at Hall Grove at 1350 for home matches starting at 1415. 1st XV and Colts A to meet at Hall Grove at 1315 for away matches starting at 1415.

Saturday 1st February - Rugby v Moulsholme: 1st XV, Colts A and U10 A are all home matches starting at 1000.

Lambrook Cross Country - Monday 27th January

Please ensure that those children who have been selected to run in the cross country event on Monday have plenty of warm clothing, including gloves and hats, as there will be periods of waiting time between races. Spiked running shoes are permitted if you have them, but a decent pair of trainers will suffice.

'The Wind in the Willows' at Sunninghill Theatre

Freddie and Florence Coughlin (Years 5 and 3) secured roles in the junior chorus of the production of 'The Wind in the Willows' at Sunninghill Theatre. They rehearsed three times a week for about ten weeks and have done ten shows in ten days. Many of the parents and children have been to support them and were impressed by their tremendous performance and level of commitment to the role. Well done to them both.

Pony Grove

Saturday Club

After half term Pony Grove is starting a Saturday Club. Children can arrive from 0900 and it will run until 1200. It will be a time for children to learn about ponies in a fun and relaxed environment. As well as being a BHSAI, I am also a fully qualified 'Think Like a Pony' instructor. This teaches children to look at the world through a pony's eyes from leading correctly, catching a pony in the field, care and understanding of how to be a good leader and helping to have a happy and confident relationship.

Mums Club

Pony Grove is also starting a Mums Club. This is aimed at mothers who would like to learn more about ponies - whether it's because their child has one already, is thinking about riding or they just want to feel more confident. We will be teaching how to be a good leader, how to care for ponies, what to look out for, when to call a vet etc. These sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings from 0900-1000 with time for a coffee and chat afterwards!

Please let me know if you would be interested in either of these clubs by email on Carolinehaddenwight@me.com or by telephone on 07734 049837. If you would like to join the Mums Club but Tuesdays are inconvenient, please let me know a time that would suit and I will try and accommodate.

Caroline Hadden-Wight

Last Notice: FOHG Quiz Night - Friday 7th February

Please could all bookings and payments be finalised by next Wednesday (29th January). No further bookings will be taken after that date. Round up your friends and family for a fun-filled, social evening. Why? It's the Hall Grove Quiz Night.

Date: 7th 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 or on 07540 885458.

Chelsea Football Club - Easter Soccer School

Details are now available for the Chelsea Football Easter Soccer School being run at Hall Grove from 7th April to 11th April. Please see the flyer and forms attached.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- FOHG Quiz Night Information
- Chelsea Football Easter Soccer School Information
