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And still the rain goes on! What a winter this has been, but fortunately most of our sporting programme has been unaffected, although the Saturday matches have now been cancelled. At least the evening light is now returning and we can begin to look forward to the arrival of Spring in a few weeks' time. Well done children for keeping cheerful while rainfall records have been broken - things must get better soon!

Parents please remember our Senior Schools Evening next Tuesday.

## **New Minibuses**

Our four new buses were delivered this morning, and very smart they look too! They will enable us to take children out and about in much greater comfort. We are very pleased with them.

## **Medication Taken Before School**

If you have administered any medication to your child before the start of their school day, please make a note of it in their School Diary so their teachers and the Matrons are aware.

# Ski Trip 2014/2015

As a result of the marvellous response for places on the Ski Trip we will be taking our largest party yet to Italy. If you are keen for your child to participate, but have not as yet registered your interest, please email Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) by Wednesday to secure one of the few remaining places.

#### The Drive

Concerns have been raised regarding cars turning right at the top of the drive onto the A30. Arrow markings on the school drive clearly indicate that you should only turn left onto the A30 and we would ask you to comply. Those heading in the direction of Ascot, Sunningdale etc can turn at the Longacres roundabout.

# Year 4 Performing Arts Evening - Wednesday 12th February

With a 1920s 'Bugsy Malone' theme, the children are really excited at the thought of performing a number of short scenes, songs and dance routines. The children will require costumes and, whilst this is a relaxed, informal performance, 'gangster' style costumes will add to the atmosphere and a simple costume of black trousers/leggings with a white collared shirt will be perfectly adequate for boys and girls. We have a dress rehearsal in the morning and costumes should remain at school ready for the evening performance. That evening all children should return to school and be dropped off to their form rooms no later than 1830. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. At the end of the performance the children will return to their form rooms for collection. We hope you enjoy the show!

If you would prefer your child to remain in school after the end of their normal school day, a small number of places will be available at boarders supper. If supper is required, please contact Mrs Tilley to make a booking (l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk).

# Music Department

Middle School and Pre-Prep Informal Concerts

Today we had the second of our Middle School Informal concerts; both have been tremendously well supported by parents, family and school friends. We are delighted to have such a healthy number of Middle School musicians ready to perform. Next week is the turn of our Pre-Prep musicians, again at 1245 on Thursday and likely to be on the New Hall stage due to numbers.

Instrumental Lessons

It has been brought to our attention that a number of our peripatetic staff are chasing some long overdue payments, whether for instrument hire or lessons given. We would ask that all parents please keep to the agreed terms and conditions when an invoice is received, and get in touch with the relevant instrumental teacher if there is a query of any kind.

### Wellington College Choral Day for Years 5 and 6

Unfortunately we have had to withdraw from this event due to a low uptake and Year 5 being away at Battisborough that week.

## **Sports News**

## Girls' Sports Results

The girls have made a particularly successful start to the term. The senior girls' focus in lessons is netball as they prepare for the IAPS regional competition and the Years 3 and 4 girls continue to develop their skills and learn the fundamentals in both netball and hockey. The results are an indication of the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of all the girls and we are particularly pleased to report that every girl from Years 3 – 8 has represented Hall Grove at some point since September. This has meant we have been able to field 13 netball teams. They have played 119 matches, winning 81, drawing 12 and losing 20 – this represents a 76% success rate, an incredible achievement considering we are not even half way through the Spring term yet.

#### Netball

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Senior House Netball Matches: 1<sup>st</sup> Falcons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eagles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels, 4<sup>th</sup> Hawks

A huge thank you to William Creasey and James Somper for making up a team for Eagles (along with Scarlett Creasey and Emily Myers). The boys were outstanding in both ability and sportsmanship.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Year 4 Hall Grove Netball Festival: we were delighted that all Year 4 girls participated in the Festival which gave them valuable match play experience. The U9 A team dominated the competition and were unlucky to lose against Edgeborough (2 - 3). The U9 B team came 4<sup>th</sup> and the U9 C finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

#### This week's netball results are as follows:

2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Lambrook	won	13 - 7
U11 A v Lambrook	won	5 - 3
U11 B v Lambrook	won	5 - 0
U11 C v Lambrook	won	5 - 3
U10 A v Lambrook	won	9 - 4
U10 B v Lambrook	lost	4 - 2
U9 B v Claremont Fan Court	won	10 - 2
U9 C v Claremont Fan Court	won	6 - 1

#### Girls' Hockey

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

U9 A v Staines Prep	won	5 - 0
U8 A v Staines Prep	won	5 - 0
U8 B v Staines Prep	won	2 - 0

### Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Years 3 and 4 House Netball Matches will be played at 1340 followed by match tea in the pavilion at 1440. Years 5 and 6 House Netball Matches will be played at 1515 followed by match tea in the pavilion at 1600.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: due to the rain the U13 Netball Surrey Cup was postponed from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February. This has meant that the U13 Cranleigh Tournament scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> February has now had to be cancelled.

Wednesday 5th February: U10 A v Yateley Manor at 1430 (single court), U10 B v Yateley Manor at 1500 (single court).

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February - The U9 A, U8 A and U8 B fixtures against The Marist will now start at 1530. Please note that there will be a slightly later finish for those selected to play.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: all U8 girls are expected to be available to participate in the U8 Netball Festival at Hall Grove. The start time is 0900 with an expected finish time of 1100. A ClarionCall will be sent by 0745 if the Festival is cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

#### Rugby

This week's rugby results are as follows:

1st XV v Papplewick	lost	25 - 0
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV V Papplewick	lost	31-7
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV v Papplewick	lost	36 - 14
Colts A XII v Papplewick	won	35 - 0
Colts B XII v Papplewick	lost	47 - 12
U10 A IX v Papplewick	won	50 - 5
U10 B IX v Papplewick	won	50 - 0
U10 C IX v Papplewick	lost	35 - 25
U9 A v Papplewick	won	50 - 5
U9 B v Papplewick	won	35 - 15
U9 C v Papplewick	won	95 - 85

U8 A Tag v Lambrook	lost	7 - 6
U8 A Tag v St. Piran's	won	7 - 6
U8 A Tag v Bishopsgate	won	7 - 5
U8 A Tag v Feltonfleet	lost	7 - 6
U8 A Tag v Crosfields	won	7 - 1
U8 B v Papplewick	lost	10 - 9
U8 C v Papplewick	drew	7 - 7
U8 D v Papplewick	won	11 - 7

## Boys' Calendar Additions and Amendments

Saturday 1st February - Rugby v Moulsford: the matches have been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Rugby Sevens training will take place from 1700 to 1830 run by Mr Joll. A squad of fourteen has been selected for training, and those selected have been informed.

## Half Term Hockey Camp at Hall Grove

Please note that the deadline for returning slips is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. If there are insufficient numbers the camp may have to be cancelled.

## Chelsea Football Club - Easter Soccer School

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

# FOHG Golf Tournament - Saturday 8th February

Don't forget to sign up for this term's Golf Flag Competition taking place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 1330. It is open to all Hall Grove children, with trophies for the winners and prizes for the runners-up in each age categories. Just £15 per player with goody bag and drinks available in the pavilion. See the attached form for details. Email rachel\_bray@icloud.com for any further information and please make sure to have your forms back by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Please note that all golf lessons will run as normal that morning. This event will be subject to improving weather conditions.

## **Newsletter Attachments**

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

- Chelsea Football Easter Soccer School Information
- Hockey Camp Information
- FOHG Golf Tournament

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