

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Let's not talk about the weather!*

*In spite of it all the boys and girls have had a happy and successful first half of term and are now ready for a good break. Our thanks to all the staff for coping well in difficult conditions, and to parents for good support too. Finally, well done the pupils for remaining ever cheerful and positive; it does make a working day so much easier for everyone!*

*Our thanks to the Friends of Hall Grove for an excellent evening last Friday (the Quiz Night), particularly to Tanya Thompson who organised everything. It was a most successful occasion.*

## **Friends of Hall Grove Quiz Night**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February saw the quiz night being held in the New Hall. What a success it was too – 150 people all ready to test their wits against each other in an informal evening of fun, laughs, fish and chips with old and new friends alike! We had team representative from each year group and it was especially lovely to see the Reception year so enthusiastic and getting involved so early on.

The evening's quizmaster was the very able James Cannon, BBC Surrey Radio Breakfast presenter, with our quiz set by the very talented Mr Salmond-Smith. James put the the likes of Red Hot Quizzie Peppers, Remove II, Charlie's Angels and other delightfully named teams through some serious head scratching. In the end, honours for the evening went to Team Norfolk & Hope. Well done!

*Tanya Thompson*

## **Year 4 Performing Arts Evening**

Congratulations to all Year 4 children who put on the most wonderful display of acting, singing and dancing on Wednesday evening! Despite their excitement the children were extremely well behaved back stage and we felt the staging and delivery had a particularly professional atmosphere. Our thanks to the Performing Arts Faculty for putting on such a successful evening, and to the Year 4 teaching team who assisted so well to make the evening run smoothly. A special thank you goes to the children whose energy and enjoyment brought so much pleasure. They are a spirited group and we certainly have some talented young actors and actresses to watch out for!

## **World Book Day**

Lower School children (Reception to Year 5) may come dressed as a popular book character for World Book Day (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March). Reception will be exploring a range of activities as part of Surrey's 'mini Big Read for Early Years'. If parents of children in Reception would like to come and be part of the fun then please come and join us from 1400. In Upper School we have already dedicated lesson time specifically to nurture an enjoyment and love of reading and we will, within our usual lessons, be focusing on sharing our love of particular books (teachers and children) in the days around World Book Day.

World Book Day tokens can be swapped for a specially produced £1 World Book Day book or used to get £1 off any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more from local booksellers. These tokens will be distributed to all children in the week after half-term.

## **Friends of Hall Grove**

We will be hosting a coffee morning for all parents on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 0815 – 0930 in the cricket pavilion. Do come along and join us for delicious home-made biscuits, cakes and a chat – looking forward to seeing you there!

## Parents' Evening Online Booking System

We are currently trialling a new system with Years 3 and 4 that allows parents to book their parent interview slots with teachers online. Subject to the outcome of the trial, we hope to use this system in other areas of the school, such as booking clubs and ordering tickets for shows. We will keep you posted on how the trial goes!

## Music Department

Today is the final day for submission of external Music Competition entries, to Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) please. Once we have all entries we can begin to sort out categories, arrange running times and work out detailed schedules for the various competition days. We will then give more specific information – we hope that many parents will feel able to 'drop in' and support their children when they come to perform. Our judges are all very skilled, experienced musicians and educators and will provide interesting and insightful comments throughout the days to the children competing.

### Musical Instruments in School

We have discovered recently that some children are leaving musical instruments (in cases) on stairs, walkways and open to the elements – not only does this seriously increase the risk of damage, but even the very act can be harmful to instruments, due to the changing temperatures and weather conditions. We would ask that all instruments come in on the days needed and be left in the storage cupboards outside the Clanwilliam Room, clearly labelled on the outside of the case to prevent any confusion or unintentional 'borrowings' of other children's instruments. If there are any concerns over musical instruments (damage, replacement of broken strings or reeds etc) please contact your child's instrumental teacher in the first instance. He/she will be happy to advise on where to go for new strings, Van Doren reeds, new pull-throughs etc. For any further advice please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Waltho, Mr Heffer or Miss Post.

## Sports News

### Girls' Netball Results

This week's netball results are as follows:

1st VII v Dolphin	won 28 – 4
2nd VII v Dolphin	won 6 – 2
U10 A v Coworth	won 16 – 0
U10 B v Coworth	won 14 – 2
U9 A v Eagle House Tournament	won 2, drew 2
U9 B v Eagle House Tournament	won 3, lost 1

### Girls' Hockey Results

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

U8 A v Cranleigh	lost 2 – 0
U8 B v Cranleigh	won 3 – 2

### Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – U11 Surrey Netball Tournament has been cancelled.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – U9 A & B High Five Tournament at The Marist – girls to be collected from The Marist at 1630.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – U13 IAPS Regional Swimming finals are taking place at St John's Beaumont School, Windsor starting at 1600.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Eagle House U8 A & B High Five Netball Tournament. The girls are to meet Mrs Carmichael at Eagle House by 0900, the event should finish by 1200.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Hall Grove U13 Netball tournament. The selected players are to meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove by 0830 for a prompt 0900 start.

### Boys' Hockey

Unfortunately the weather was the winner on Wednesday and all matches against Eagle House were cancelled, but it was pleasing to see the U9s do so well on Thursday in their opening match of the season.

U9 A v Eagle House	won 2 – 1
U9 B v Eagle House	won 3 – 1
U9 C v Eagle House	lost 1 – 3
U9 D v Eagle House	won 3 – 1

### Boys' Hockey House Results:

Years 7 and 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Eagles, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hawks, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Falcons, 1 <sup>st</sup> Kestrels
Year 6	4 <sup>th</sup> Eagles, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Falcons, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kestrels, 1 <sup>st</sup> Hawks
Year 5	4 <sup>th</sup> Falcons, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hawks, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eagles, 1 <sup>st</sup> Kestrels

### Boys' Calendar Additions and Amendments

We wish the Year 6 boys well for their hockey tour to Sherborne School. They will benefit greatly from the hockey coaching from the Sherborne School and Hall Grove staff.

Good luck to the Colts A boys selected to play in the IAPS U11 Hockey tournament at Tonbridge School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. The boys will meet Mr Toulson and Mr Marland at 0715 for a prompt 0730 departure. Please bring packed lunch, drink and extra warm waterproof clothing.

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014 vouchers which are currently being issued for every £10 spent in stores, online and at fuel stations. We would be grateful if you would send in any vouchers that you receive.

### **Chelsea Football Club - Easter Soccer School**

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

### **Local Hockey Clubs**

Camberley Hockey Club - Martin Aldrich. Contact: 07866 685070, [jdc@candfhockey.co.uk](mailto:jdc@candfhockey.co.uk)

Bracknell Hockey Club - Libby. Contact: 07746 785045, [bhcjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:bhcjuniors@gmail.com)

Woking Hockey Club - Linda Jacks. Contact: 01483 747421, [familyjacks@btinternet.com](mailto:familyjacks@btinternet.com)

Reading Hockey Club - Nick Hooper for U6 – U12 groups. Contact: 07970 662434, [nhooper@marsandco.com](mailto:nhooper@marsandco.com)

### **Newsletter Attachments**

The following document is attached to this week's newsletter:

- Chelsea Football Easter Soccer School Information

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### **Cotswold Holiday Home To Rent**

A beautiful lakeside Cotswolds holiday home is available to rent for Hall Grove parents and staff over the half-term and Easter Holiday period ([www.lowermillestate.com](http://www.lowermillestate.com)). The home has four bedrooms sleeping 8 adults, and a top floor open-plan playroom that can sleep the children. There are three bathrooms, one is en-suite. The area is completely child-focused, with outdoor and indoor facilities, including an onsite SPA, adult and children's swimming pools, tennis courts, play areas, canoeing, walking, bridle paths and cycling etc, catering for all ages. The home is available at 15% less the standard rental rate. 10% of all profits go to the Binfield Rescue Centre in Berkshire. Please visit [www.lmeluxuryholidays.com](http://www.lmeluxuryholidays.com) for more details, and email [robertinbrussels@gmail.com](mailto:robertinbrussels@gmail.com) for more information.