

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*As many parents know, a tragic accident happened in the car park of a neighbouring school recently after a bonfire night celebration. We cannot emphasise too strongly that great care must be taken at all times on our school drive and in the parking areas. If parents ignore speed signs or drive dangerously they would be liable for any accident and the consequences would be unimaginable. Three point turning and reversing on a zebra crossing are not an option.*

## **Independent Schools' Fair 2015**

Our stand at the Schools Fair at Battersea last weekend was well-attended and attracted quite a bit of interest. Our thanks to the staff who gave up their time to man it.

## **Reminder: Assemblies**

The children of 4DL and 3TL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

4DL Assembly    Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
3TL Assembly    Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November

## **Carol Service – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Our annual Carol Service will be held at Windlesham Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1630. Parents are most welcome to attend. Years 7 and 8 will be taken by school minibus together with those who are in the Choir. Other children in Years 3 – 6 will be available to go home at 1530 unless parents request school supervision until normal collection time, however please note that neither clubs nor Twilight will be happening.

If you are unable to collect your child at 1530 and wish him or her to stay at school until normal collection time, please email the school office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest.

Members of the Choir, together with pupils in Years 7 and 8, may be collected by their parents from the Church at about 1730, and those not collected will be taken back to school in a minibus.

## **Gillman and Soame Portrait Photographs**

If you still require any Gillman and Soame Photographs for Christmas please order as soon as possible so they can be processed and delivered before Christmas. If any parents have lost their child's details, please email [enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk) or call 01869 328200, quoting the security password photo474gs and they will assist.

## **Music**

### **Informal Strings and Wind Concert**

Today we heard from 13 musicians, playing violin, viola, 'cello, recorder, harp, clarinet, guitar, flute and singing – a true musical miscellany! It was splendid to hear such a range of pieces and musical styles.

### **Informal Vocal and Percussion Concert next week**

We are looking forward to our next Informal Concert, which will be singers and percussionists. If your child learns outside school and would like to part, please contact Miss Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)). As ever, it will be at 1245 on New Hall stage – all are most welcome!

### **Calling All Carollers!**

Choristers will be leading our Carol Service at Windlesham Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If any parents (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) would like to sing as part of the choir, please contact Lizzie Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)) as soon as possible. We hope to have a pack containing all of the necessary music available at some point next week, and will be delighted to welcome any parents who can make it to our rehearsals (details of dates will be with the music packs).

### **Sports News**

After matches on Wednesdays (Years 5 – 8) and Thursdays (Years 3 & 4) children may be collected directly from the match by parents to go home. Please make sure that your child's coach is aware of this and that your child has been 'signed out'. Children cannot be collected after this time until normal pickup.

#### **Girls' Games**

The weather was against us on Wednesday, making it difficult to catch the ball, never mind actually having a chance to play and win. Rain stopped play mid-afternoon for most of the matches, including the tournament at Highfield. The juniors had 8 matches on Thursday afternoon, with the Under 9s playing back to back. The improvement from first to second match was outstanding and the girls should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations to Anna Camp, who played for the Under 9 A team – she made a great contribution in defence.

#### **Girls' Games Notices**

- 21<sup>st</sup> November    1<sup>st</sup> VII netball to meet Mrs Maxfield at St Mary's Ascot 0845, collection from 1200.  
                         U10 A netball to meet Mrs Lomas and Miss Maxfield at Hall Grove 0800, estimated collection will be 1300.
- 25<sup>th</sup> November    Please note that the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> team matches v Tormead start at 1700 at Hall Grove. Estimated finish time will be 1745.

Our matches v City of London Freeman's School are actually on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, and NOT Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> (as the calendar states).

#### **Boys' Games**

Hall Grove 10s Tournament

Hall Grove hosted our annual Under 13 10 a side rugby tournament on Sunday and, despite inclement weather, there was a feast of rugby on display. With five other schools it was a round robin tournament and then the top four schools took part in a play off. The boys did not start well but soon hit their straps, and a last minute try by Moultsford meant they played off for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place v Hoe Bridge. The game was a tense affair that was drawn in 'normal time' before Hall Grove snuck over the whitewash to score in extra time and come 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rugby House Matches

Years 5 – 8 took part in most of their house rugby matches on Wednesday, for the Years 7 & 8 it was their second time of asking following the previous Saturday. Unfortunately, the weather had other ideas and none of the year group matches were completed. They will be completed in a games session next week.

Surrey Cup v Danes Hill

The Colts A lost 8 – 4 in their Surrey Cup Plate Semi-Final against Danes Hill. They performed admirably to get this far but were outplayed by a much better team.

Rugby v Hoe Bridge

The Year 4s are having a mixed bag of results as they start their rugby season. They were overpowered by a stronger opposition in Hoe Bridge who were more willing to make tackles. Special mention to Akhil Kapoor and Raeis Mogul who were willing to put their bodies on the line and made some superb tackles.

#### **Boys' Games Notices**

1<sup>st</sup> XI v Downsends – Surrey Cup Final

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI need to meet at Hall Grove at 0815 on Saturday for their football match at Cumnor House School. The game kicks off at 1000 and ETA at Hall Grove is 1230.

We are offering a rugby training session for all Years 5 and 6 boys on Saturday morning from 0900 to 1000.

The Colts A and 1<sup>st</sup> XV will be at the Wellington College Prep Schools Rugby Tournament on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. They should arrive at Hall Grove in full tracksuit with warm clothes in their games bag. They will be leaving at 0845 and will be out of school all day.

## **FOHG Spring Ball - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Much better than doing circuit! Save the date of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March for the Hall Grove Ball.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Our thanks to all those who have donated Christmas boxes under the Samaritan's Purse scheme. A total of 81 boxes were collected and, if you paid on-line, look out for the email informing you of which country your shoe box has been sent to.

## **Open Mornings**

Leighton Park School  
King Edward's, Witley

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November

0118 987 9600  
01428 686735

## **Newsletter Attachments**

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- Bagshot Football Club
- Bradfield Hockey Camps
- Quince Players' Production of 'Robin Hood'
- Big Game 8 Harlequins v Gloucester Rugby

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## **Reminder: Wentworth Christmas Fayre 2015 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

The Wentworth Christmas Fayre takes place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 from 1000 till 1600 at Wentworth Golf Club. Stallholders have come from all over the country and are offering a wonderful selection to include fashion, jewellery, handbags, gourmet food and lots more. Tombola proceeds will be donated to Christopher's Smile, which is a local children's charity funding research into cancer.

## **The Christmas Fair at Ascot – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

There will be an indoor festive fair in the Pavilion building at Ascot Racecourse featuring 145 exclusive companies you won't find on the high street, selling everything you could want to thrill family and friends at Christmas. Fabulous food hall; licensed restaurant; free parking. Tickets £9 on the door. Mrs Wall (mother of Patrik, Year 7 and Nicholas, Year 6) will be running a stall, Fourwalls Lifestyle – stand 123a, offering beautiful images on greeting cards, table linen and homewares showing how entertaining can be festooned in flowers and plants bringing the garden indoors. Mrs Wall has kindly given Hall Grove several complimentary tickets which can be collected from the Front Office ([www.fourwallslifestyle.com](http://www.fourwallslifestyle.com)).

## **Chelsea Foundation Christmas Soccer School – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Chelsea is running a Christmas Soccer School at LVS Ascot. Please see flyer on the website for contact details and more information.

## **Big Game 8 Harlequins v Gloucester Rugby 27<sup>th</sup> December at Twickenham Stadium**

Big Game 8 is for the whole family with entertainment for all. It's a great way to enjoy world class rugby on our door step and support the Harlequins team in the process – see flyer on the website.

## **Reminder: Quince Players' Production of 'Robin Hood', 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016**

The annual panto in Sunninghill this year is the Quince Players' production of 'Robin Hood'. Freddie Coughlin (Year 7) and Florence Coughlin (Year 5) are both in the cast, and tickets are now on sale. Over 50% of the tickets were sold

on the day the box office opened, so do contact them quickly if you want tickets. Family entertainment at its best! Please go to [www.quinceplayers.com](http://www.quinceplayers.com) for more information and to book tickets.

### **Wanted – London Flat or Room to Rent**

Mrs Rivers (School Office) has a niece who has recently been accepted at King's College London to study for a Doctorate and is looking for London accommodation. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Rivers by email: [office@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:office@hallgrove.co.uk)

### **Wanted – Nissan Micra**

Rosey Graham is currently looking to purchase an 'old style' Nissan Micra. Should you be able to help please contact Rosey on [roseygraham@gmail.com](mailto:roseygraham@gmail.com).