

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*As we approach our last week we look forward to the final events of term. Congratulations to the classes for their excellent performances so far, with more to follow next week. Parents are reminded that the term finishes with an informal gathering in the school courtyard by the Coach House where mince pies and mulled wine mingle with carols and the bustle of a street market, all funds collected will go to the Christmas Charity Collection. Please bring money and donate generously for the good causes we are supporting.*

*Amongst our charities this year is one close to Hall Grove's heart, Sebastian's Action Trust. There will be a speaker at Assembly on Monday and parents are welcome to come to hear more about it (0840 New Hall), founded in memory of a former pupil of the school, Sebastian Gates. Please see details below of the Action Trust's Fun Run at Virginia Water this weekend, everyone most welcome to run (or walk!) around the lake in aid of a good cause.*

## **Chennai Flood Disaster**

India's 4th biggest city Chennai (formerly Madras) has just received unprecedented rainfall - more rain in 10 hours than the UK would get in an entire year. With water everywhere and heavy floods, hundreds have lost their lives and thousands are without homes and food.

To help with the relief and rehabilitation of the flood affected people, Mrs Mala Rajasekar (mother of Rajit 1GM and Rachana PHS) is trying to collect funds to be channelled through known family and friends who are directly working towards relief and support in Chennai. She spoke very movingly at Assembly last week and described how concerned she is for her friends and family living in her home city.

Mrs Rajasekar writes: "People in Chennai and surrounding districts are going through extreme hardship due to the unrelenting rain and floods."

Mrs Rajasekar has appealed for donations of clothes suitable for sending out to India to help flood victims who are stranded on streets without shelter. Warm clothing and waterproofs would be welcome in particular. Please leave bags of clothing outside the Sports Office for collection. There will also be an opportunity to make cash donations at the end of term during Carols in the Courtyard when the family will run a charity stall. We are hoping that airline contacts through the school may assist the transportation of a container to Chennai, if anyone can help here please let us know.

Cash or cheques for Chennai can be left in the school office, payments directed to:  
Mr Rajasekar Rajamohan, Lloyds Bank, sort code: 308459 account number: 24398768. Please quote 'Chennai' as a reference.

## School Magazine

A copy of the Hall Grove Review for 2014/15, together with a letter from the Headmaster and a Spring Term Calendar and Invoice was sent home with the children today.

## School Invoices

We ask that the fees are settled promptly, and no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January please. We continue to make a charitable donation to the Royal National Children's Foundation of £10 per term per child and this cost is included in the school fees – further details of this charity can be found on the school website. You can also find copies of all the School Insurances on the school website (Admissions/Fee Information) or get copies from the Accounts Office.

## School Reports

Reports will go home with children at the end of the term or by post for those who are absent.

## Reminder: Christmas Gifts

The practice of bringing gifts in at the end of term can get out of hand, and you are reminded that school is not the place for children to exchange presents with one another, nor may they bring in sweets and food. We encourage boys and girls to use the Christmas Post collection and delivery system (see below) for any cards they may write for friends and staff, it is a way for them to contribute to our Christmas Charity (this year we are supporting Cancer Research UK, Christian Aid and Sebastian's Action Trust. We also wish to make a donation for the flood relief work being organised for Chennai – see above). £1 or £2 would be appreciated. As for gifting teachers, of course this is not necessary; however messages of thanks are always very much appreciated.

## Christmas Event Reminders

Date	Time	Event
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Year 3 present 'The Little Shepherd'
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Year 4 present 'Christmas is Forever'
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1630	Carol Service at Windlesham Parish Church

### Year 3 present 'The Little Shepherd' – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

The children in Year 3 are looking forward to giving a festive performance of 'The Little Shepherd' this evening in New Hall starting at 1900.

Please collect children at their normal pick up time, to be returned to their form rooms in costume at 1830. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. At the end of the performance the children will return to their classrooms for collection.

### Reminder: Year 4 present 'Christmas is Forever' – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

All children in Year 4 are looking forward to a festive performance of 'Christmas is Forever' on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December in New Hall, starting at 1900. Please note that we will have a dress rehearsal during the school day on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Form staff will ensure costumes return home safely, ready for the evening. All props are to remain at school. Please collect children at their normal pick up time, to be returned to their form rooms in costume at 1830. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. At the end of the performance the children will return to their classrooms for collection.

### Reminder: Year 5 Show – Date for your diary

Pupils are working on an exciting show which will be performed in the Spring Term on the evening of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: 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, the school office should have already been notified (by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, as requested in previous newsletters).*

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.

### **Christmas Charity Post**

The School Council and Year 8 are running the Charity Post. Children are asked to make a donation and their cards will be delivered. Cards can be posted between 0815 and 0830, as well as 1100 - 1125, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The post boxes will be in the courtyard outside the Wessex building. All proceeds will go to the Hall Grove Christmas Charity Collection.

### **The School Council's Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the final day of term, children at Hall Grove will be putting on their warmest, wackiest and most wonderfully festive woollies to raise money for the School Council's Christmas Jumper Day. The children will be joining hundreds of thousands of people in schools, offices and homes up and down the country as they sport a festive sweater for the day and donate £2 or more to charity. All proceeds will go to the Hall Grove Christmas Charity Collection. Please note children must wear normal school uniform, replacing their grey jersey with the Christmas jumper. Take care not to be too hot if it is a mild day!

### **Christmas Production Videos**

The following Christmas production videos are now available to view on the school website. To view, select the 'Parents' tab followed by 'School Productions': Years 1 and 2 (The Magical Christmas Box), Pre-School Christmas Celebration and Reception Nativity (Starlight).

### **Reminder: Hall Grove's Got Talent (HGGT)**

Now their exams are over we are sure the children will enjoy preparations for our annual talent show!

The format: Each form group from Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 will be allowed to enter one act (maximum of 3 minutes in length). Anyone wishing to enter should show their act to their form teacher and form group, who will decide upon the strongest performance to be put forward for the main event. Each year group will also have one 'Wild Card' entry, which does not have to be used but may be submitted should there be an exceptional runner-up entry that is just too good to miss! The wild card can include children from different form groups (in the same year group); however, as there is only one of these the children have more chance of getting into the final show if they prepare an act with children from their own form. In the past, acts have consisted of gymnastic and circus displays, street dance or Bollywood routines, magic shows, pop songs and comedy sketches. It is not a show for individual music recitals (which are better suited to our Informal Concerts) but music plays a big part in the show and it is the ideal opportunity for musicians to collaborate and perhaps accompany a vocal act or even form a band!

This is a show produced 'by the children, for the children', however we have no objections to parents taking a seat at the back of the hall (or even accompanying an act if they wish!). HGGT will start at 1000 in New Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Reminder: After School Clubs, TASC and Twilight**

All clubs finish today. Twilight will operate as usual up to and including Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December only. TASC will operate as usual until Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> inclusive, however please note that TASC is now full for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December inclusive.

### **Music**

#### **Practice Club**

Due to the numerous rehearsals, concerts and carol service we are unable to offer Practice Club in the final week of term. It will be available again from the beginning of Spring Term. Bookings need to be made for each new school term - if your child has been booked in this term you will need to re-book for Spring Term. 30 minute supervised practice sessions are available Monday - Friday from 1630 to 1830. Please contact Miss Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)) to make a booking.

### **Reminder: End of Term Arrangements – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Term ends on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The collection times are as follows, although older pupils may leave with their younger siblings:

1100 Reception

- 1115 Years 1 and 2  
1130 Years 3, 4 and 5  
1145 Years 6, 7 and 8

Please ensure that the children have all been collected by 1200; there is a staff meeting then so we are unable to look after stragglers.

Parents are invited to attend the informal musical gathering of 'Carols in the Courtyard' which starts at 1100. This is a nice way to raise money for the school's chosen charities (including a stall fundraising for Chennai), and to say farewells before the Christmas break, eat a mince pie and have a cup of mulled wine; there is always a very jolly atmosphere. The drive will be closed and parking will be on the playing fields. In the event of very wet weather we would have to cancel.

## **Reminder: Spring Term 2016**

Term starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January and normal drop off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have pre-booked it. TASC and Twilight commence on the first day of term. After School Clubs start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January and the first Judo session is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Sports News**

### **Sports Photos**

On Monday, all children in Years 3 - 8 will have sports photos from the girls' hockey season and boys' football season. Please ensure that all games bags, including correct games kit, are at school.

### **Reminder**

A reminder to parents that if your child takes part in any sport outside of school and enjoys success, either individually or as part of a team - please let us know.

### **Girls' Games**

KES Witley Tournament

Well done to the U12 girls who came second and the U13 girls who came third at this tournament. Mrs Maxfield is really pleased with how their netball is improving.

Netball v Eagle House

There were 13 netball matches against Eagle House on Wednesday with a mixed bag of results. Well done to the Under 9 A and B teams who both won their matches. Gisella Bernabo clearly showed her dedication to shooting practice at break times by scoring 4 out of her 6 shots.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

**Netball Camps** - Mrs Maxfield will be running netball camps in January - Years 3 & 4 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Years 6 - 8 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. These will be held at Lightwater Leisure Centre and spaces will be limited; bookings must be made in advance. To register your interest please email Mrs Maxfield.

### **Change to Calendar**

The U9 A and B Netball tournament at Hoe Bridge is in the calendar as Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, but is now taking place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Team sheets have been published and girls selected should meet Mrs Maxfield at Hoe Bridge at 0930. Scheduled finish time is 1200.

### **Boys' Games**

All boys in Years 3 - 8 took part in rugby fixtures on Wednesday and Thursday against Eagle House, the final rugby matches of the term. The sports department have been especially delighted with the progress of the Under 8 and Under 9 rugby teams over the last few weeks. This was proven by a huge improvement in tackling from all the Under 9s and a pleasing set of results on Thursday. Special mention to a few boys who really stood out: Thomas Warren, Gabriel Francis, Xavier Sanz, Jonathan Butler and Oliver Stroyberg. Ralph Beer also scored 6 tries in the first Under 8 tag rugby matches of the season.

## **FOHG**

### **FOHG golf and tennis**

We've had another excellent half term with the Saturday morning golf and tennis lessons, despite the weather.

There are a few spaces available for new students to join next term:

Reception and Year 1	0900
Years 2 and 3	0900
Years 4+ Tennis	1200
Years 4+ Golf	1200

Please contact us on fohgtennissgolf@gmail.com if you'd like your child to join the lessons.

### **FOHG Spring Ball - Saturday 19 March 2016**

With Christmas almost upon us, buckle up and save the date of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March for the Hall Grove Spring Ball.

### **Newsletter Attachments**

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- Bagshot Football Club
- Bradfield Hockey Camps
- Big Game 8 Harlequins v Gloucester Rugby
- ACTion and Adventure at The Royal School
- Footy Tekkerz Coaching Christmas Camp
- Spring Term Clubs
- Chris Dean Fitness

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### **Reminder: Sebastian's Action Trust Santa Fun Run – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Get into the festive spirit and join Sebastian's Action Trust for their sixth Santa Fun Run on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at Virginia Water in Berkshire. The 7km picturesque run, which starts at 1030, is open to runners of all ages and everyone who takes part, whether they choose to dash, prance or dance around the lake, will receive a complimentary Santa Suit and a medal. Entrance to the event is £15 for adults, £10 for children and free for under 5s, or a family ticket (two adults and two children) can be purchased for £40. Simply call 01344 622500 or visit [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org) to ditch your sleigh and register for this fun, family event.

### **Young Photographer of the Year Competition**

The Rotary Club of Camberley is inviting pupils to take part in this competition again this year. The theme is 'Our World is Beautiful' and entrants must produce a small portfolio of photographs on this subject. There are three age categories with the age taken as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015: Junior aged 7-10, Intermediate aged 11-13 and Senior aged 14-17. The deadline is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016, but Mrs Foley would like all entries to her by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February please. The photographs will be displayed in the foyer of High Cross Church in Camberley for the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February with an awards evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

All entrants will receive a certificate and the winner will receive a book on Photography. The competition is in three stages, firstly at club level, with the winners going on to district level and the winners of that going on to the National competition. Please start taking your photos over the holidays and see Mrs Foley in the New Year for an entry form.

### **Reminder: 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.

### **Reminder: Footy Tekkerz Coaching Christmas Camp**

Footy Tekkerz Coaching is a local coaching company. A general day will consist of specific training for outfield players and goal keepers, skill session and fun games, free time, mini matches, penalty shoot-out and ending with a presentation.

Dates: 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Ages: Boys and girls 4 - 12 years

For further details and bookings please see attached flyer

## **Reminder: ACTION and Adventure at The Royal School**

Christmas ACTION Camp: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Open to all girls and boys in Reception to Year 8.

Booking is now open! Please see the attached flyer. Book and pay online via [www.royal-school.org/action-camps](http://www.royal-school.org/action-camps).

## **Reminder: 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.

## **Frogs & Friends Christmas Camps**

**Hype Camp** includes various activities such as Christmas Arts and Craft, Street Dance, Water Zorbs, Santa's Bug Hunt and the **Football Camp** includes World Cup Tournaments, Dribbling Super Starts, Premiership Goalkeepers and much more.

Both camps available for boys and girls ages 4 to 12.

For further information and online booking please visit [frogsandfriends.org](http://frogsandfriends.org) or call them on 01344 898 330.

## **Lost and found**

A black rollerball pen has been handed in to the school office. A pair of glasses belonging to a child in 1CA has been lost.

## **Chris Dean Fitness**

Please see attached flyer for details.