

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The new catering regime has made an excellent start and the children have really appreciated the new style of service and some different lunch options. Our thanks to the kitchen staff for making some welcome changes.

We are aware that this is a 'hot topic' for many parents, so we would like to invite you to a special Parents' Forum on Tuesday, November 22nd at 1900 in the school Dining Room. Please enter the school via the front door. After some light refreshments, the catering managers will make a brief presentation to explain their vision for the food offer at Hall Grove and answer any questions. This will be followed by a short talk given by Magda Schellekens, a nutritionist and Hall Grove parent, on healthy eating in the family context.

We very much hope parents will support the evening, and ask that they register attendance by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/LegsmqONvEHB1yGt1>

The meeting will finish shortly after 8.00 pm.

Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair

A big thank you to all the parents of children who ran a stall and contributed prizes at the Country Fair. The pupils did a fantastic job and raised plenty of money for excellent causes. At last count the Fair took over £5,000 for the David Shepherd Foundation, Haiti Appeal, Water Aid Projects in Zambia and Ronan's Trust. Well done everyone.

Carol Service – Wednesday 14th December – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Our annual Carol Service will be held at Windlesham Church on Wednesday 14th December (and NOT Thursday 15th December, as mistakenly printed in the School Calendar) 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.

Advance Notice: M3 full weekend closure between junctions 2 and 3 due to bridge demolition

A full weekend closure of the M3 between junctions 2 and 3 will take place from Friday November 18th to Monday November 21st. The closure is to allow the Woodlands Lane Bridge above the M3 between Windlesham and Chobham to be demolished. The carriageway will be shut in both directions from 2000 on Friday November 18th to 0530 on Monday November 21st. The closure is subject to safety reviews and is weather dependent.

Reminder: Potential Scholarship Candidates

Year 8 parents in particular are asked to be aware of looming scholarship deadlines at many senior schools. Anyone considering entering their child for an award is asked to discuss this with Mr Lewis (01276 470007) if they have not already done so. The general practice is for parents to complete the relevant forms and leave them with Mr Lewis who will collate the various references and information before passing them on to senior schools.

Class Assemblies

The children of 3VB, 6DS and 4DL 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.

3VB Assembly Tuesday 15th November
6DS Assembly Tuesday 17th November
4DL Assembly Tuesday 22nd November

Jeans Needed

A plea from my Year 8 Textiles Group... When we sold out of denim whales on Grandparents' Afternoon, my ambitious entrepreneurs made an executive decision to take orders for further whales! We are now in need of more JEANS (blue, black and white) and so if you still have any unwanted pairs, please send them to me as soon as possible. *Mrs Allams*

MUSIC

Remembrance Service

Our Remembrance Service today was moving, and we reflected especially on the Battle of the Somme, which was 100 hundred years ago this year. We heard Concert Band perform a moving arrangement of Handel's *Lascia' Ch'io Pianga*, and our Choristers performed a beautiful and dramatic setting of the words *For The Fallen*. A big thank you to the children for contributing to what is an important and solemn occasion.

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

This week we had the third of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, Piano Concert III, with a lovely range of music, styles and composers. It's always a pleasure to hear the children, and it's so useful for the children themselves, whether preparing for an upcoming ABRSM exam or just performing before an audience. We're very happy for *any* of the Hall Grove community to come and enjoy a half hour or so of musical celebration on New Hall stage.

If you would like your child to be included in one of our lunchtime concerts, please speak to their instrumental teacher initially. Our own peripatetic staff will let us know of children they consider ready. If your child learns an instrument outside school, we would still be delighted to hear them perform – please email Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) to let us know, by the Sunday evening before the concert so that we can then put the program together and confirm performances. Over this half-term we have more Informal Concerts coming up:

Friday 18th November Strings and Wind
Friday 25th November Vocal and Percussion
Friday 2nd December Wind (Brass and Woodwind)

SPORTS

Girls' Games

Well done to all the girls for another good week of hockey. The seniors had a set of competitive fixtures against Downsends. The U12 team had a convincing win, with two excellent goals from Olivia Llewellyn-Jones and some very strong creative play from Carmen Schellekens who should be congratulated for receiving her hockey colours this week. Despite some determined defensive work from Emily Myers and Scarlett Creasey the 1st VII suffered a loss, they did however continue to work hard and support each other right until the final whistle. The girls are to be commended for their effort and performances over the term. The matches for the U11s saw one loss and one victory with the A team showing plenty of togetherness and effort. Lyla Smith made some brave saves and Emily Wolfe was voted players' player; the B team had a super match with Sienna Edwards working very hard and helping her team to a 5-1 victory.

One of the highlights of the season has been the impressive performances by the Under 10s with the A and B teams having not lost any of their last four matches and the C team undefeated all season, scoring an astounding 26 goals and conceding none. A very well done to all of the Year 5 girls but a particular mention for Tiggy Tutt who over the hockey term has consistently been selected girl of the game for her strong hockey performance; special commendations to Jazmine

Sherrington, Hana Evason and Lila Waltho for making such impressive improvement during the hockey season having never played before.

The U9s had an amazing final week of hockey, winning all four of their matches against Crosfield on Tuesday. After learning many skills in Year 3 they have relished getting to grips with match play and getting a better understanding of spatial awareness needed for team sports – all the girls have got so much better for this experience.

On Thursday all of the Year 4 girls travelled to Feltonfleet for their fixture; despite our teams having all of the possession we found it hard to score any goals. The undisputed stars of the afternoon were the B team who went from being 1-0 at half time to winning 4-1 – congratulations to Fleur Gilbert who scored a stunning goal and Jemima Jackson for playing exceptionally well for the match-making vital tackles and taking the ball up the pitch.

The U8s continue to flourish as they work hard and perform well with two draws and the U8s winning convincingly with Riddhima Datta Madan, Indiana Dickson, Grace Goddard and Ella Terry all scoring super goals.

Please note the girls will continue to play hockey in their weekly PE lessons and we will move to netball in games lessons and for fixtures. As the weather becomes cold and less reliable it is essential the girls have the correct kit in their bags, they will need to wear their tracksuits and skins for both their sports lessons and matches.

Girls' Games Notices

Additions, amendments and reminders

Wednesday 16th November

The Years 7 and 8 girls may be collected from Lightwater Leisure Centre by 1600, or from Hall Grove at normal collection time.

Saturday 19th November

U10 A netball tournament at Hawthornes

Please meet at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure, scheduled finish time is 1230 subject to progression. The estimated return time will be 1330.

U10 B hockey tournament at Downsends, Surrey KT22 8TJ

Please meet at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure. The estimated return time will be 1300.

U12 and 1st VII netball tournament at St Mary's Ascot

Please meet Mrs Maxfield no later than 1230 at St Mary's Ascot. The scheduled finish is 1700.

Boys' Games

Sherborne Rugby Tour 2016

Over the half term 30 boys attended our annual pre-season rugby tour to Sherborne School. Across three days the boys received over 10 hours of coaching led by the Sherborne and Hall Grove staff. On the Saturday morning both Colts and Senior teams ended the tour with matches against Aldro and Highfield. All of the boys performed and behaved very well and should be proud of their contribution to making the tour a huge success.

Wednesday saw the first rugby fixture of the season take place against Hoe Bridge. To kick off the season there were a number of tough matches for all year groups, with our opponents coming out on top, winning the majority of the matches. All teams acquitted themselves well and showed strong signs of promising attacking play and continuity that will come as the rugby season develops.

The U12 A team deserve plenty of credit for their performance, showing great attacking flair to keep the ball alive, whilst looking to attack open space and support the ball carrier through contact at all times. A special mention must go to Callum Kinner, scoring four tries in what was a very open game of rugby. Well done to the U10 C and D teams performing extremely well in two close matches that could have gone either way, with all teams showing good continuity and support play in attack.

On Thursday afternoon we travelled to Feltonfleet for all Under 9s to play against Eagle House and Feltonfleet. With this being our first game of contact rugby all boys showed determination and willingness to attempt to tackle and move forward with ball in hand. The Under 8 C team had the stand out performance, beating Eagle House 6-2 in a great game of running rugby. All in all the Year 4 boys should be proud of their performances, and as the season progresses we will turn some of the results in our favour.

The Under 8 footballers continued their excellent season with 3 fixtures this week. They started on Tuesday against strong Lambrook sides with a win, a loss and two draws. All matches were competitive and the most impressive result was the first win of the season for the D team.

Yesterday's matches were against Yateley Manor and Crosfields in a triangular fixture. It was a great afternoon of football and, yet again, the Year 3s really showed how much they've learnt over the last 8 weeks. There were 6 wins and a draw out of the 8 matches and it was brilliant to see the D team win their second and third matches of the week. The C team had two extremely close games scoring some excellent goals, and the B team continued their unbeaten season (won 7, drawn 2) with two comprehensive victories. One of the most impressive things about the B team is their ability to move the ball wide and make the pitch as big as possible. The A team lost their first match of the season but bounced back brilliantly in the second to complete a really impressive week. Well done boys, an excellent effort!

Boys' Games Notices

Monday 14th November

Football v Lanesborough. 1430 1st XI Surrey Cup Semi-Final

Saturday 19th November

Hall Grove Rugby 10s Tournament. Start time 0930.

Additional Fixture

Rugby v Lord Wandsworth – U12 A (h) 0930

Christmas Camps

The Oratory School, Reading Cricket Christmas Camp – 19th to 23rd December

For boys and girls aged 7-13. Suitable for all abilities.

For further information please see information on the school website.

Senior School Open Mornings / Days

Farnborough Hill Open Day - Tuesday 15th November - 01252 529811

Queen Anne's School – 18th November - 0118 918 7300

Bede's Senior School, East Sussex – 18th March 2017 – 01323 843252

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Timetable
- The Oratory School Cricket Christmas Camp

Puppies

A lovely litter of Kennel Club registered yellow Labrador puppies born to Willow three weeks ago, ready for new homes mid December. Excellent breeding. To view, speak to Mr or Mrs Graham, a.graham@hallgrove.co.uk

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by **Friday 18th November**. Please include a donation (recommended donation is £3.00 per box), which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. Cheques should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Alternatively, you can pay online which makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Please visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to make your donation.

The Wentworth Christmas Fayre, Wentworth Golf Club – Monday 21st November

Christmas shopping in the beautiful surroundings of the famous Wentworth Ballroom. Monday 21st November, 1000 - 1600. Entrance £5, children free, free parking.