

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football team for winning an exciting match on Monday to get them into the Final of the Plate Competition of the Surrey Cup. This was a great achievement at the end of an excellent season and the team can be very proud of themselves. The final is to be played at Cumnor House on Saturday morning.*

*Meanwhile our Golf team continues to excel with a team of nine players beating Stowe School emphatically on Wednesday. It really was a David against Goliath contest as our team, with ages down to nine years, took on a senior school with boys up to the age of sixteen. Well done!*

## Year 3 Staffing

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Kirsty Dunnage who will be taking over the teaching of 3AD as a full-time teacher from January 2017. Miss Dunnage is presently a class teacher at Tweseldown Infant School, Fleet; her other interests include sport and ballet. We would like to thank Miss Davidson for her work with 3AD covering Mrs Laws' maternity leave and wish her every success in her new appointment at Thomas's School, Clapham. Mrs Laws will be returning to Hall Grove in the Summer Term in a new role.

## Reminder: 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 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup> to 0530 on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>. The closure is subject to safety reviews and is weather dependent.

## 4DL Class Assembly – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

The children of 4DL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Reminder: Parents' Forum – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

The school caterers have arranged some good tastings and are looking forward to meeting parents on Tuesday at 1900. Bookings close on Sunday evening.

To register please follow this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/LegsmqONvEHB1yGt1>

## Hall Grove Staff and Parents Social Road Ride – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Following the great success of the social road ride earlier this term, a second one is planned for staff, parents and other friends of the school. If you are a cyclist with reasonable experience of riding on the road then do join us on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at Hall Grove at 0900. We intend to follow a similar route to the first ride, head out towards Henley, following a relatively flat route with one or two minor inclines along the way. The route will definitely include a stop for coffee and we will

be back at Hall Grove by 1300. We expect to average 16-17mph along the way. Please email [i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) or [t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk) if you are interested to give us an idea of numbers.

## **Reminder: Carol Service – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Our annual Carol Service will be held at Windlesham Church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (and NOT Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **MUSIC**

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

This week we had the fourth of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, a Strings and Wind Concert. We had music ranging from the time of Henry VIII right up to the present day, with electric and acoustic guitars, 'cello, violin and flute all being played with confidence and style to a small but appreciative audience. For some of the children it was a first public outing of exam pieces (coming up in 2 weeks), and for one or two it was in fact their first public performance of any kind – a big well done to all! 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](mailto: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 the final few weeks of this half-term we have two more Informal Concerts coming up:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November      Vocal and Percussion (and some additional string players possibly)  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December      Wind (Brass and Woodwind)

### **Carol Service, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Adult Singers**

Mr Goodwin and our Choristers are working very hard in preparation for this, and there are some lovely carols being rehearsed already. We are looking again to have a small choir of adult singers (soprano, alto, tenor, bass parts) for our congregation carols and possibly some of the Chorister pieces. If you read music, have some vocal experience and would like to take part in this (full rehearsal on the afternoon of the service from 1400 at Windlesham Parish Church) please get in touch with Miss Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)).

## **SPORTS**

### **Cricket Tour to Dubai**

There is one place available on the Senior Cricket tour for Years 7 and 8 to Dubai. The dates are 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and the cost is £1700. For further information please contact Mr Tomlinson ([s.tomlinson@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:s.tomlinson@hallgrove.co.uk)).

### **Good Luck**

Good luck to Mr Tomlinson and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team in the Surrey Cup plate final on Saturday morning. The boys have done incredibly well to get to this stage; with their dogged determination and Mr Tomlinson's tactical genius the team should be quietly confident of another positive result.

### **Golf v Stowe**

A team of nine pupils went to Stowe School on Wednesday to compete in a fixture against their U16 squad on their beautiful course. The format was simple – individual match play, shotgun start with no shots being given to any player, so it was a scratch match. The boys were absolutely brilliant – they won five and a half to Stowe's three and a half. Not only was it great to watch, but it was so good to see the matches being played in such a great spirit.

### **Girls' Games**

Congratulations to Carmen Schellekens, Year 7, for being accepted into the Surrey Hockey Squad.

The senior girls enjoyed a netball master class with Kate Murphy, Head of Netball at Wellington College, and their lead coach and international player Sophia Candappa. The girls always gain much from this experience and really benefitted from the intensive training session.

Meanwhile at Hall Grove the Years 5 and 6 girls had fixtures against Guildford Girls High School (a school with a reputation for being very strong at netball). When the opposition eventually arrived (thank you to our parents for your patience) the girls showed that, despite room for improvement, they played with confidence and displayed not only a fighting spirit but a great team effort. Aimee Millington was voted the A team player and Catherine Clarke was singled out by her coach for her solid defensive work; Tabitha Tonkin played against the tallest and best player of the GHS team and should be commended for putting up an amazing battle against her opponent; Lottie Hill had a very strong presence on the court helping in both attack and defence. The C team had an outstanding win with Lyla Smith scoring several extraordinary goals and Ella Hadden-Wright intercepting many balls. Anna Camp and Isabella Birkett-Eyles made a fabulous shooting partnership for the U10 A team, and Jazmine Sherrington made her debut - she didn't disappoint her coach, showing some good defensive play.

On Thursday the Year 4 girls really enjoyed their house netball, giving the parents a wonderful display of fast and furious ball skills. Eagles were unbeaten with Chloe Townsend making a brilliant contribution to her team, Kestrels came a very well deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> with Indiana Leech and Millie Barlow partnering up to pass the ball well, 3<sup>rd</sup> were Falcons with Abby Parker and Fleur Gilbert displaying some fast attacking play and Hawks, despite being placed 4<sup>th</sup>, had great team spirit with Amelie Lomas being voted best all round player of the tournament.

The U8 B and C teams had their last hockey match against Feltonfleet. The B team had a really nice game which they won. Leila Harris scored a super goal and all in all Mrs Tutt was thrilled with a really good TEAM performance. The C team drew 1-1 with Grace Goddard scoring and attacking hard throughout the match. Many of the girls played well and definitely showed improvement from the start of the term. Very well done to all the girls.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

U10 A netball tournament at Hawthornes

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

U10 B hockey tournament at Downsends, Surrey KT22 8TJ

Please meet at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure, estimated return time will be 1130.

U12 and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1600.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Amendment and addition

v Claremont (h) U11 A and U10 B are now at 1515

v Claremont (a) U10 B and C are now at 1430

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

U11 A Netball Tournament at Edgeborough

Please meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove for an 0800 prompt departure. The tournament will be finished by 1130, collection from Hall Grove at 1200.

Mrs Maxfield will be running a netball camp for Years 4 - 6 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Fran Williams, England U21 Captain, will be the guest coach. To register interest please email [k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk).

### **Boys' Games**

#### **Banned Head Guards N-Pro Headguard Rugby**

Please be aware that the N-Pro Headguard is banned. Players are not allowed to wear it on the pitch. The manufacturers are making unsubstantiated claims about its ability to protect the wearer from concussion.

#### **Rugby - Wednesday**

The U12 A and U13 A teams travelled to Lord Wandsworth to play their second match of the season. Both teams played well against very strong and determined opposition. The U13s lost but played well and were the dominant team in the second half. Marcus Sands and Alex Uphill led the line in the forwards, showing great bravery in the contact areas to secure the ball. Thomas Morley and Luca Allera worked very hard in the backs and were both rewarded with well-earned tries.

The U12s came away with a draw after a very bruising encounter but should be pleased with their performance against a very good team. Linus Bray, Bradley Aldridge and Adam Humpish all had good games. The new format of U12 and U13 Rugby has meant a lot of boys have had to step up and play at a much higher level than they have been used to. It is pleasing to see the boys respond to this.

### **Football - Thursday**

The football season finished for the Under 8s yesterday with matches against Rokeby, Lanesborough and Parkside. It was an exciting afternoon and the boys were a credit to the school. Matches were competitive and there was plenty of potential on show across the teams. The previous eight weeks have seen a lot of impressive victories for the Year 3s and yesterday was no different, with 6 wins and 4 draws out of their 12 matches. The boys have had an extremely impressive first sporting season for the school and they end their term of football having won and drawn 83% of the games. Whilst this stat is undeniably pleasing, what has impressed us most is the way they have played their football and the progress they have shown. Very well done to all the Year 3 boys!

### **Boys' Games Notices**

#### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

1<sup>st</sup> XI Football Surrey Cup plate at Cumnor House sports ground

Meet at Hall Grove at 0730. Kick-off is 0930 and the scheduled finish is 1045.

U13 A Rugby Tournament at Hall Grove

Please meet at Hall Grove at 0845. Matches start at 0930, scheduled finish time is now 1115.

### **Christmas Camps & Activities** – further information on the school website

#### **Reminder: The Oratory School, Reading Cricket Christmas Camp – 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

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

#### **Surrey Heath Museum Christmas Painting Competition & Children's Activities**

- Design a Victorian style Christmas tree. Prizes to be won. Closing date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- Fun and crafts around the museum. Various dates available.

### **Senior School Open Mornings / Days**

Bede's Senior School, East Sussex – 18<sup>th</sup> 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
- Surrey Heath Museum Christmas Painting Competition
- Surrey Heath Museum Children's Activities

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### **Puppies**

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

### **Christmas Decorations**

For hand-stitched felt Christmas decorations, please see my Facebook page, Lizzie Makes. Thank you, Liz Harvie (mum to Grace, Year 7 and Isabel, Year 5).

### **Reminder: The Wentworth Christmas Fayre, Wentworth Golf Club – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

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