

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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As many of you may be aware, we shall be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the school next year and we are now beginning to plan some exciting events to mark this milestone in Hall Grove's history.

At this stage we would ask all parents to make a note of three special dates: Friday, June 9th: Pre-Prep Sports Day; Saturday June 10th: Sports Day (Years 3 – 8); Saturday June 24th (evening): Hall Grove Jubilee Concert. This latter event will be a Big Bash – an open air picnic and concert with live bands and a giant screen to tell the story of Hall Grove through the decades. Many will recall 'Groove at the Grove' in former years, this we hope will be just as memorable. A lively, fun evening with a hint of nostalgia.

Sebastian's Action Trust – Mufti Day

Our thanks to all those who have donated today for the Sebastian's Action Trust Charity, raising £1250!

Hand, foot and mouth disease

There have been a few cases of hand, foot and mouth reported throughout the school this week. It is a common infection that causes mouth ulcers and spots on the hands and feet. The symptoms include high temperature, sore throat and mouth, headache and a general sense of being unwell and spots can develop after these symptoms. We advise that your child should stay at home until they are feeling better, and to ease the symptoms – drink plenty of fluids, Calpol or Ibuprofen to ease the sore throat or fever. If you have any concerns please speak to your GP.

Please see attached link from NHS choices:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Hand-foot-and-mouth-disease/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Assembly Speaker – Thursday 1st December

Mrs Emma Tyer will be at Assembly next Thursday to talk about Ronan's Trust, a charity she set up following the unexpected death of her husband, Ronan. Through gardening and having the opportunity to join craft workshops, the Trust aims to offer a nurturing environment in which families can work together on the land and through crafts to create friendships and reduce stress.

This is one of the charities that the school is supporting this year. Visitors are most welcome.

Class Assemblies

The children of 5CG and 5PW 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.

5CG Assembly Thursday 8th December

5PW Assembly Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Event Reminders

Date	Time	Event
November:		
Wednesday 30 th	1000	Pre-School and Reception Christmas Activity Morning
December:		
Monday 5 th	1830	Years 1 & 2 Nativity – ‘Michaelmas Mouse’
Wednesday 7 th	1000	Pre-School Christmas Celebration – ‘Nursery Rhyme Nativity’
	1730	Reception Nativity performance 1 for RST parents – ‘The Really Noisy Nativity’
	1815	Reception Nativity performance 2 for RAE parents – ‘The Really Noisy Nativity’
Thursday 8 th	0900 – 1030	Year 1 Christmas Craft Day in their classroom
	1330 – 1500	Year 2 Christmas Craft Day in their classroom
Friday 9 th	1900	Year 3 Production ‘Roald Dahl’s Pantomime Rhymes’
Monday 12 th	1900	Year 4 Production ‘Gold to Bethlehem’
Wednesday 14 th	1630	Carol Service at Windlesham Parish Church

There will be a retiring collection for the Hall Grove Christmas Charity Fund which every year raises money for several worthwhile charities. We hope you will give generously.

Pre-School and Reception Christmas Activity Morning – Wednesday 30th November

The children of Pre-School and Reception would like to invite any enthusiastic parents to help the children to make Christmas decorations in The Barn at 1000 on Wednesday 30th November.

Years 1 and 2 present 'Michaelmas Mouse' – Monday 5th December

The Years 1 and 2 Christmas Play is taking place on Monday 5th December at 1830 in New Hall. It should last approximately forty minutes. Parents and grandparents of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along. The children should return to school at 1800 and be dropped off at their classrooms, where staff will help them change into their costumes. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. After the performance, the children will be taken back to their classrooms for collection. Please do not take them directly from the hall.

Pre-School Christmas Celebration ‘Nursery Rhyme Nativity’ – Wednesday 7th December

The Pre-School Christmas Nativity is taking place on Wednesday 7th December at 1000 at The Barn. It should last approximately thirty minutes. Parents and grandparents of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along.

Reception presents ‘The Really Noisy Nativity’ – Wednesday 7th December

This year we are putting on two performances of our Christmas play, one for parents of each class. Grandparents and other family members are also most welcome. All Reception children will be required for both performances, each lasting approximately 30 minutes. Please check the specific arrangements for your child's class carefully. Space in The Barn is limited and we hope that by offering two performances, all parents will enjoy a comfortable viewing experience. Please only attend the performance designated to your child's class.

All children will need to be back at The Barn between 1700 - 1715 to be helped into their costume by staff. If you would like your child to remain at school until then, we are offering an optional supervision and tea session. Please let Mrs Tomlinson know if you intend for your child to stay for this by Thursday 1st December so that we can arrange catering.

RST Parents

- 1700 Drop off at The Barn and take your seats
- 1730 Performance starts for RST parents
- 1800 Make your way along the winding path to New Hall for Winter warming drinks
- 1850 Collect your child from The Barn after they have been changed

RAE Parents

- 1715 Drop off at The Barn and make your way to New Hall for Winter warming drinks
- 1800 Take your seats in The Barn
- 1815 Performance starts for RAE parents
- 1850 Collect your child from The Barn after they have been changed

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Craft Day – Thursday 8th December

The children of Years 1 & 2 would like to invite a parent to participate in a Christmas Craft activity in their classroom on Thursday 8th December. Year 1: 0900 – 1030; Year 2: 1330 – 1500

Year 3 Present ‘Roald Dahl’s Pantomime Rhymes’ – Friday 9th December

The children in Year 3 are looking forward to giving a festive performance of 'Roald Dahl's Pantomime Rhymes' on Friday 9th December in New Hall starting at 1900. Please note that we will have a dress rehearsal earlier that day. 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.

Year 4 Present ‘Gold to Bethlehem’ – Monday 12th December

All children in Year 4 are looking forward to a festive performance of 'Gold to Bethlehem' on Monday 12th December in New Hall, starting at 1900. Please note that we will have a dress rehearsal during the school day on Monday 12th. 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.

Year 5 Show – Date for your diary

Pupils are working on an exciting production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. This will be performed in the Summer Term on the evening of Wednesday 17th May 2017.

Costumes for Christmas Productions

We are very grateful for the fantastic support parents give in helping with their child's costume. As always, we ask that you do not go to too much expense or trouble. A simple costume or tunic can often be accessorised to great effect and we can also add additional items from our costume store. Please avoid masks or anything that might obstruct your child's face. Costumes should be ready and in school a week prior to your child's performance. If you have any problems or need clarity as to what is required please contact your child's form teacher.

Carol Service – Wednesday 14th December

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.

Judo, After School Clubs and Twilight

The last club session for Judo will be on Friday 2nd December. Final clubs of this term are on Friday 9th December. Twilight will operate as usual up to and including Thursday 15th December with the exception of Wednesday 14th December due to the Carol Service. TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 15th December.

360 TASC Newcomer - Free 1 hour trial

360 sports education would like to give your child the opportunity to try out the great activities on offer after school at the 360 TASC Club by offering a free one hour trial to all NEW 360 TASC children. There's something for everyone at 360 TASC with lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities for children from Pre-School through to Year 4 – <https://360sportseducation.com/hallgrove>

This trial can be used any time before Friday 16th December 2016. If you would like your child to try 360 TASC then please email adam.weech@360sportseducation.com

We hope to see you at the 360 TASC Club soon.

Footsteps Dance Classes - Watch Week

Miss Stein would like to remind parents of children in Footsteps that she is holding a 'Watch Week' during her classes on Tuesday 29th November and Thursday 1st December. We hope parents will take this opportunity to attend and to see what has been achieved during the term. Parents are reminded, to alleviate congestion in the corridor, not to enter the Dining Hall through the main school but to follow the directions given out at last week's classes.

End of Term Arrangements – Friday 16th December

Term ends before lunch on Friday 16th 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 support the school's chosen charities, 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: Hall Grove Staff and Parents Social Road Ride – Saturday 10th 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 10th 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 or t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk if you are interested to give us an idea of numbers.

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Informal Lunchtime Concerts

This week we had the fifth of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, a Strings and Vocal Concert. The audience were treated to an eclectic mix of genres, from a snippet of Vivaldi's *Third Violin Concerto*, to *Singin' in the Rain* and *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Our thanks to all the peripatetic staff that helped prepare them, and to all the parents who came to watch, and well done to all the performers!

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 week of the concert. Next week sees our last Informal Concert of the term.

Friday 2nd December Wind (Brass and Woodwind) & Percussion

Reminder: Carol Service, Wednesday 14th 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).

Music Practice Club

A reminder that if your child would like to be in Practice Club next term, this will need to be booked with Miss Post. If they attend Practice Club this term, you will still need to email and rebook the time for next term. Half an hour slots are available between 1630 - 1800 every day of the week.

SPORTS

Cricket Tour to Dubai

The boys going on the Dubai Cricket Tour have decided to continue to challenge themselves with some more fund raising to help get some tour kit. They have already shown their commitment to helping raise funds to go to Dubai with the BBQ, car wash and sale of bags. They are now going to take on the challenge that a number of staff achieved last year by cycling from London to Brighton. This is going to be a team effort with the boys taking it in turn to ride a static bike for a specific time, trying to complete the task in a time set by Mr Toulson in last year's race. The event will take place in New Hall on Wednesday 14th December in the last week of term, and the boys would be extremely grateful for any sponsorship.

IAPS Sailing

Mr Tullett will be co-ordinating the Hall Grove Sailing Team for next Summer's IAPS Regatta in Weymouth. Please email Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) for more information and to register an interest. Pupils must have experience of sailing and an RYA level 2 qualification.

Girls' Games

We had a very busy Saturday with the U10 B team participating in Downsends' annual B hockey tournament. We played 3 matches, winning two and losing just one to a very strong St George's Weybridge. A super end to the hockey season – well done to all who participated.

In the afternoon we took the 1st VII and U12 teams to a netball tournament at St Mary's Ascot; both teams did exceptionally well. The U12s played 6, of which they won 5. The 1st VII did even better winning all 7 of their matches, scoring over 50 goals throughout the afternoon and conceding just 5.

On Wednesday the 1st VII and U12 A team continued their 100% win ratio with two very convincing wins against Feltonfleet. Scarlett Creasey, 1st VII Captain, showed why she is a County netball player, intercepting ball after ball, and Olivia Hardy playing in attack fed the shooters exceptionally well. The U12 A team were phenomenal – they played the last half of the match “versatile” to keep the score down!

The U11s played their first netball matches of the term. The A team won 1 and were very unlucky to lose the other, Catherine Clarke and Lottie Hill were both commended by their coach. The B team had a tremendous win, with Hope Wood playing really well as Goal Shooter and Aimee Millington selected as coaches' player. The C team had a tough match against Halstead A team – Ella Hadden-Wright put up a sterling job in defence.

The U10 A team won one match convincingly and lost the other. With both shooters unavailable to play it gave their coach much to consider and the opportunity for different girls to shine; particular well done to Katie Coleman, Jazmine Sherrington and Julia Ahlstrom who all defended exceptionally well. The B and C teams had two fantastic wins against Claremont, with Yun-Yun Lai scoring most of the goals and Catriona Wood being voted coaches' player.

On Thursday the U9 A, B and C teams played St Andrew's Woking. With three out of three wins, scoring 31 goals and conceding only 2, our junior girls show lots of promise. They should be proud of this result but must remember they still have much to learn and skills to develop, they face very tough opposition next week and Mrs Maxfield is excited to see how they fare. Abby Parker, the A team shooter, shot exceptionally well, Jemima Fry was impressive wherever she played for the Bs and Sophia Brennan made some really good decisions when taking the ball though the court for the C team.

With 10 wins out of 14 this week the girls have made an amazing start to the netball season, a testament to their commitment to learn not only at school but at their netball club as well. **Very well done to all.**

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 26th November

U11 A Netball Tournament at Edgeborough

Please meet at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure. The scheduled finish time is 1130, subject to progression, and our estimated return time will be 1215.

Wednesday 30th November

U11 C and U10 C teams – please note the late start to these matches. Girls may either be taken home directly from Halstead, Woking GU21 4EE or collection from Hall Grove is estimated to be 1700, traffic permitting.

1st VII and U12 A have late matches against Farnborough Hill which are scheduled to be finished by 1730.

Thursday 1st December

U9 Netball Triangular v GHS and PGS

Hall Grove will play at 1430 and 1530, estimated finish will be 1600.

We have added an U9 D fixture v GHS which is scheduled to start at 1500, estimated finish 1530. Please note all girls may be collected directly from GHS Sports Centre, GU1 1SJ or collection from Hall Grove is estimated to be 1700, traffic permitting.

Boys' Games

Surrey Cup Football

The 1st XI finished their season with the Surrey Cup Plate Final last Saturday against King's House. The match was competitive from the start and both teams took a while to get going in typical final fashion. King's House scored the first

goal of the game and was on top until a thunderbolt from Tomas Morley levelled things up before the break. It was very much in the balance as the second half got underway and there was plenty of optimism within the team. Both teams had their chances in the early moments of the half, but as had happened so many times over the season, Tomas Morley stepped up to score a well taken second and the boys were in front with 15 minutes left. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be the fairy-tale finish that we all wanted and King's House scored two goals to turn the game around with 5 minutes left. The boys pushed on to get the equaliser but conceded a fourth on the break to make the final score 4-2. It was a really tight match, played hard by two good teams and we wish King's House all the best in their upcoming Quarter Final of the ISFA 11 a side competition.

It was a really good effort by the boys and they should be delighted with their season despite the disappointment last week. They were extremely pleased with their medals and it was a wonderful touch by Roan Macdonald to give three cheers to King's House as they picked up the cup. The Year 8s have shown real progress in their time at the school and I hope that this year has given the Year 7s the learning experience required to step up as senior players next year. Well done boys!

Rugby

Wednesday saw a number of our teams travelling to Aldro, along with Colts A and U13 A travelling to Crosfields to play in a triangular fixture against Crosfields and Edgeborough. In addition, our U12 A team competed in the Highfield U12 rugby tournament. Special mentions must go to the U13 B team who won two matches of open and entertaining rugby. Charlie Wyatt showed some brilliant attacking play with Billy Easeman and Daniel Taviansky impressing in the tackle and ruck area. The U10 D team played brilliantly and held out for a very impressive draw, scoring 14 tries in the process. Our U12 team travelled to Highfield where there were some tough matches in the group stages and unfortunately they lost to eventual winners St John's Beaumont and finalists Westbourne House. After the group stages the boys progressed in to the plate draw and unfortunately came out as runners-up. The boys performed really well and their never say die attitude will really help them to develop as the season goes on. We have seen a marked improvement in all teams and all coaches have been very impressed in games lessons when focusing on defence and defensive realignment.

On Thursday afternoon we played Hoe Bridge. All U9 boys have really worked hard on defence and tackle technique. There was a visible improvement in their willingness and confidence to make tackles. With four very close matches, special mentions must go to the U9 B, C and D teams who tried to always keep the ball alive in attack and support the ball carrier. The U9 A team have really impressed when it comes to taking on the other team and forcing them backwards. This has been led by Joseph Turner who really does put his body on the line whenever tackling. A really pleasing and promising week of rugby fixtures, underpinned by hard work and dedication. Well done to all involved.

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 26th November

Year 5 and 6 House matches. Start time 0900 and finish by 1000.

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Our thanks to all those who have donated Christmas boxes under the Samaritan's Purse scheme. A total of 145 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.

Christmas Camps & Activities – further information on the school website

360 Sports Education / Hype Christmas Camps

360 Hype are offering both Multi Activity Camps and Football Camps over the Christmas period as follows:

- Bishopsgate School, Egham - 19th to 23rd December - Hype Camp plus swimming.
- The Marist School, Sunninghill - 19th to 22nd December - Hype and Football Camps plus swimming.
- Ravenscote School, Camberley - 22nd and 23rd December - Hype and Football Camp.

2nd Reminder: The Oratory School, Reading Cricket Christmas Camp – 19th to 23rd December

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

Reminder: Surrey Heath Museum Christmas Painting Competition & Children's Activities

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

Senior School Open Mornings / Days

Stowe Lower School, (13+ Entry) – 14th January, 18th March 2017 – 01280 818205

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
- Christmas Hype Camp
- Christmas Football Camp
- Sebastian's Action Trust Santa Fun Run

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Sebastian's Action Trust Santa Fun Run – Sunday 11th December

Get into the festive spirit and join Sebastian's Action Trust for their Santa Fun Run on Sunday 11th 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/santafunrun16 to ditch your sleigh and register for this fun, family event. The children may like to join Mr Tullett's training sessions on Tuesday/Thursday mornings from 0730 – 0800.

Vocal Coach

As recommended by a parent, for more information, please refer to the website www.oscarproductionsltd.com, or contact Petrina on 07792 443102.

Bugsy Malone Auditions

Audition now for the free production of Bugsy Malone at The Electric Theatre, Guildford.

The British Theatre Academy is offering an opportunity to get free theatre training and the chance to appear on stage in Bugsy Malone! The production will be held from 22nd – 27th May 2017 at The Electric Theatre, Guildford.

Auditions will be held at St Michael's Easthampstead, Bracknell on 27th November and 4th December from 1500-1630. To book an audition visit: <http://thebritishtheatreacademy.com/bugsy-bracknell/>

Reminder: 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).