

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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As the term draws to an end, we take this opportunity to wish our Hall Grove families a very happy Christmas and all good fortune for the New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on January 9th after a restful holiday. They are ready for a good break.

Reminder: Class Assembly – Tuesday 13th December

The children of 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.

Christmas Event Reminders

Date	Time	Event
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.

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.

Carol Service – Wednesday 14th December

Our annual Carol Service will be held at Windlesham Church on Wednesday 14th 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.

Christmas Charity Post

The Year 8 monitors are running this year's 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, Wednesday and Thursday 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 Hall Grove Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 16th December

On Friday 16th 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 Hall Grove 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!

School Reports, Hall Grove Review and Spring Calendar

Reports together with a copy of the Hall Grove Review for 2016 and the Spring Calendar will be sent home with the children at the end of term.

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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) to make a booking.

Reminder: Hall Grove's Got Talent (HGGT) – Thursday 15th December

Now their exams are over we are sure the children will enjoy preparations for our annual talent show! 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 or monologues (which are better suited to our Informal Concerts and Drama Recitals). 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' and not for a wider audience. We are sorry to say that parents are not invited on this occasion; however the more successful acts will have an opportunity to perform to their parents early next term.

2nd Reminder: After School Clubs and Twilight

Final clubs of this term are today. 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.

Reminder: Judo Club Notice

After several years running our Judo Club, Oliver Fricker has left the employment of Pro Coach to set up his own company. We thank him for his excellent coaching and wish him well for his new venture. We have decided to suspend the club for a term whilst we consider options for the future; however Judo will be brought into our Sports and PE programme from January giving many children the chance to try the sport out. Keen Judoka will still have some regular coaching within the normal school day, and we will arrange training for the inter-school tournaments. There will be no charge passed on to parents. We will look carefully at the reintroduction of a specialist Judo Club for the Summer or the Autumn term.

2nd Reminder: 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	Early Years
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: Spring Term 2017

Term starts on Monday 9th January and normal drop off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have pre-booked it. TASC, Twilight and After School Clubs commence on the first day of term, with the **exception of fencing** which starts in the week beginning Monday 16th January.

The Uniform Shop

Black Base Leggings

From January 2017 the School Uniform Shop will be selling black base leggings in various sizes. Cost c. £16.

3rd 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.

Friends of Hall Grove

FOHG Saturday Golf & Tennis Club

There are a few spaces available for January 2017 in Reception/Year 1, Years 2/3 and Year 4 classes.

Golf or tennis lessons are available for children Year 4 and above.

If you are interested please email: fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com

SPORTS

Hall Grove Rugby Camp January 5th and 6th 1000 - 1500

We are delighted that we have a specialist tackle technique and grapple coach attending the camp - a ClarionCall message has been sent with details of the January training camp. Please email Mr Cottrell (j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk) if you have any further questions.

Girls' Games

Well done to the girls for some excellent netball results v Eagle House. Both the 1st and 2nd VII maintain their 100% record with good wins against strong teams; Chloe Hill and Olivia Llewelyn Jones were each voted players' player, Yasmin van der Zijl had an outstanding game for the 1st team and Tamara Ftouni, having never played netball before, is just improving match after match and showed real grit and determination in continuing to play despite rolling her ankle.

The U11 A team should take heart from making notable improvement and having a terrific match. The Bs came back from 4-1 down after the first quarter to winning 9-8. Mrs Skinner, their coach, thought they were "all amazing!" The

girls were congratulated for effort and tenacity. Lily Hardy and Scarlett Young were named girls of the match and Lottie Hill was brilliant. Mrs Skinner thought they were all absolute stars. The Cs had a goal for goal match and Sienna Edwards worked really hard for her team.

The U10 A team played a competitive match and in spite of losing the girls showed some excellent attacking play - both Anna Camp and Julia Ahlstrom played particularly well. Congratulations to both the B and C teams for terrific wins; interestingly both Sophia Badosz and Nerys Tullett were voted coach or players' player for their respective teams for the second week in a row.

The Year 4 girls were eager to play Eagle House this week and keen to keep their 100% record. Sadly the A and B teams lost both their matches by just 1 goal. Despite the losses and the Cs having a draw there were some cohesive team performances, all character building stuff for 8 and 9 year old girls. The question is - did they have fun and did they learn? Most definitely!

The U8s had their first netball matches of their sporting career at Hall Grove and were outstanding. Playing against experienced Eagle House girls who have played netball fixtures for some time, the girls went with trepidation, though there was absolutely no need for anyone to be worried as they were amazing! The A team had a convincing win with Luna Flo being voted players' player and Zayna van der Zijl determinedly working for her team throughout the match. Meanwhile the B team players' player was Tessa Goringe and Sophia Stroyberg had a marvellous game in attack. The C team winning by 3 goals really showed how well they have been listening and learning - well done to Indiana Dickson for making a valuable contribution to the team.

Boys' Games

Wednesday saw our annual block fixture against Eagle House. It turned out to be a competitive fixture and a true mark of how far we have come in such a short space of time during the rugby season with Hall Grove winning five out of the nine matches played, and scoring over fifty tries in the process. We had two very tough matches for our U12 A and U13 A teams. The boys really did put their body on the line and showed they are committed and brave in both attack and defence. The U13 A team have improved immensely since the start of the season, being able to adapt to changes on the field whilst always aiming to stick to the attacking systems we play at Hall Grove. Colts A performed very well in a very close game of rugby, at one stage retaining the ball for over ten phases whilst looking to gain ground and move the ball into space. Max Guest performed exceptionally well and really did show his attacking prowess with ball in hand. In the past our U11 B - D and U10 B - D teams have been our unsung heroes – on Wednesday they scored over forty tries and attacked extremely well, moving the ball into space and utilising the extra defenders around them. Our U13 B team are now on a winning streak, putting together a very impressive performance in scoring eight tries yesterday and defending very well through multiple phase rugby.

On Thursday both Years 3 and 4 played against Eagle House, the U8s playing in the first tag rugby match against of the season against Eagle House. The boys have really impressed during the games sessions leading up to the match and have adapted to tag rugby really well. Over the course of the afternoon we won five and lost four matches, scoring over sixty tries, again showing how well Hall Grove can move the ball into space and be clinical in scoring tries. The U8s performed really well, and finished the afternoon undefeated. Mr Gold was very impressed with the cohesion in each team and the eagerness to give it 100% in everything. The U9s teams have been coming on in leaps and bounds over the course of the season; they really do look to move the ball in attack and always aim to keep the ball alive. A number of standout performances came from Toby Sharma, Leo Barker, Jake Edwards and Joseph Turner.

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 10th December

Year 5 Home Nations Tournament. Start time 0900 and finish by 1000.

Christmas Camps & Activities – further information on the school website

New 360 Camp at Hall Grove – Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 6th January

360 Hype are now running an additional camp at Hall Grove – further information on the school website.

2nd Reminder: 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.

3rd 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.

Chertsey Museum Education Service - Thursday 22nd December

Create a glove puppet to play with over the holidays! 1000-1100 or 1130-1230, for more info see website

Christmas Music Workshop – Wednesday 21st December for 5-11 year olds

Instrumentally are running a Christmas music workshop on Wednesday 21st December at their Ascot studio for 5-11 year olds. See their website for further details: <https://blog.instrumentally.co.uk/2016/11/28/christmas-workshop-2/>

Senior School Open Mornings / Days

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

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
- Surrey Heath Museum Christmas Painting Competition
- Surrey Heath Museum Children's Activities
- Christmas 360 Hype Camp
- Christmas Football Camp
- Sebastian's Action Trust Santa Fun Run
- Chertsey Museum Glove Puppet
- January 360 Hype Camp

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Babysitting

Poppy Sutcliffe (currently reading Law at University) is sister to Hall Grove Old Boy William Sutcliffe and will be seeking local babysitting / ferrying duties over the holidays. She has her own car and can be contacted at poppysutcliffe@hotmail.co.uk or on 07889 566712.

Reminder: Christmas Gift Idea!

Last chance to buy The Dubai cricket fundraising bags. The drawstring backpack makes a great stocking filler for the kids, whilst the jute shopper is ideal for filling with hamper items for grandparents! Very limited number remaining. Please contact piabrennen@sky.com if interested or drop in at the Front Office.

2nd Reminder: 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.

