

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

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This week finished as it started; a frosty morning followed by a fine burst of Autumn sunshine. The tree colours are looking glorious.

The boys and girls have made a most positive start to the Rugby and Netball seasons as Football and Hockey fixtures draw to a close. Tomorrow's Rugby International at Twickenham will feature Year 6 pupil Jamie Swanson who has been selected to lead the teams out onto the pitch at the beginning of the match. Well done Jamie, and good luck!

We have been lucky enough to build a lovely new pavilion for our sports fields and it would be good if we could help Windlesham village complete its own project (please see below).

Staff News

- * We are delighted to share the lovely news that Miss Miranda Dowse is engaged to be married to Mr Mark Rowland. Our congratulations to them both.
- * Congratulations to Melanie Webber and her husband for the birth of their son, Zachary, on the 12th October. Mother and son are doing well.

The Drive

- * We have received several complaints recently about cars being parked or left unattended on the turning circle which prevents the drop and collect system working efficiently and causes lengthy queues and delays. Please note that parking is not permitted on the turning circle at any time during the school day and, if there is a need to go into school, cars should be parked before the electric barrier. Please try to avoid arriving early for collection times at the end of the school day because it blocks the drive and pick-up area for everyone else.
- * There was almost a serious incident this week when an estate car turned right leaving the school drive onto the A30 after drop-off. Please remember that when leaving Hall Grove, ALL traffic must turn left onto the A30.

DIARY REMINDERS

Sunday 19th November
Year 8 to Battisborough

Tuesday 21st November
0835 4DL Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 22nd November
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Thursday 23rd November
0835 8AM Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 5th December
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 6th December
1830 Years 1 & 2 Nativity

Thursday 7th December
0835 5PW Assembly
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Friday 8th December
After School Clubs Finish
1100 Pre-School Nativity
1830 Reception Nativity

Monday 11th December
1900 Year 3 Production

Tuesday 12th December
1900 Year 4 Production

Thursday 14th December
1700 Carol Service at Windlesham
Parish Church (Years 7 & 8)

Friday 15th December
Term Ends

Gillman & Soame Photographs - Reminder

Gillman & Soame would like to remind parents to order photographs for Christmas as soon as possible. If you have lost your child's details, please contact them directly at enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200, quoting the school security password **hallgrove296zp** which will enable them to retrieve your login details.

Music

A special mention this week goes to the Semi-Chorus who performed superbly at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday with over 1400 other singers. They represented Hall Grove magnificently, sang beautifully and were a delight to take to such a prestigious venue!

Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed in our Informal Vocal Concert today, it was wonderful to hear such a range of songs and such confident performances. Our next Informal Concert is Piano Concert II on Friday 24th November. As ever, if your child learns outside of school, and you would like him or her to perform, please let Miss Post know via email (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) by Tuesday next week, including the title and composer of the prepared piece.

Sport

Weekly review

The older girls netball season started with a couple of masterclasses with the Head of Netball from Wellington College. She thoroughly enjoyed working with such a talented group and they made a great impression with their attitude and ability.

Meanwhile at the Years 5 and 6 girls had their first netball fixtures of the term against Guildford High, a school with an outstanding reputation. Despite areas to work on, they all played with confidence and showed impressive spirit. The coaches were all pleased with the effort on show and, although we lost five out of the six matches, we have a solid foundation from which to build.

The U10 A's were invited to participate in the prestigious Portsmouth Grammar School Netball Tournament with 18 South Region Prep Schools attending so it was a highly competitive event. We had a tough pool, with Cranleigh, Highfield, Twyford & Amesbury to name but a few! Our squad had some new players from the season before and huge congratulations to both Jemima Jackson and Amelie Lomas who have taken the mantle of becoming the new team shooters for the season. Both were superb, scoring a remarkable 30 goals! At the other end, the team only conceded 3. This meant we were able to win 6 out of the 7 matches taking the team to the final where we met Sherborne House Prep School. Hall Grove shot out of the blocks to go three goals up. Our opponents however responded in style, levelling the match to take it into extra time - what drama! The girls ended up losing by one goal but can be very proud of their efforts throughout.

On Thursday the junior girls really enjoyed their house hockey, giving parents a wonderful display of their newly learnt skills. The results are as follows:

Year 4

Falcons 4th

Hawks 3rd

Eagles 2nd

Kestrels 1st

Year 3

Hawks 4th

Eagles 3rd

Kestrels 2nd

Falcons 1st

Congratulations to Lyla Smith who has been selected for the Surrey U14 Girls Hockey Training Academy as a goalkeeper. This is a marvellous achievement and testament to the hard work she puts into training at school and club.

The senior boys had rugby fixtures against St Johns Beaumont. The U13A and U12A teams both played exceptionally well and won their games. The U13A team are showing real

Ski Trip

27th December 2017 - 3rd January 2018

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell, then please call 01276 473059 (option 1) or email office@hallgrove.co.uk

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2017

4th September - 15th December

Spring Term 2018

8th January - 23rd March

Half Term:

10th - 18th February

Summer Term 2018

23rd April - 6th July

Half Term:

26th May - 3rd June

Autumn Term 2018

3rd September - 14th December

Half Term:

20th October - 4th November

Spring Term 2019

7th January - 29th March

Half Term:

16th - 24th February

Summer Term 2019

29th April - 12th July

Half Term:

25th May - 2nd June

Autumn Term 2019

9th September - 20th December

Half Term:

26th October - 11th November

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

potential and we expect them to rise to the occasion in the Wellington Tournament next week. The same is true for the U12 A team, who really stepped up against strong opposition and put on a fine performance. They will go into the weekend's tournament at Hall Grove in good form. The U12B team played very well against Hoe Bridge and came away with a draw after James Woolcock ran in a try in the last moments of the game. Thursday saw the Years 3 and 4 boys enjoy a rugby masterclass with Feltonfleet. Both schools did joint training sessions and then finished off with coached matches. It was a very enjoyable and successful afternoon for all. House touch rugby was played last Saturday. It was a very close contest and involved all the boys with Grace Aldridge, who deserves a special mention for being the only girl to play. The overall winning team, after all the age group results were collated, was Kestrels.

The rugby season is well and truly underway but there are still football matches going on. The U11's finished their season with a very close and exciting Surrey Cup Plate Semi-Final 3-2 defeat against Danes Hill. This was after beating Cranleigh 4-2 in the quarter final the previous Friday. The progress this squad has made this season has been quite excellent and bodes well for the future. We wish the 1st XI success in the Surrey Cup Plate Final on Saturday against Rokeby. This match is being played at Cumnor House Sports Ground.

Jet Tennis

Jet Tennis will be running trial sessions for Reception, Years 1 and 2 on Monday morning. It will be a fun introductory lesson and allow the boys and girls to experience what happens in the after school clubs and Saturday morning sessions. We are very lucky to work with Jet Tennis who have been awarded Sports Club of the Year by Surrey Heath.

Saturday Morning Golf and Tennis

The last Saturday session will be Saturday 2nd December.

Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 18th November

Surrey Cup Football plate Final (Cumnor House Sports Ground)

0930 1st XI (meet 0745 at HG)

Edgeborough Netball Tournament

0930 U11 A (meet 0800 at HG and return ETA 1230)

Hall Grove U12's Rugby Tournament

1000 U12 A (meet 0930 at HG)

Thursday 23rd November

1430 U9B, C please note amended time

1500 U9A please note amended time

Saturday 25th November

Rugby v Elstree

The following teams have an **afternoon** block fixture against Elstree. The teams will be published on Monday to allow plenty of time for planning.

U13A, U12A, U11 A and B and U10 A and B

Matches start at 1430. Venues may be adjusted, confirmation to follow on Monday.

The Hawthornes Netball Tournament

0930 U10 A (meet 0800 at HG and return ETA 1230)

Saturday 2nd December

Rugby v Papplewick and Lambrook

The following teams have an **afternoon** block fixture against Papplewick and Lambrook. The teams will be published this Monday 27th November to allow plenty of time for planning.

U13A, U12A, U11 A and B, U10 A and B and U9 A and B

Matches start at 1430. Venues may be adjusted, confirmation on Monday 27th November.

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 89 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.

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Pantomime | Bracknell Leisuresport Centre

This years Pantomime is none other than Beauty and The Beast. 'Belle a bright, beautiful and independent young woman is taken prisoner by a beast in its castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the beast's hideous exterior, allowing her to recognize the kind heart and soul of the true prince that hides on the inside'

Beauty and The Beast 2017 is John Nike Leisuresport's 30th Ice Pantomime. The cast, **including Ava-Mae Martell from Year 6**, is made up from the hundreds of ice skaters within Bracknell Ice Skating club, as well as the Ice Professionals based here at Bracknell. As always it is a performance set to wow its audience this Christmas!

Tickets are now on sale! Call us on 01344789000 to book your ticket!

For performance dates and times please visit the website:

<http://www.jnlbracknell.co.uk/ice-rink/pantomime/>

New Pavilion for Windlesham Field of Remembrance

The Windlesham Field of Remembrance (WFOR) in Windlesham is a charity run and managed entirely by a group of volunteer trustees with support from the community. Many Hall Grove children benefit from sporting clubs that use the grounds. The charity is currently focusing on grant applications and were picked to be a part of the Aviva Community Fund. If successful, it stands to receive between £10,000 and £25,000 which will make a very big impact on fund raising for a new pavilion. The award is currently at the public voting stage with just over 4 days to go.

The charity is now reaching out to its local community, of which Hall Grove is a part, to nudge the voting total up. With a very real chance of being successful they need to see more votes coming in over these last crucial days. They would be so grateful if you would consider helping them to spread the message one final time. Voting itself is quick and simple and is done via a dedicated Aviva Community Fund website.

The link to the voting site is: <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5623>

For further information please contact Rachel Bennett, Trustee, Windlesham Field of Remembrance, (Charity no. 305138), mobile: 07780928746 or see: website www.windleshamfor.com