

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

Newsletter 594 - 1st December 2017

The recent cold snap has given us some seasonal weather in time for our end of term events. Parents are asked to ensure their children come to school with sufficient warm clothing.

Please remember to show extreme caution on the school drive (see below). If you are aware of anyone driving carelessly or making dangerous manoeuvres, please send a message to the school office with a time of the incident so we can check CCTV recordings. Safety is paramount.

The Drive

Concerns have been expressed about the speed at which cars are being driven on the drive. We cannot stress strongly enough the importance of driving slowly (the speed limit is 10 mph) and with extreme caution at all times whilst in the school grounds. Please DO NOT turn and reverse on the zebra crossings!

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. Please remember that cars should never park on the yellow lines or turning circle, or be left unattended - it is important that the flow of traffic is not disrupted. If you are collecting two or more children from different year groups please move on and join the back of the queue or park near the tennis courts and walk.

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 Tap classes on Tuesday 5th December and Ballet class on Thursday 7th 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 Old Hall through the main school but to follow the directions given out at last week's classes.

DIARY REMINDERS

Tuesday 5th December

Footsteps Watch Week—Tap
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 6th December

1830 Years 1 & 2 Nativity

Thursday 7th December

0835 5PW Assembly
Footsteps Watch Week—Ballet
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

1200 Early Years & Pre-Prep
Christmas Lunch
1700 Carol Service at Windlesham
Parish Church (Years 7 & 8)

Friday 15th December

1230 Years 3-8 Christmas Lunch
Term Ends
1200 Early Years and Pre-Prep
Carols in the Courtyard
1500 Year 3
1510 Year 4
1520 Year 5
1600 Year 6
1610 Year 7
1620 Year 8

Ski Trip

27th Dec 2017 - 3rd Jan 2018

Christmas Event Reminder

Date	Time	Event	Venue
December:			
Wednesday 6th	1830	Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 'Children of the World'	New Hall
Friday 8th	1100	Pre-School Nativity - 'All About a Baby'	The Barn
	1830	Reception Nativity - 'Born in a Barn'	The Barn
Monday 11th	1330-1500	Year 1 Christmas Craft Afternoon	Classroom
	1900	Year 3 Production - 'Tinsel and Tea Towels'	New Hall
Tuesday 12th	1330-1500	Year 2 Christmas Craft Afternoon	Classroom
	1900	Year 4 Production - 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'	New Hall
Thursday 14th	1700	Carol Service at Windlesham Parish Church (Years 7 & 8)	

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.

Additional performance information:

- * This year the plays will be professionally filmed and you are asked not to take photographs or recordings of any kind.

Saturday Morning Golf & Tennis, Judo, After School Clubs, TASC and Twilight

The last club, TASC and Twilight sessions are as follows:

- * Saturday Morning Golf & Tennis Saturday 2nd December
- * Final clubs of this term (including Judo) Friday 8th December
- * Twilight will operate as usual up to and including Thursday 14th December
- * TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 14th December

End of Term Arrangements – Friday 15th December

Collection times are as follows:

1200	Early Years and Pre-Prep
1400	Carols in the Courtyard
1500	Year 3
1510	Year 4
1520	Year 5
1600	Year 6
1610	Year 7
1620	Year 8

Parents are invited to attend the informal musical gathering of 'Carols in the Courtyard', which starts at 1400. 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 will have to cancel.

Christmas Charity Post

We encourage boys and girls to use the Christmas Post collection and delivery system for any cards they may write for friends and staff in the last week of term; it is a way for them to contribute from their own pocket money to our Christmas Charity.

Christmas Gifts

The practice of bringing gifts in at the end of term can get out of hand, and you are reminded that school is not the place for children to exchange presents with one another, nor may they bring in sweets and food.

As for gifting teachers, of course this is not necessary; however, messages of thanks are always very much appreciated.

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

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

Music

Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed today in our final concert of the term. It was lovely to hear some familiar Christmas tunes to mark the start of December!

Music Practice Club

Practice club will run on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday next term between 1630-1800. Please email Miss Post directly to book your child in on any day for a half hour session. (This includes all those who have participated in the club this term, as you will not be automatically re-booked).

There will be no practice club in the final week of this term.

Music Exams

The final timetable for the upcoming music exams on the 8th & 9th December has been sent out to all relevant parents. If you have not received the timetable and are expecting your child to take an exam, please contact Miss Post as soon as possible.

Exams on the 8th will be held in the Drawing Room, and exams on the 9th will be held on the New Hall Stage. On both days pupils should come up to the Music Office at least 20 minutes before their exam to warm up.

Sport

Weekly Review

Another busy week of fixtures on the Netball courts and Rugby pitches. The boys played Elstree on Saturday, coming away with 3 wins out of 6. The U13 A and U10 squads played particularly well. On Wednesday, the boys played Crosfields and came away with some pleasing results and performances across all the age groups. It was a delight to see the Under 13 B team enjoy their game and come away with a well-deserved draw. On Thursday, the U8's and U9's took to the field against Eagle House and Edgeborough on a cold and windy afternoon. The results were very encouraging, with a total of 9 wins and 1 draw out of 14 matches. These boys can be proud of their achievements so far and the high standard of rugby they are playing.

The U10's participated in an 18 school netball tournament at The Hawthorns, Surrey. On a bitterly cold morning the team took their time to warm up. Despite this, the team displayed excellent ball skills and tactical knowledge although struggled to convert possession to goals. When up against Holy Cross, the eventual gold medallists, the team were unlucky to lose by one goal. The girls justifiably beat St George's Weybridge for 3rd place medals.

Very well done to Camilla Lawson who played particularly well in the Under 13 A team. We were particularly delighted to have some solid wins against St George's Windsor, a school with a strong netball pedigree. Both U11 A & B teams had incredible wins, scoring between them over 50 goals and conceding less than 10. The U9's played triangular matches on Thursday. When playing Guildford High, we struggled against fast and tall players so were very pleased with our couple of wins. All three of our teams beat Portsmouth Grammar.

Saturday Morning Golf and Tennis

As part of the continued development of Tennis at Hall Grove Jet Tennis will be offering a Free Trial session Saturday 2nd December to all boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Please email Mr Tullett to register interest. (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk).

Reception 0945 – 1030

Year 1 and 2 1030 – 1115

Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 2nd December

Please note the adjusted afternoon meet times and that the U12 A and U11 B games have been cancelled.

Rugby v Papplewick and Lambrook

1430 U13A (at Lambrook)

Meet 1315 at Hall Grove (Return ETA 1700)

1430 U10 A, B and U9 A, B (at Papplewick)

Meet 1315 at Hall Grove (Return ETA 1700)

1430 U11 A (at Hall Grove)

Meet 1345 at Hall Grove

Wednesday 6th December

Netball v Eagle House

1400 U11 D and U10 D matches have now been cancelled by the opposition.

Saturday 9th December

Rugby v Edgeborough

1000 U10 A (at Hall Grove)

Meet 0915 at Hall Grove

1000 U13 A, U11 A (at Edgeborough)

Meet 0830 at Hall Grove (Return ETA 1200)

Rugby v Edgeborough and Gordon's

1000 U12 A/B (at Hall Grove)

Meet 0915 at Hall Grove

Wednesday 13th December

Netball v Bishopsgate

1430 U11 B (is now being played at Lightwater Leisure Centre)

1500 U11 A (is now being played at Lightwater Leisure Centre)

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Sebastian's Action Trust Santa Fun Run – Sunday 10th December

Get into the festive spirit and join Sebastian's Action Trust for their Santa Fun Run on Sunday 10th 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, email fundraising@sebastiansactiontrust.org or visit <https://event.bookitbee.com/1802/santa-fun-run> 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 next week from 0730 – 0800.

Flyer link for information: http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/images/Santa_Run_poster.jpg

For Sale

One brand new blazer for sale, bought last week (lost blazer found straight after purchase). Size 6, 28inch chest which would fit roughly around age 8-10. £60. Please email sarah@thebrattpack.co.uk if you are interested.