

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 **Hall Grove** 2017

Newsletter 595 - 8th December 2017

We have enjoyed some wonderful Christmas events this week and the children have performed magnificently. There is more to come next week. Parents are most welcome to join the senior school for our annual Service of Lessons and Carols at Windlesham Church on Thursday. This is a beautiful candlelit occasion and a magical end to the term.

Please be aware that seating is always very limited in the Church and the central nave is reserved for the senior pupils and the staff. There is additional seating for guests in the two side aisles. The service is not suitable for small children. A retiring collection is taken for our Christmas charities which this year include Christian Aid and Crisis at Christmas.

Our Choristers are in fine voice at the moment and we are delighted to be able to congratulate William Stockford for a place in the National Children's Choir of Great Britain following a successful audition in London. This is a real achievement and we are thrilled that Hall Grove now has a strong number in this prestigious choir with Sunheri Gadhoke, Cole Lam and Tara Rijal having been accepted last year. Well done William!

Christmas Event Reminder

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 are retiring collections 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 are professionally filmed and you are asked not to take photographs or recordings of any kind.

DIARY REMINDERS

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

Monday 8th January
Term Starts
After School Clubs commence

Friday 12th January
0810 FOHG Coffee Morning
(in the Lighthouse)

Thursday 18th January
0835 - 6JF Assembly

The Hall Grove Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th December

On the final day of term, pupils are encouraged to don their Christmas jumpers to raise money for the Hall Grove Christmas Charity Collection. We suggest a minimum donation of £1 of their own money, which should be handed to the child's form teacher as soon as they arrive at school. Please note pupils **must** wear normal school uniform, replacing just their grey jersey with the Christmas jumper.

School Reports, Spring Calendar and After School Club Booklet

School Reports

Pre-School-Year 2 A hard copy will be sent home with the children.
Years 3 – 8 Will be sent electronically during the last week of the term.

The Spring 2018 Calendar together with an After-School Activities Booklet will be sent home with all the children at the end of term.

Reminder: 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

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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 charities.

Reminder: 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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! [@hallgroveschool](https://twitter.com/hallgroveschool) [@hallgrovesport](https://twitter.com/hallgrovesport)

Spring Term 2018

Term starts on Monday 8th January and normal drop off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have pre-booked it (a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk).

TASC, Twilight and Early Morning/After-School Activities commence on the first day of term.

Music

Practice Club

Due to the numerous rehearsals, concerts and the carol service we are unable to offer Practice Club in the final week of term. It will be available again from the beginning of the 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, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 1630 to 1800. Please contact Miss Post to make a booking.

Sport

Weekly review

The boys again had a busy and challenging week on the rugby pitches against Papplewick, Lambrook and Eagle House. We were particularly pleased with our Under 11 teams, who performed strongly, the A team playing particularly well against Eagle House. The U12 B team also deserves a mention for an excellent win against Eagle House. On Thursday, the U9's played at Eagle House and recorded 3 wins to add to their 3 wins on Saturday against Papplewick and Lambrook. The U8's also recorded 2 wins and a draw against Eagle House and continue to play some exciting and direct rugby.

We were very pleased with the girls performances on Wednesday against a strong Eagle House. All the A teams won their matches, the U13 and U11's both displaying good fitness and skills. Well done to three Year 6 girls who impressed their coaches with their hard work and determination: Eleanor Gunbie, Ellie Cavanagh and Helen de Vries. Despite the rain on Thursday, all the junior girls were involved in sport during the afternoon. The U9 A & B teams had decisive victories against Eagle House. The speed of their passing and their movement into space were particularly impressive. The U9C's drew and the U8A's had their first competitive match. Despite being slightly overawed by their surroundings (Lightwater Sports Hall), they rose to the challenge and won 3-0. Particular congratulations to Zaara Norat, Luna Flo, Grace Goddard and Lucy Carr who all played exceptionally well.

Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 9th December

Rugby v Edgeborough

1000 U12 A, U10 A (h)

Meet 0920 at Hall Grove

1000 U13 A, U11 A (a)

Meet 0815 at Hall Grove (Return ETA 1200)

Rugby v Gordons

1000 U12 B

Meet 0915 at Hall Grove

Wednesday 13th December

Rugby v Bishopsgate

Bishopsgate have requested that parents do **NOT** attend the matches played there, but we are happy to have parents attending games at Hall Grove.

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Reminder: 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