

A very happy New Year to our Hall Grove families! We hope 2018 will bring success and happiness to you all.

The children returned looking refreshed after the break and we have made a good start to this short, intense term. There have been some particularly promising sports results this week, a great way to begin the new year.

Staff News

We welcome to the front office Mrs Jacky Arnold who will assist Janet Rivers and cover the afternoons. Mrs Arnold will be a familiar face to a number of Hall Grove families because for many years she ran the swimming lessons at Foxhills. Our grateful thanks to Jennie Underhill for ensuring a smooth handover of her duties and we wish her well for her move to Australia later this term. As mentioned at the end of last term, Mrs Lindsay Vetch has now started her new role as Head of Admissions and Marketing.

In the classroom, three Hall Grove parents have joined our team of teaching assistants: Mrs Suzanne Brown, Mrs Kate Gursel and Mrs Tina Wilson. Miss Fabia Howell, having completed a degree at Cardiff University, joins our excellent team of GAP students and she will shortly be joined by a former pupil, Ella Bardoe. Both will work predominantly in The Barn and in the boarding house.

Congratulations

Gap Student and Hall Grove Old Boy, Josh Behr, has won a place at Oxford to read Theology and Philosophy at Oriel College. We are delighted for him and his family.

Hall Grove Ski Trip to Zell am Zee, Austria

Forty-five boys and girls enjoyed an excellent ski trip to Zell am Zee, Austria over the New Year. The party was blessed with a good amount of snow and a mixture of sunny days, misty days and snowy days! Everyone had five hours of instructor-led skiing each day; all groups made huge improvements as the week progressed and enjoyed competing in an exciting slalom competition on the last day. The beginners did extremely well and are now all competent skiers, able to take on blue/red runs. As part of their evening activities, the children enjoyed climbing, trampolining, a football tournament, beach volleyball, a basketball tournament, bowling and a New Year's Party. An amazing action-packed trip in the most fabulous of facilities.

DIARY REMINDERS

JANUARY

Tuesday 16th
0835 Ski Trip Assembly

Thursday 18th
0835 - 6JF Assembly

Tuesday 23rd
0835 - 7JC Assembly

Thursday 25th
0835 - 4MC Assembly

Tuesday 30th
0835 - 6FH Assembly

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st
0835 - 3SS Assembly

Friday 2nd
1930 Burns Night Supper

After School Activities
Commenced Monday 8th January
Finish Thursday 22nd March

We would like to invite parents, together with anyone else who is interested in next year's trip, to the Ski Trip Assembly on Tuesday 16th January to get a flavour of what it is like. I am delighted to announce that the Hall Grove Ski trip will again be revisiting Zell am Zee on December 27th 2018 and returning on the 2nd January 2019. Please email Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) if you would like to reserve a place for your son or daughter.

Friends of Hall Grove

It was good to see a number of parents at the coffee morning in the Lighthouse today. Please remember that a fun social evening is coming up on February 2nd - Burns Night; a chance to enjoy an inexpensive evening out with friends once gloomy January is behind us! The evening is being arranged to support the work of Sebastian's Action Trust. Details and tickets available from [here](#).

Personal Information Disclosure

Please be mindful when sharing and sending any information with other parents. We are aware that a number of class representatives collected information independently at the start of the academic year.

As a reminder, any collected information must be:

- held securely, keeping it safe so that unauthorised individuals cannot access it
- not kept for longer than necessary

For security and privacy reasons, it is best to use the Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) feature when sending an email message to a large number of people, such as a class or form list, as those addresses are invisible to the recipients of the email.

The House System

The House System is currently under review, so badges are not being issued for the moment. Ticks and crosses remain very important to the House system and the situation has been explained to the children. Congratulations to Hawks for winning the senior General Knowledge Quiz yesterday.

Young Photographer Competition

The Rotary Club Young Photographer Competition is here again and this year is looking for up to three x A4 photographs per entrant on the theme 'A Different Perspective'. **Collect a form from Mrs Foley** which must be signed by a parent. The deadline is 22nd January. There were many excellent photographs from the Year 8 trip to Stourhead which would make strong entries. Winners of the local competition will be entered into the district competition and could get all the way to the national finals.

Music

Informal Concerts

Our first Informal Concert of the term is Piano Concert I on Friday 19th January. 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.

Scholars' Concert Tuesday 23rd January 1900

This concert will be by invitation only, but will mostly comprise of all those in Years 7 & 8 who are or will be applying for music scholarships to their senior schools. Miss Post will email the relevant parents at the beginning of next week.

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

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 (incl)

Summer Term 2019

29th April - 12th July

Half Term:

25th May - 2nd June (incl)

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

**Don't forget to follow us on
Twitter! @hallgroveschool
@hallgrovesport**

Sports

Rugby Colours

Congratulations to Bradley Aldridge, Linus Bray, Callum Kinner, Archie Rhodes and Josh Symons who all received their Rugby Colours for their contributions to the success of the 1st Rugby team this season. They will wear their Colour socks with pride in tomorrow's matches against Sunningdale.

Weekly review

The boys had an excellent return to rugby after the winter break. On Wednesday the 1st team and the U11 A's had good wins against Yateley Manor while the U10 A's had a narrow loss in a very close and exciting game. On Thursday the junior teams played with the U9's achieving four good wins against Yateley Manor. The U8's continued their impressive run of form at the Edgeborough tournament coming away unbeaten in 12 matches winning 8 of them.

The girls had a phenomenal start to 2018, undefeated on both Wednesday and Thursday, 15 netball matches, 14 wins, 1 draw, 178 goals scored and 26 against. The euphoric high spirits of all 132 girls who represented Hall Grove this week are totally justifiable. The U13 A, U9 B, U8 A and B's each have 100% win ratio. With such monumental results, there are too many heroines to mention. In most of the matches, the girls were versatile and many got on the score sheet, the team of the week must be the U8 B's who in their first netball match displayed some fantastic feistiness and went on to win by 2 goals. It's back to business next week with lots of fixtures and tournaments in preparation for the U13 and U11 IAPS Regional competition.

Hockey equipment

Please could all boys make sure they have shin pads and mouth guards in school for hockey training.

Saturday 13th January

Netball v Danes Hill (Surrey)

0930 U11 A (a)

Meet 0800 at Hall Grove (Return ETA 1245)

Rugby v Sunningdale

1430 U11 A U9 A (h)

Meet 1350 at Hall Grove

1430 U13 A, U10 A (a)

Meet 1330 at Hall Grove (Return ETA 1630)

Additional Fixture

Tuesday 23rd January

The U12 boys have the opportunity to play in a week day tournament at Chobham Rugby club. Matches start at 1615 and the evening should conclude by 1815. Mr Cottrell will publish the team sheet on Monday and a clarion will be sent to all selected.

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Sharing School Runs

If anyone who lives in the Chobham, Bisley, Knaphill or Brookwood area would like to discuss sharing the school run, please get in touch with Mrs Couper (mother of Abigail, PGE); couper.nikki@gmail.com