

A very busy week with lots of sporting fixtures. The outstanding performance of all the Year 3 and 4 rugby players in their matches against Lambrook is particularly noteworthy. Another highlight was the Under 11 Quiz team finishing second in the regional heat of the inter-school general knowledge competition, a brilliant result.

Today started with an unexpected fire drill. A plumbing problem in the Boarding House caused water to flood through two floors setting off the fire alarm. The school was evacuated in good order whilst the issue was investigated; we were at least able to tick off another successful practice.

Hall Grove Ski Trip 2018/2019

Hall Grove will once again be heading to Zell am Zee on December 27th 2018, returning on the 2nd January 2019. Please follow [the link to watch films](#) and photos from this year's trip to give a flavour of what happens on a school ski holiday. The children will have five full days skiing with five hours tuition a day specific to their ability. This means that every novice is able to become a safe and competent skier. Those at intermediate or advanced levels have the opportunity to develop and refine their skills even further. As the trip is very popular places are filling up quickly. The cost will be £1175 which is all-inclusive. Please email Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) if you would like to reserve a place for your son or daughter (next year's Year 5 - 8).

Bake Off

Year 7's are starting this year's competition on Monday! The first round includes the whole year making a classic Victoria Sandwich. Covered whole cakes will be on sale for all parents from 1500 outside The Lighthouse on both Monday and Tuesday. Please support as all proceeds will go to charity. This year, we will be supporting the Children's Homes in India Trust which is urgently seeking additional funds to finance its work with destitute children in southern India.

Christmas Production DVD's

We expect delivery of the pre-ordered Christmas production DVD's next week and will distribute these to those families who ordered a copy. Should you wish to order a copy, we have re-opened the booking form until Monday. Please visit [the following link](#).

DIARY REMINDERS

JANUARY

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
To book, call 01344 622500 or email fundraising@sebastiansactiontrust.org

Thursday 8th
0835 6AK Assembly

Friday 9th
0900 1AE Class Assembly
Term Ends (normal collection times)

Half Term
Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th

MARCH

Thursday 15th
0930-1130 Open Morning

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

Admiral Room Computers

It has been busy in the Admiral Room this week as we have upgraded twenty computers. The children are already seeing the benefits of the new hardware! Our thanks to Mrs Stockford (parent Year 6) for her assistance early in the project.

Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 15th March

Our next Open Morning for prospective parents will be taking place on Thursday 15th March 0930 – 1130. Please tell your friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove. As we are starting our daily mini-bus service from West London this year, do also let any friends in London know about the school.

Reminder: Boarding, Breakfast & Supper Requests

This term, we moved to online booking for boarding and meals. You can find request forms on the Hall Grove website under the 'parents' tab. Please use these online forms for all routine bookings. If you have a special enquiry about your booking, you can still get in touch with me directly, or the front office. Should you require further information, please contact Mr McChesney, Head of Boarding at a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk

Fitbits and Watches

Please note that Fitbits and watches are NOT allowed to be worn in school. Children who have music lessons are permitted to wear a watch on the day of their lessons.

Reminder: 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

Well done to everyone who performed today in our first concert of the term, it was fantastic to see evidence of plenty of practice over the holiday! Our next Informal Concert is for Brass & Percussion players on January 26th. 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.

Sports

Weekly Review

The boys have had a very successful week on the rugby pitches. Last Saturday the U13 A, U11 A, U10 A and U9 A teams all recorded solid wins against Sunningdale. Wednesday's matches against Crosfield proved more challenging, but the U13 A's and U10 B's recorded victories. The highlight of the week was the performance of our U9 and U8 teams against Lambrook. The four U8 teams all recorded convincing victories in their away games and the U9 A, B and C teams continued their fine run of form with three wins at home.

On Saturday the U11's played in a netball tournament against another 12 schools. There was some tough competition with very few breaks but after 11 gruelling matches there were 10 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss and they were placed 2nd. They should be very pleased with their efforts as a team. Well done to Anna Camp who was the hot shot of the day, Amelia Lomas who played up a year and Gisella Bernabo who had an outstanding tournament.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the girls had some challenging fixtures against strong teams from St Piran's and St George's Windsor. The three senior and three U9 teams were all

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

24th April – 12th July

Half Term:

25th May – 2nd June (incl)

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM, EASTER & SUMMER CAMPS

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undefeated giving great performances, showing determination to win the ball and convert possession into goals. Out of 14 matches, Hall Grove won 9, drew 1 and lost just 4, a testament to the girls' commitment to train hard and play hard. Mrs Maxfield was particularly pleased with Camilla Lawson and Hope Wood, who played with clever heads and three Year 4 girls, Ella Terry, Leila Harris and Zaara Norat who all made significant contributions to their team's results. Special mention for Lucy Carr playing up a year for the U9C's who had an incredible match, she listened and was eager to show how much she had learnt by applying it in the match. A great week of netball, well done girls.

Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 20th January

Netball v Danes Hill (Surrey)

0930 U11 A, U10 A (h) Meet 0900 at Hall Grove

Rugby v Woodcote

1430 U13 A, U12 A, U11 A (a) Meet 1350 at Hall Grove

Saturday 27th January

Netball v The Hawthornes

0930 U11 A (a) Meet 0800 at Hall Grove

Netball v St Georges Ascot (tournament)

0930 U10 A (a) Meet 0845 at St Georges Ascot

House Cross Country

Please note the start times for House Cross country. It is recommended that pupils arrive 20 mins before their event. House T-shirts should be worn and are available from the Uniform Shop. The results and medal ceremony will happen after the finish of each event and pupils will be free to go. There will be match tea for runners, and The Lighthouse will be serving tea for parents.

1430 Year 3 and 4 Girls

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1510 Year 5 and 6 Girls

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1550 Year 7 and 8 Girls

1610 Year 7 and 8 Boys

Additional Fixtures

Tuesday 23rd January

The U12 boys have the opportunity to play in a weekday 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.

Wednesday 24th January

Rugby v Staines Prep

1430 U11 A, U11 B

Thursday 25th January

Rugby v Staines Prep

1430 U9 A, U9 B

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Mrs Jane Lomax—Valley End C of E (VC) Infant School

Hall Grove has a close connection with Valley End School. We were very sorry to hear that Mrs Jane Lomax passed away peacefully last weekend. Mrs Lomax, a teaching assistant, had been suffering from cancer for the past year and a half. She touched the lives of many children and families both in the school and outside in the wider community. A book of condolence is now available at the Valley End school office and parents are most welcome to visit in order to write in that over the next week or so.

Windsor Music Centre - Invitation to all young musicians!

If you play an instrument Windsor Music Centre will have an ensemble that will help you make friends, learn more and experience playing as part of a group or orchestra. Please see [link for further information](#) or call Dawn Parker on 01753 306761.

February Half Term, Easter & Summer Camps

Further information regarding various Half Term, Easter and Summer holiday camps are available on our website or by clicking the link in the right-hand column of page 2.