



Newsletter 621
12th October 2018

The OSCAR girls were a great hit, demonstrating some superb football skills and charming the school at Assembly with their graceful dancing. They were thrilled with the welcome given to them and were most appreciative of the kindness shown to them by pupils, parents and staff. A number of the girls spoke at Assembly and it was very moving to hear about their home conditions. Follow [this link](#).

As a school, we have learnt so much from hosting the party. We shall follow the development of this remarkable organisation with great interest; it really is transforming lives. Thanks to some generous gifts and the sale of T-shirts, £1,298.37 has been raised towards another visit next year.

A major headline of the last week has been the football results. Our 1st XI qualified for prep school finals when they competed in the regional round at Chigwell School last Saturday. This was a fantastic achievement for the boys. The Under 11 team also had great success at Bradfield, losing narrowly in the final.

Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair – Friday 19th October – 1345 to 1700

The weather looks promising for next Friday afternoon's Country Fair. There will be music, dancing, produce stalls and some farm animals. Whilst the occasion is primarily for grandparents; parents are most welcome to attend later in the afternoon. We shall be raising funds for Rosie's Rainbow Fund, Water Aid, the Indonesian Appeal and Christian Aid.

Years 1 and 2 will be singing their Harvest Samba, with final timings to follow next week. Concert Band will have their first outing of the year, showcasing the James Bond theme which they have been working on with their new Director, Mr Hiles.

'Cinders' - Wednesday 7th November

We are excited to announce that the performance of 'Cinders', a panto-style musical in two acts, is being performed on Wednesday 7th November at 7pm in the New Hall. The extended day programme is really proving popular with our extremely enthusiastic cast who have been busy rehearsing over the last three weeks. We have been absolutely thrilled with their commitment, and the audience is in for a real treat! With a fabulous set, colourful costumes and even a visit from Gertrude the cow, not to mention the evil Stepmother, Prunella DeVine and the two grotesque Ugly Sisters, Peaches Pouffle and Samantha Souffle, it won't disappoint! All of Year 6 will be joining the cast as the choir.

Please do come and support the cast on the 7th November!

DIARY REMINDERS

OCTOBER

Monday 15th
Eco Week

Tuesday 16th
0835 3KD Assembly

Thursday 18th
0835 4KF Assembly
0930 Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Friday 19th
Country Fair & Grandparents' Afternoon

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7th
1900 Senior Performance Club present 'Cinders'

Friday 9th
Last day to return the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

Tuesday 13th
0835 8AM Assembly

Thursday 15th
0835 5CG Assembly

Monday 19th
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 20th
0835 4MC Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 22nd
0835 7LR Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 27th
0835 3SS Assembly

Thursday 29th
0835 4DL Assembly

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meeting

Tuesday 4th
0835 6AK Assembly

Remembrance Service - Friday 9th November

This special Assembly is always much enjoyed by parents and other visitors. It starts at 1030 in New Hall. This year is of special significance as we mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Music

Some of our senior musicians enjoyed a fantastic day in the new Performing Arts Centre at Wellington College on Thursday afternoon at their annual Orchestral Day. Today, Semi Chorus sang beautifully at the wedding of Mrs Leech's oldest daughter, Jamie. A fantastic experience for them all and one they can be very proud of.

Next week, we are looking forward to the Harvest Service on Friday morning at which the Choristers will be singing a short piece.

Instrument Storage

We are still concerned that instruments are at risk of damage—please remind your children to store them in the allocated areas of the Music Department.

Sport

Hall Grove has had an incredibly successful week on the sports fields. The girls started the ball rolling with a win at the Lord Wandsworth U13 Hockey Tournament last Saturday. On the same day, the U13 boys' football team travelled to Chigwell School, Essex for the Regional Qualifiers and were successful in qualifying for the National Finals. A wonderful achievement and we wish them well for the finals on November 4th in Taunton. The U11 boys were runners up in the Bradfield Football Tournament on Sunday, and U10's won the Plate competition at Charterhouse Football Tournament on Monday. The boys and girls enjoyed a lot of success in our regular fixtures with a special mention to our junior teams who performed very well.

For further information on fixtures, results and timings, please visit the [school sports website](#).

Sebastian's Action Trust Halloween Walk - Sunday 4th November (Sebastian was a pupil at Hall Grove)

A spooktacular walk around Swinley Forest. Come dressed as your favourite ghost or ghou, witch or wizard and enjoy fun family activities along the way.

0930 registration - 1000 start - £5 children - £10 adults - £20 family

To book, please visit: www.sebastianactiontrust.org/halloween or call 01344 622 500.

October Half Term Camps

For details of all half term camps, please click on the **OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS** link in the right-hand column.

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Leaflets were sent home last week with your child. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by **Friday 9th November**.

Stage and Screen Concert with the Games Maker Choir and the Central Band of the Royal British Legion—Saturday 27 October 1900—2200

Mrs Graham performs with the Games Maker Choir and is excited to sing with a Military Band at this London concert in half term. Please do come along. Tickets are free at [this link](#).

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell please
T: 01276 473059 (option 1) or
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TERM DATES

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

24th April – 12th July

Half Term:

25th May – 2nd June

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

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