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16th November 2018

Last weekend the school exhibited at the Battersea Schools Fair. We were delighted to hear that our stand was selected as being one of the most eye-catching! A large number of West London parents visited and there was a lot of interest in what Hall Grove offers.

The Rugby and Netball seasons are now underway with some encouraging results from several age groups. It is good to see such enthusiasm for competitive sport amongst so many of the children.

Performance continues to be a big focus for the school, and we are looking forward to some of our younger pupils acting in 'The Plague' on Tuesday. We also have a special visit next Friday when Dominic Ellis-Peckham will be in school working with all the children from Years 1 – 8. Dominic is without doubt one of the UK's most dynamic orchestral and choral conductors. As well as the workshops he will attend the lunchtime vocal concert. Further details will follow at the beginning of next week – it promises to be a memorable day!

Reminder: Potential Scholarship Candidates

Year 8 parents, in particular, are asked to be aware of looming scholarship deadlines at various senior schools. Anyone considering entering their child for an award is asked to discuss this with Mr Lewis (01276 470007) if they have not already done so. The general practice is for parents to complete the relevant forms in good time and leave them with Mr Lewis who will collate the various references and information before submitting them to the Headmaster for his approval and on to senior schools.

Reminder: Boarding Notice

The last night of boarding this term will be on Wednesday 12th December.

Music

Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed in our Informal Brass Lunchtime Concert. The standard was very good, with some extremely polished tones from all of our players. A particular highlight was Arthur Evan's *Send in the Clowns* which was played with real maturity and faultless intonation. Our next Informal Concert is for singers next Friday. If you would like your child

DIARY REMINDERS

NOVEMBER

Monday 19th

1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 20th

0835 4MC Assembly

1645 Performance 'The Plague'
(Years 1-5)

1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 22nd

0835 7LR Assembly

1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Friday 23rd

Choral Workshops with
Dominic Ellis-Peckham

Tuesday 27th

0835 3SS Assembly

Wednesday 28th

0900-1030 Pre-School & Reception
making Christmas decorations

Thursday 29th

0835 4DL Assembly

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd

1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meeting

Tuesday 4th

0835 6AK Assembly

1830 Year 1 & 2 Nativity

Wednesday 5th

1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 6th

0835 5JF Assembly

1100 Pre-School Christmas Celebration

1730 RST Nativity (in The Barn)

1800 RLB Nativity (in The Barn)

Friday 7th

Co-Curricular/After School Clubs finish

Monday 10th

1330 Year 1 Parents Christmas Craft

Afternoon

1400 Year 3 Christmas Production –
Matinee

1900 Year 3 Christmas Production

Tuesday 11th

1330 Year 2 Parents Christmas Craft
Afternoon

Wednesday 12th

1400 Year 4 Christmas Production –
Matinee

1900 Year 4 Christmas Production

to sing in this concert and they learn outside of school, please email Miss Post by Tuesday of next week.

Sport

Well done to the girls this week, the U11 and U10 squads had a great start to the Netball season with 5 wins out of 7 against Guildford High. This is a fantastic achievement against a school steeped in Netball history and the perfect way to begin the season. Congratulations also to the girls who ran in the Cross-Country relays at St Mary's on Saturday. In very testing conditions, the U11's team finished second overall.

The U11 boys continue to play good rugby and won the Hall Grove Tournament on Saturday. Wednesday's fixtures against St John's Beaumont and Eagle House were tough, but there were excellent performances from the U10 squads against very strong opposition. We look forward to the rugby house matches this weekend, timings below. For further information on fixtures, results and timings, please visit the [school sports website](#).

0930	Years	7 and 8	arrive 0915
1030	Years	5 and 6	arrive 1015
1130	Years	3 and 4	arrive 1115

All team sheets for next week, including fixtures on Saturday the 24th November, are now on the school website. Please check by following [this link](#).

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Our thanks to all those who have donated Christmas boxes under the Samaritan's Purse Scheme. A total of 50 boxes were collected and, if you paid on-line, look out for the email informing you which country your shoe box has been sent to.

Ladies Christmas Charity Sale and Lunch at Sunningdale School - Thursday 22nd November

In aid of Manor Mead School (a special school for primary children with severe/profound and complex learning difficulties), Doors open 1100, lunch at 1300. Cost £30 To book lunch contact: adawson@sunningdaleschool.co.uk

Sunningdale Heath Golf Club Christmas Fayre - Tuesday 27th November 1000-1400

In aid of Woking & Sam Beare Hospice. Stalls include Ladies Fashion and Accessories, Jewellery, Candles, Decorations, Cards, Cakes and Preserves.

The Princess and the Pantomime at Windsor Castle

Tour the Castle and see the Pantomime. Click [here](#) for more information.

Oxbridge Singing School 20th & 21st December

The fabulous Oxford & Cambridge Singing School will once again return to Guildford on December 20th & 21st this year. This is a two-day course for children who love to sing aged between 7-13. They will be coached by world-class conductors and singers, and there will be a concert at the end of each day for parents. A fantastic opportunity for any young singers, whilst giving parents some last minute shopping and preparation time leading up to Christmas! Please see attachment for more details.

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell please
T: 01276 473059 (option 1) or
E: office@hallgrove.co.uk

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2018

3rd September – 14th December

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

Autumn Term 2019

9th September – 20th December

Half Term:

26th October – 10th November

Spring Term 2020

13th January – 27th March

Half Term:

15th – 23rd February

Summer Term 2020

22nd April – Friday 10th July

Half Term:

23rd – 31st May

KEY DATES 2019

7th June

Early Years & PrePrep Sports Day

8th June

Sports Day Years 3-8

28th June

Caribbean Night (Parents Social)

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

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