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23rd November 2018

Now that we are heading into Winter, with dark mornings and evenings, it is time to repeat the important message about safety on the school drive. Please make sure you read and follow the note below, and if you see someone ignoring it do please let the school office know with the time and location of the incident. We do monitor the drive with CCTV so we can very easily follow up any complaint.

Our Choral Day has been a great success under the expert leadership of Dominic Ellis-Peckham. This remarkable man had the whole school swinging, swaying and stamping to an extraordinary range of African vocal sounds and his workshops were very much enjoyed. Details of a holiday singing course in Guildford are given below.

We wish the OSCAR charity the best of luck for the BAFTA award ceremony on Sunday for their film 'My Life: Mumbai Street Strikers' which has been nominated for the BAFTA children's award. Ella Terry (Year 5) has had a lovely article printed in the First News magazine about the recent OSCAR girls tour.

Gillman & Soame Photographs

Proofs were posted to parents on Monday. Please order photographs for Christmas as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact them directly at candy.mccourt@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200.

Children in Need

Congratulations to 4MC for raising £375.40 for the charity last week through a variety of individual initiatives. What a great effort!

The Drive

Concerns have been expressed about the speed at which cars are being driven on the drive. We cannot stress strongly enough the importance of driving slowly (the speed limit is 10 mph) and with extreme caution at all times while in the school grounds.

Please try to avoid arriving early for collection times at the end of the school day because it blocks the drive and pick-up area for everyone else. Please remember that cars should never

DIARY REMINDERS

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 27th
0835 3SS Assembly

Wednesday 28th
0900-1030 Pre-School & Reception
Christmas Craft Morning

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 Nativity
1730 RST Nativity
1800 RLB Nativity

Friday 7th
Co-Curricular/After School Clubs finish

Monday 10th
1330 Year 1 Parents Christmas Craft
Afternoon
1900 Year 3 Christmas Production

Tuesday 11th
1330 Year 2 Parents Christmas Craft
Afternoon

Wednesday 12th
1900 Year 4 Christmas Production
Last night of boarding this term.

Thursday 13th
1200 Early Years & Pre-Prep Christmas
Lunch
1700 Carol Service at Windlesham
Church (Years 7 & 8 only)

Friday 14th
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

park on the yellow lines or turning circle, or be left unattended – it is important that the flow of traffic is not disrupted. If you are collecting two or more children from different year groups please move on and join the back of the queue or park near the tennis courts and walk.

Christmas Event Reminder

Date	Time	Event	Venue
November: Wednesday 28th	0900-1030	Pre-School & Reception Christmas Craft Morning	The Barn
December: Tuesday 4th	1830	Years 1 & 2 Nativity 'A Midwife Crisis'	New Hall
Thursday 6th	1100	Pre-School Nativity 'Old Uncle Sam'	The Barn
	1730	RST Nativity 'The Sleepy Shepherd'	The Barn
	1800	RLB Nativity 'The Sleepy Shepherd'	The Barn
Monday 10th	1330	Year 1 Parents' Christmas Craft Afternoon	1AE/1NS
	1900	Year 3 Christmas Production 'Are We Nearly There Yet'	New Hall
Tuesday 11th	1330	Year 2 Parents' Christmas Craft Afternoon	2KH/2LP
Wednesday 12th	1900	Year 4 Christmas Production 'Superstar'	New Hall
Thursday 13th	1700	Carol Service at Windlesham Church (Years 7 and 8 only)	

There will be a retiring collection for the Hall Grove Christmas Fund which every year raises money for several worthwhile charities. We hope you will give generously.

Pre-School & Reception Christmas Craft Morning – Wednesday 28th November

The children of Pre-School and Reception would like to invite any enthusiastic parents to help them make Christmas decorations in The Barn from 0900 until 1030.

Years 1 and 2 Nativity 'A Midwife Crisis' – Tuesday 4th December

The Years 1 and 2 Christmas production is taking place at 1830 in New Hall. It should last approximately forty-five minutes. Parents and other relatives of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along. The children should return to school by 1810 and be dropped off in their classrooms, where staff will help them change into their costumes. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. After the performance, the cast will be taken back to their classrooms to change, and parents are invited to The Lighthouse for a drink. The children will be dismissed by their form teacher from the turning circle.

Pre-School Nativity 'Old Uncle Sam' – Thursday 6th December

The Pre-School Christmas Nativity is taking place at 1100 in The Barn. It should last approximately thirty minutes. Parents are invited for refreshments in The Lighthouse from 1030 before the children's performance at 1100.

Reception Nativity 'The Sleepy Shepherd' - Thursday 6th December

This year we are putting on two performances of our Christmas play, one for parents of each class. Grandparents and other family members are also most welcome. All Reception children will be required for both performances, each lasting approximately 30 minutes. Please check the specific arrangements for your child's class carefully. Space in The Barn is limited and we hope that by offering two performances, all parents will enjoy a comfortable viewing experience. Please only attend the performance designated for your child's class.

All children will need to be back at The Barn between 1700 - 1715 to be helped into their costume by staff. If you would like your child to remain at school until then, we are offering an optional supervision and tea session. Please let Mrs Tomlinson know by Thursday 29th November if you intend for your child to stay so that we can arrange catering.

RST Parents

- 1700 Drop off at The Barn and adults take your seats
- 1730 Performance starts for RST parents
- 1800 Make your way along the winding path to New Hall for Winter warming drinks

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

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

1850 Collect your child from The Barn after they have been changed

RLB Parents

1715 Drop off at The Barn and make your way to New Hall for Winter warming drinks

1800 Take your seats in The Barn

1815 Performance starts for RLB parents

1850 Collect your child from The Barn after they have been changed

Christmas Craft Afternoons - Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December

The children of Years 1 and 2 would each like to invite one adult to participate in Christmas Craft activities in their classroom. On arrival, please sign in with Mrs Parsons or Mrs Tanner who will be based outside the Year 1 classrooms.

Years 1 Christmas Craft Afternoon – Monday 10th December from 1330 to 1500

Years 2 Christmas Craft Afternoon – Tuesday 11th December from 1330 to 1500

Year 3 Present ‘Are We Nearly There Yet?’ – Monday 10th December

The children in Year 3 are looking forward to giving a festive performance of ‘Are We Nearly There Yet?’ in New Hall, starting at 1900. Please note that we will have a dress rehearsal earlier that day. Form staff will ensure costumes return home safely, ready for the evening. All props are to remain at school. Please collect children at their normal pick-up time and return them to their form rooms **in costume** at 1830. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. At the end of the performance, parents are invited for refreshments in The Lighthouse. The children will return to their classrooms and then be available for collection from the turning circle.

Year 4 Present ‘Superstar’ – Wednesday 12th December

All children in Year 4 are looking forward to a festive performance of ‘Superstar’ in New Hall, starting at 1900. Please note that we will have a dress rehearsal during the school day. Form staff will ensure costumes return home safely, ready for the evening. All props are to remain at school. Please collect children at their normal pick-up time, and they are to be returned to their form rooms in costume at 1830. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. At the end of the performance, parents are invited for refreshments in The Lighthouse. The children will return to their classrooms and then be available for collection from the turning circle.

Christmas Production DVD’s

This year the productions will again be professionally filmed as a valuable keepsake for parents. Each DVD will cost £13.50 and will be available at the beginning of the Spring Term. To order, please follow [this link](#). Because we are using a professional film company, we would ask that you **do not** take photographs or recordings of any kind during a production.

End of Term Arrangements - Friday 14th 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. There is always a very jolly atmosphere and this is a nice way to support the school’s chosen charities as well as to say farewells before the Christmas break. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available. 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.

Music

What a fantastic day we have had with Dominic Ellis-Peckham today, some superb singing was on display throughout the school from Year 1 right up to Year 8! Our enormous thanks to Dominic for leading our inaugural Choral Day.

Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed in our Informal Vocal Lunchtime Concert. The standard was very good, with some extremely confident performances from all of our singers. It was lovely to hear classical, contemporary, pop and even musical theatre pieces. A real treat for all who were there.

ABRSM Exams

After a slight delay with the exam board, a timetable will be sent out over the weekend. Exams will now **only** be held on Friday 7th December.

Practice Club

From next term we will be running Practice Club slightly differently. There will be a Junior section to the club running from 1630-1730 on a Monday and Tuesday supervised by Mr Hiles or Miss Post, and then a new dedicated Senior Practice Club time from 1730-1830 on a Wednesday as part of the revised Extended Day programme. This full hour for the seniors would be ideal for those doing advanced grades, working towards scholarships or needing to practice two instruments and will be supervised by Miss Post.

Sport

We continue to be encouraged by the enthusiasm and work ethic of the children on the sports field. The boys rugby is continuing to develop as the season progresses. Congratulation to the U9 boys who played their first competitive fixture of the season against Hoe Bridge, recording 2 wins, a draw and 2 narrow losses.

The girls continue to achieve impressive results, on Wednesday they won seven of their nine matches whilst the junior girls were incredibly excited to be playing their first matches and enjoyed fixtures against St Andrew's.

Information for this weekends fixtures and results are published on the school website. Please check by following [this link](#).

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, while giving parents some last minute shopping and preparation time leading up to Christmas! Please see attachment for more details.