



Newsletter 627
7th December 2018

This busy term has stretched from the end of summer to the very depths of winter. Classes have been working hard right to the end, but we have had lots of fun too with sports, music, outings and activities. We have enjoyed some wonderful concerts and shows leading up to the Christmas holidays; Thursday sees our annual candlelit carol service in Windlesham Church for Years 7 & 8, a magical way to prepare for Christmas. On Friday afternoon there is an informal gathering in the Coach House courtyard for some festive fun and an opportunity to spend some money in aid of our Christmas charity collection.

Our thanks to all our families for great support through 2018. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for the new year.

Pre-School and Reception Nativity Performances

The Barn shone on Thursday as the children of Pre-School and Reception performed to the very best of their ability in their Christmas performances. From shining stars to missing lambs and sleepy shepherds, the children loved telling the Christmas story and singing their songs with much enthusiasm. It was wonderful to share the magic of Christmas with you all, and we very much hope you enjoyed their performances. Thank you for all your continued support.

Mrs Tomlinson

The Hall Grove Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14th December

On the final day of term, pupils are encouraged to don their Christmas jumpers to raise money for the Hall Grove Christmas Charity Collection. We suggest a minimum donation of £1 of their own money, which should be handed to the child's form teacher as soon as they arrive at school. Please note pupils **must** wear normal school uniform, replacing just their grey jersey with the Christmas jumper.

Invoices

Invoices have been sent electronically this week.

All reports, the Spring 2019 Calendar and Autumn School Notes will be sent home with the children by the end of next week.

Term Dates 2019/2020

Please note that the 2019/2020 Hall Grove School term dates, as listed on the next page and on our website, are now confirmed and are correct.

Junior Library – Pre-School to Year 4

Can all books be returned to the Junior Library next week please.

DIARY REMINDERS

DECEMBER

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)

Twilight: final night

360: final night

Friday 14th

Collection times are as follows:
1200 Early Years and Pre-Prep
1400 Carols in the Courtyard
(Parents are invited to attend 'Carols in the Courtyard')
1500 Year 3
1510 Year 4
1520 Year 5
1600 Year 6
1610 Year 7
1620 Year 8

JANUARY 2019

Monday 7th

Term starts
Co-Curricular/After School Clubs start

Tuesday 15th January

0810 FOGH Coffee Morning

GILLMAN & SOAME PHOTOGRAPHS

If you have any queries, please contact them directly on 01869 328200 or candy.mccourt@gillmanandsoame.co.uk

Christmas Productions and Activities

Please see Newsletter 625 or check the school website.

Christmas Production DVD's

This year the productions are again 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.

Christmas Gifts

The practice of bringing gifts in at the end of term can get out of hand, and you are reminded that school is not the place for children to exchange presents with one another, nor may they bring in sweets and food.

As for gifting teachers, of course this is not necessary; while simple messages of thanks are always very much appreciated, extravagant presents cannot be accepted.

Spring Term 2019

Term starts on Monday 7th January and normal drop off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have pre-booked it via the School [website booking form](#) or email Mr McChesney a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk

The Co-Curricular Programme, 360, Twilight and Early Morning Training commence on the first day of term.

FOHG Coffee Morning - Tuesday 15th January

All are welcome to the 'Friends of Hall Grove' coffee morning from 0810 in The Lighthouse. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, share ideas and plan future events for the school. We look forward to welcoming you.

Music

Carol Service

A reminder that the Choristers' will be singing at next week's Carol Service at 1700 in Windlesham Parish Church. They should be collected after the service from the church at around 1800.

ABRSM Exams

Well done to everyone who has taken their music exam today. They represented Hall Grove exceptionally well, with good punctuality and a can-do attitude! Results will be sent to Miss Post over the holidays, and she will then let the relevant peripatetics know, who in turn will email parents.

Sport

Well done to all the boys and girls who have represented the school this week on the netball courts and rugby pitches. On Saturday morning the U10 girls enjoyed a Netball masterclass at Wellington while the boys played rugby against local schools Papplewick and Lambrook. The U9 A and U10 A rugby teams were the stand out performances. On Wednesday the boys played another local derby against Eagle House winning 9 of the 11 games. The girls also had some pleasing wins against Eagle House. The U10's were undefeated but the stars of the day were the U11C team. The junior girls had their first experience of playing in the sports hall at Lightwater, showing their parents how much they have improved. The mixed age group house netball was really competitive, and congratulations must go to Falcons who were the eventual winners.

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

CHRISTMAS CAMPS

**Don't forget to follow us on
Twitter! [@hallgroveschool](#)
[@hallgrovesport](#)**

Hall Grove Polo

Congratulations to the Hall Grove Polo team who, on Tuesday, played in a round robin format tournament versus Papplewick at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club. The team comprised Rishya Rawal, Georgia Hancock, Pasha Keray, William Barr, Douglas Barr, Kush Kadyan and Henri Deane. The darker evenings and cooler temperatures made for a festive mood at the start, but the competitive side soon emerged. After 9 games, Hall Grove Polo came out on top with a 5-4 win against Papplewick. Special mentions must go to William, Rishya and Georgia who put in match-winning performances. We have been invited to do another round against Papplewick next term as well as playing in the Junior Schools' Nationals. Watch this space.

Please keep up to date with upcoming fixtures and results by following [this link](#).

Christmas Camps

Please click the link in the right-hand column to view Christmas Camps available.