



Newsletter 628
12th January 2019

A very happy New Year to all our families!

After a very successful school ski trip, the new term has started well and the children have quickly settled to familiar routines.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of two important safeguarding matters. Firstly, parents may not enter the school other than by the front office where they should sign in, except when attending assemblies or other performances in New Hall. We must also remind parents that, other than those booked for early morning activities (eg sports training or choir) and/or breakfast, children should not arrive before 0810. If they do so we will expect them to wait in the Lighthouse where they will be supervised, there would then be a supervision charge added to the term bill.

The Battle of Trafalgar Remembered

We were delighted to hear that Hall Grove achieved great success in an inter school short story competition organised by the Trafalgar Way society. In the 7-11 section we won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, and in the 12 - 16 section we won 1st prize and received an Honourable Mention. Congratulations to Hope Wood (Yr 8), Pippa Stephens (Yr 3), Cecilia Shepherd (Yr 4), Sophia Brennen (Yr 6) and Helena De Vries (Yr 8). Hope and Pippa will be awarded their prizes on board HMS Victory at half term.

The organisers were particularly impressed with the quality of writing that came from children at Hall Grove. They said that out of 270 entries from across the country, all judged anonymously without knowing where they came from, ours stood out for the themes, language, storytelling ability and creativity. Having swept the board for prizes in two of the sections, we were awarded Best School Award which means that we will receive a visit from a horse drawn post-chaise. This commemorates the carrying of dispatches with the news of the Battle of Trafalgar from Falmouth to the Admiralty in London, a journey of 271 miles in 38 hours needing 21 changes of horses, passing Hall Grove on its way.

Staff News

Lee Parfitt – Part-time Maths Teacher

Mrs Parfitt qualified in secondary education from the University of Kwazulu, Natal. She is an experienced primary school class teacher from Thomas More College who has specialised in Mathematics. A keen sportswoman, having played hockey at Provincial level for a number of years, Mrs Parfitt has moved to the UK with her husband and two children.

Miranda Peters – Food Science clubs. We are delighted to have been able to restart this

DIARY REMINDERS

JANUARY

Tuesday 15th January
0810 FOGH Coffee Morning
Ski Trip Assembly

Thursday 17th
0835 3VB Assembly

Monday 21st
1900 Music Scholars Concert

Tuesday 22nd
0835 6MW Assembly

Tuesday 29th
0820 Learning Support Coffee Morning
in the Lighthouse

Thursday 31st
0835 4DL Assembly
1900 Visiting Speaker – Andrew Wright,
Life Coach

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 5th
0835 5GH Assembly

Wednesday 6th
1900 EYFS/Pre-Prep Parents' Reading
Workshop

Thursday 7th
0835 7LR Assembly

Friday 8th
0900 2KH Assembly

Tuesday 12th
1830 3KD present 'Robbie's Supersonic
Submarine!'

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popular activity for senior pupils under the experienced direction of Mrs Peters.

Catering Staff – new appointments will shortly be made by Thomas Franks, our contracted caterers. Simon Batchelor and Simon Jarrett left the school last term; we thank them both for their service to Hall Grove and we wish them well.

GAPPERS:

Emma Aldred – was at Reed's School, where she gained A levels in Maths, Psychology and Geography, and before that at Prior's Field, Godalming. She is working in The Barn before taking up a place at the University of Bath to read Psychology. She is already an invaluable helper in this busy department.

William Thorne – left Sherborne School last Summer where he achieved A Levels in Music, Latin and Greek. He is an Old Boy of Hall Grove and it is lovely to have him back again. He is working primarily in the Music Department and in the Boarding House whilst applying to read Anthropology at Durham. Miss Post is delighted to have such a capable assistant.

Oliver Hadden-Wight – another Hall Grove Old Boy who went on to Bryanston School where he excelled as an equestrian and achieved A Levels in Biology, Geography and Business studies. His mother runs Pony Grove. Oliver works outdoors assisting with grounds maintenance and coaching sports. He is making an excellent contribution.

Christmas Collection

Thanks to most generous support from parents and other guests at our Christmas events and by the pupils on Christmas Jumper Day. £3,641.24 was raised for Crisis at Christmas, Cherry Trees and Zoe Zambia. An additional £480 was raised for Zoe Zambia by the sale of ice cream, a huge contribution to this excellent little charity for its orphan programme. Thank you to all those who have contributed.

Special thanks to Madeleine Klotz and Sophie Stroyberg for raising extra money for our Christmas charities over the Christmas break.

Hall Grove Ski Trip to Zell am Zee, Austria

Thirty four boys and girls enjoyed an excellent ski trip to Zell am Zee, Austria over the New Year. The party was blessed with a good amount of snow and a mixture of sunny days, misty days and snowy days! Everyone had five hours of instructor-led skiing each day; all groups made huge improvements as the week progressed and enjoyed competing in an exciting slalom competition on the last day. The beginners did extremely well and are now all competent skiers, able to take on red/black runs. As part of their evening activities, the children enjoyed climbing, trampolining, a football tournament, beach volleyball, a basketball tournament, bowling, cinema and a New Year's Party. An amazing action-packed trip in the most fabulous of facilities.

Parents of those who attended or anyone interested in sending their children on next year's trip are welcome to come and watch the ski trip assembly on Tuesday 15th January at 0840.

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. The Caribbean Evening arranged for the summer is one such event. We look forward to welcoming you. The ski trip assembly is on the same day so do come for both.

ABSENCES

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

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

FEBRUARY HALF

TERM CAMPS

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@hallgrovesport**

Music

Calendar Additions

21st January - Though not listed in the calendar we will be holding a Music Scholar's Concert on Monday 21st January at 1900. This is for those children who are applying for senior school music scholarships in Year 7 or 8 and is by invitation only. All parents are more than welcome to attend.

8th March - Informal Woodwind and Vocal concert

Informal Concerts

Our first Informal Concert of the term will be held next week on Friday 18th March for all pianists. If you would like your child to perform, please contact Miss Post by Tuesday of next week.

ABRSM Exams

Congratulations to all those who took exams last term – some very good results indeed. Please see link for more details.

The exams this term are provisionally booked for Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd March. If your child learns outside of school but would like to take their exam at school, please contact Miss Post as soon as possible. Peripatetic staff will liaise directly with Miss Post regarding internal entries.

Sport

The new year has started very well on the sports pitches and courts. The senior girls won all their netball matches against Crosfields and the boys won 7 of their 8 rugby matches against Yateley with the U11 A's being narrowly beaten in a very close contest. The girls' U9 teams played well against Coworth Flexlands, winning 1 and losing 1 and the U9 boys won 3 and lost 1 against Edgeborough and Claremont Fan Court. The U8 boys enjoyed their triangular fixture against Cranleigh and Edgeborough despite the cold conditions and the U8 girls played in slightly warmer conditions today against Crosfields. Good luck to the boys and girls playing at the weekend. Further details of results and arrangements can be found by following [this link](#).

February Half Term Camps

For further information please click the link in the right-hand column of previous page.