



**Newsletter 655**  
**25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

*The first half of term closed today with the Country Fair. It was a lovely occasion enjoyed by children and the many grandparent visitors. Our thanks to all those who contributed by buying gifts and produce, and our congratulations to senior pupils who ran stalls and acted as guides. The produce from the school gardens and farm was a big hit and sold well. The musicians and singers are also to be thanked for their lovely performances.*

*Now the grounds have become wet and muddy, children in all years have been asked to bring wellington boots to keep at school.*

*The Autumn holiday is a chance to have a good rest before we return for the long build up to Christmas. We wish you all a very good break*

### **Remembrance Service - Monday 11th November**

This special Assembly is always much enjoyed by parents and other visitors. It starts at **1030** in New Hall. A collection will be taken for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, we ask you to support generously. Children are also encouraged to bring in a donation.

### **ISEB Common Pre-Test - Tuesday 19th November**

Parents of pupils in Years 6 and 7 that have registered for a school who use the ISEB Common Pre-Test as part of their assessment process are advised that the test will take place at Hall Grove on the morning of Tuesday 19th November.

### **Senior Schools Fair -Thursday 5th March 2020**

We will again be co-hosting a senior schools fair with Eagle House. The event will take place at Hall Grove on Thursday 5th March from 1530-1800 and over 30 schools will be present. We are careful to select a wide range of both boarding and day options, so parents are able to explore all the possibilities. Further details will follow nearer the time, but for now, please put the date in your diary.

### **Music**

A busy half term of music draws to a close and the many children involved in choirs and ensembles up and down the school can be very proud of their continuing commitment to music, from the various informal concerts to the harvest assembly this morning. We are very much looking forward to a busy second half of term in the run-up to Christmas.

## **DIARY REMINDERS**

### **OCTOBER**

#### **HALF TERM:**

Monday 28th Oct - Fri 8th Nov

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Sunday 3rd**

0730 U11 Football IAPS National Finals

#### **Monday 4th**

0930-1500 Pre-Season Rugby Training  
Pre-Season Netball Tour to Batisborough departs

#### **Tuesday 5th**

0930-1500 Pre-Season Rugby Training

#### **Thursday 7th**

Rugby Tour to Scotland departs

#### **Monday 11th**

1030 Remembrance Service

#### **Wednesday 13th**

Year 2 to Winchester Science Centre

#### **Tuesday 19th**

0835 8JC Assembly

#### **Thursday 21st**

0835 3SS Assembly

#### **Tuesday 26th**

0835 7LR Assembly

#### **Thursday 28th**

0835 3EL Assembly

### **DECEMBER**

#### **Monday 2nd**

School Exam Week (Years 5-8)

#### **Tuesday 3rd**

0835 4DL Assembly

#### **Wednesday 4th**

0900 Early Years Christmas Crafts

#### **Thursday 5th**

0835 5PW Assembly

#### **Friday 6th**

**After School Clubs Finish**

#### **Monday 9th**

1800 Seniors Parents' Meetings

#### **Tuesday 10th**

0835 6HQ Assembly  
1830 Pre-Prep Nativity

A group of senior musicians and staff visiting the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday evening to watch Holst's 'The Planets'. We thoroughly enjoyed a highly impressive performance.

We were delighted to hear Years 1 and 2 sing their harvest song about a farmer so beautifully to the rest of the school during our Harvest Assembly. The Choristers also performed publicly for the first time, and their next engagement is the Remembrance Service at 1030 on Monday 11th November. All parents welcome.

### **'War-Torn'**

The Year 8's have been working extremely hard on their production, 'War-Torn' for the first half of the term. The multi-media production explores the plight of refugees in countries at war. Yesterday, Mrs Korzeniowska came and spoke so poignantly of her Grandmothers experiences of capture and deportation in wartime Poland. Some of the cast performed monologues from the play. 'War-Torn' is being performed at Camberley Theatre on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th January.

### **Sport**

As half term arrives, we can reflect on some excellent achievements from the boys and girls, with over 300 matches being played. Children of all ages and abilities must be congratulated on their hard work and the sheer enthusiasm they have shown when playing matches and training in lessons. A special mention must go to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team who have remained unbeaten this season, quite an achievement and one of which the boys should be very proud. A nail-biting 3-3 draw with Milbourne Lodge on Wednesday was a fitting end to a fine regular season.

Sport continues through half term with the Under 11 boys competing in the National IAPS football finals and the Under 11 girls competing at Eastbourne College in the IAPS regional hockey qualifiers. There are also two exciting sporting tours for some of our senior pupils, a netball tour to Battsborough and a rugby tour to Edinburgh. We wish them well, and look forward to hearing all about it!

Congratulations to Pippa Stephens (U10 Squad) and Zaara Norat (U11 Squad) who have been successful after two rounds of trials and been selected to represent Surrey Cricket next season. We also congratulate Jazmine Sherrington on her selection for the Berkshire U15 netball squad.

We are very much looking forward to the second half of term, as the boys begin their rugby season and the girls continue with hockey for the first few weeks before switching to netball.

### **Mouthguards**

Boys in Years 4 – 8 must have mouth guards after half term for the rugby season.

### **October Half Term Camps**

For half term camp information, please click the link in the right-hand column.

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### **Calling all Netball Players!**

Do you play netball? Do you still play?

Eagle House are holding a Mothers Charity Netball Tournament on Wednesday 13th November from 0930-1300 at Wellington College.

It would be great to put out a competitive team from Hall Grove!  
If interested (and don't believe for a minute you need to be good - just enthusiastic!) please email [meirionshaw@me.com](mailto:meirionshaw@me.com) who is coordinating the team.

We're hoping to have a practice on the morning of 11th after drop off.

### **Babysitter**

## **TERM DATES**

### **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 (incl)

### **Summer Term 2020**

22nd April – 10th July

Half Term:

23rd – 31st May (incl)

### **Autumn Term 2020**

7th September – 18th December

Half Term:

24th October – 8th November

### **Spring Term 2021**

11th January – 26th March

Half Term:

13th – 21st February

### **Summer Term 2021**

19th April – 9th July

Half Term:

29th May – 6th June

### **Autumn Term 2021**

6th September – 17th December

Half Term:

23rd October – 7th November

### **Battsborough Trips 2020**

Year 5 27th April – 1st May

Year 4 4th – 7th May

Year 6 18th – 22nd May

Year 8 29th June – 3rd July

### **School Uniform Shop**

**Term Time Opening Times**

Mondays & Tuesdays 0800 – 0915

Thursdays 1500 – 1730

## **NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS**

## **OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS**

## **EXTERNAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Wills Wyatt, old boy and older brother of Darcey Wyatt in Year 8, is currently on a gap year and available for babysitting. Wills lives in Sunningdale and has his own car. Tel: 07741 242279

## **Dynamic Yoga**

Brand new Woodland Yoga Studio in Frimley Green with infra-red heat. Teaching Hatha based yoga. All about creating space to live more freely. Tuesday and Friday morning classes. Evenings and weekend classes from mid-November. Private classes also available. Please contact Louise (HG parent in Years 1, 2 and 7) on 07703 722 609 or [louisewinterbotham@hotmail.com](mailto:louisewinterbotham@hotmail.com). Follow me @palmsyoga on Facebook and Instagram.

## **Christmas Fayre at Great Fosters - Monday 25th November, 0930-1600**

Gift stalls, raffles, refreshments. All enquiries: [sunitashroff@mac.com](mailto:sunitashroff@mac.com). Flyer attached to the School website.

## **Woking & Sam Beare Hospice Charity Events**

- **The Firewalk** will take place at the Chobham Rugby Club on Friday 25th October, 1800-2000, the night of their Fireworks Extravaganza. For further information email [fundraising@wsbhospices.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@wsbhospices.co.uk) or visit their [website](#)
- **Santa Fun Run Christmas Event.** Run, jog or walk the safe and easy 1k loop around Woking Park and do as many laps as you wish in up to two hours on Sunday 1 December. Starting at 1030 with registration and Santa suit collection from 0900 in the main hall of Woking Leisure Centre. A free Santa suit will be given to all participants aged 4 and over, with a free Santa hat available for the under 3s. Adults – £14; children 4-15yrs – £8; 3yrs & Under – FREE

## **Sebastian's Action Trust Christmas Market - Saturday 7th December - 1200 to 1600**

Sebastian's Action Trust supports families of seriously-ill children from diagnosis, through treatment and beyond by listening and responding to their unmet needs.

For the first time ever they are holding a Christmas Market at The Woodlands, Crowthorne. They will have Santa's Grotto, face-painting, refreshments, a BBQ and stall holders who will be providing Christmas gifts, games and much more. Weather dependent they will also be offering pony rides. There will be something for the whole family. Entry by donation. Do come along. [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org)