



Newsletter 656
15th November 2019

DIARY REMINDERS

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 19th
0835 8JC Assembly

Thursday 21st
0835 3SS Assembly
Martin Bell OBE visiting

Monday 25th
Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 26th
835 7LR Assembly

Wednesday 27th
Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 28th
0835 3EL Assembly
Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

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
1800 Seniors Parents' Meetings

Monday 9th
1800 Seniors Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 10th
0835 6HQ Assembly
1830 Pre-Prep Nativity

Wednesday 11th
1800 Seniors Parents' Meetings

Thursday 12th
0835 5BG Assembly
1100 Pre-School Nativity
1730 RST Nativity
1800 RLB Nativity

Friday 13th
1330 Pre-Prep Christmas Crafts
After School Clubs Finish

Monday 16th
1900 Year 3 Production

Tuesday 17th
0835 6AK Assembly

Wednesday 18th
1900 Year 4 Production

Our thanks to parents and grandparents for excellent support at the Country Fair before half term. In spite of the drizzle, it was a lovely occasion and there was an excellent atmosphere. The displays of farm animals, birds of prey and rural crafts were as popular as ever, and the four Year 8 enterprises were most successful raising more than £1200 for their products.

This year there was also plenty of fine produce from the school grounds; flowers and vegetables from the walled garden, apple juice from the orchard, pork and lamb from the school farm and honey from our hives. Over £2,400 was raised for charity.

The children were quick to get back into the swing of school routines after the break. The week began with a very poignant Remembrance Service which raised several hundred pounds for the Poppy Appeal. It's been a busy week with a lot of sport. Please see details of some great results in the Sports notices below.

Roadworks - London Road, Bagshot - 18th-22nd November

We have been advised that there will be roadworks outside the Hall Grove gates and the surrounding area next week. Delays are likely. If your journey is affected, please do not call the School Office. You may wish to use the layby for children to cross the bridge and walk up the drive. Children should go straight to assembly or their classrooms where registration will take place

Staff News

Many congratulations to Mr Toulson and his wife, Mary, on the birth of their third son, Benjamin.

Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair

At the last count, the Fair raised £2,481.54 for several charities including Mozambique, OSCAR and Christian Aid. Our congratulations to the children for some fantastic fundraising.

Hall Grove Honey for Sale

Mrs Graham has potted up more honey having sold out of 120 jars at the Country Fair! Fresh stock now available for sale (cash only) at the Front Office, 12oz at £6, 8oz at £4.

Reminder: 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.

Martin Bell OBE—Thursday 21st November

The celebrated journalist Martin Bell OBE will be visiting next Thursday with a special talk to Year 8 pupils about his experiences as a TV reporter in the Balkans in the early 1990s. All are welcome to attend, 1830 New Hall.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs will finish on **Friday 13th December**.

Boarders' Autumn Outings

There are three outings for boarders during the second half of this term. If your son or daughter would like to join any of these events, please book boarding using the usual boarding form on the [school website link](#).

Thursday 21st November

Longacres Christmas shopping outing. Children may wish to bring a small sum of money to spend on Christmas items.

Tuesday 26th November

Ten-pin bowling outing (£10 approx charge)

Thursday 12th December

Pizza outing (£10 approx charge)

(Please note that on this occasion, bedtime will be at the slightly later than usual time of 2130).

Angus McChesney (Head of Boarding) Email: a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk

Sport

IAPS Sport

During half term the U11 A football team went to the National Finals in Taunton. The boys won all 5 group matches playing excellent football but were unfortunately beaten in the quarter-finals. The U11 A girls were also in action at the Hockey regionals where they reached the semi-finals. This was an excellent achievement but they narrowly missed on qualification for the National finals. Well done to all the boys and girls who represented Hall Grove so well and at such a high level. Good luck to the U13 boys in the National Finals this weekend at Culford School in Suffolk.

It was wonderful to see so many children taking advantage of the sporting opportunities offered over the break. The senior girls enjoyed an incredibly successful Netball training camp to Battsborough which concluded with some excellent performances against Millfield on the way home.

The Senior and Year 6 boys, led by Mr Cottrell, also had a successful pre-season rugby tour to Scotland enjoying their training, playing matches and spending time in Edinburgh. The Rugby camps at Hall Grove were also a big success with over 60 boys attending from across the year groups.

Well done to the U11 A football team who had a convincing win against St Marys, Reigate in the Surrey Cup plate competition.

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**

EXTERNAL **CHRISTMAS** **EVENTS**

The children have returned refreshed from the half term, and this showed on Wednesday when the boys and girls played 38 hockey and rugby matches winning 22 and drawing 6. A very impressive start especially with the boys moving to rugby.

Back to Netball

Congratulations to our team of Hall Grove mums who finished runners-up in the Eagle House's Charity Mothers Netball Tournament which was held at Wellington College on Wednesday.

The official Hall Grove Adult Netball Club is recruiting for new members, they play in the Charters over 35s league on a Tuesday evening. Free taster sessions are offered at Hall Grove on the following Tuesdays (each session begins at 1930 and will last for just over an hour with a drink afterwards in the Lighthouse): 26th November, 3rd December, 10th December

Please contact Meirion Shaw either at meirionshaw@me.com or on 07769655591 to register interest - all ages and abilities welcome!

2020-2021 Key Dates Reminder

Thursday 5th March	Senior Schools Fair
Friday 5th June	Early Years and Pre-Prep Sports Day
Saturday 6th June	Sports Day (Years 3-8)

Spring Term 2020

Monday 13th January - Friday 27th March
Half Term Saturday 15th - Sunday 23rd February

Summer Term 2020

Wednesday 22nd April - Friday 10th July
(Half Term Saturday 23rd - Sunday 31st May)

Autumn Term 2020

Saturday 7th September - Wednesday 18th December
(Half Term Saturday 24th October - Sunday 8th November)

Spring Term 2021

Monday 11th January - Friday 26th March
(Half Term Saturday 13th - Sunday 21st February)

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April - Friday 9th July
(Half Term Saturday 29th May - Sunday 6th June)

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September-Friday 17th December
(Half Term Saturday 23rd October-Sunday 7th November)

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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. 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. Flyer attached to the School website.

Woking & Sam Beare Hospice Charity Event - 1st December

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. 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