



## Newsletter 657

### 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

#### **DIARY REMINDERS**

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Monday 25th**  
Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

**Tuesday 26th**  
0835 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 DL Assembly **POSTPONED**  
0835 Mozambique Assembly - all welcome

**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

**Thursday 19th**  
1200 Early Years & Pre-Prep Xmas Lunch  
1700 Carol Service at Windlesham

*On December 3rd, Ami Rao (Year 1 parent) will be speaking at Assembly about the work she is doing in Mozambique, a country ravaged in the spring by Cyclone Idai. The storm was one of the worst on record in this region, affecting coastal areas of Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Heavy rains and strong winds led to flash flooding, hundreds of deaths and widespread destruction of crops and property. Development in Mozambique has been set back years.*

*One of the most pressing needs is to get children back into the education system. We are collecting pens, pencils and notebooks to send out to Mozambique, small gifts that will be gratefully received by children in one of the poorest countries in the world.*

*Parents are most welcome to attend the Assembly on December 3rd and meet with Ami afterwards. In the meantime the school has donated £800 raised at the Country Fair by pupils in Year 8.*

### **Year 8 Drama**

The senior boys and girls are working on a play written by Mrs Hiles that explores the way communities are disrupted as a result of war. Last night they gave a short preview of the play, to be performed in Camberley theatre on January 24th and 25th, to their parents and some invited guests. The celebrated TV reporter, Martin Bell OBE, spoke to the pupils and answered questions about his experiences in the eighty countries and eleven major conflicts that he has reported on, from Vietnam to the Balkans and Northern Ireland to Yemen. Today he serves as a UNICEF ambassador. Armed with newsreel from the last 50 years, his talk was both inspirational and moving, highlighting in particular the plight of children caught up in a war zone. He was most impressed with the maturity of the pupils and hopes to come to see the play in January.

### **Sporting Glories!**

On Monday, the Jubilee Bell was rung by the boys of the senior football squad marking a major triumph. A report of their success at National finals appears below. Today it has been the turn of the U11 boys who, after emerging unbeaten from the Rugby Festival at Wellington College on Wednesday, pulled off wins in two major tournaments: the Surrey Cup Football Plate Final at Charterhouse and the IAPS Prep Schools Rugby Festival in Leicester. Congratulations to them all and to their coaches.

### **Car Parking**

To ease parking at busy times, especially on match days, and to free up the use of the Netball courts for games and PE lessons, we have installed a surface on the top playing field opposite the boys changing rooms. Do please make use of it.

Cars should not park on yellow lines on the drive, and drivers should only turn at the turning circle by the Lighthouse.

## Safety

There have been several incidents of dangerous driving on the school drive in recent weeks. These are filmed on our CCTV and can be used if we need to confront anyone with the evidence. If you wish to report any incident that disturbs you, please email the School Office with a note of the date, time, location and the colour of car.

## After School Collection

Should your child be booked into an after school club or 360 after school care and your plans change, please ensure you inform the School Office or 360 accordingly. Thank you.

## Reminder: After School Clubs

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

## Boarders' Autumn Outings

There are two 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](#). (£10 approx charge)

Tuesday 26th November

Ten-pin bowling outing

Thursday 12th December

Pizza outing

(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](mailto:a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk)

## Music

### ABRSM Exams

The final music exam timetable was sent to all those taking exams this week. Please get in contact with [music@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:music@hallgrove.co.uk) for any queries. Exams will take place in the Studio, but children are asked to sign in at the Music Office at least 20 minutes before their exam on the day.

### Informal Concerts

Well done to all the pianists for the lunchtime Informal Concerts held yesterday. There were some very accomplished performances and it was really pleasing to see so many new performers too! Next week's Informal Bands Concert has been postponed. Instead we will have an Informal Ensembles & Bands Concert on **Thursday 5th December**. The Jazz Ensemble, Woodwind Group, String Ensemble, Guitar Trio, Junior Brass and Senior Band will all be playing at this event.

## Sport

Last Sunday, the 1st team footballers went to Culford School near Bury St. Edmunds for National Finals. Having achieved the target of qualifying before half term, it was always going to be an exciting finish to what has been a brilliant season.

In what was seen as a bit of a group of death when the draw was made, the boys played extremely well and remained unbeaten against some strong opposition. The boys drew two matches and won three, beating Moulsholme, Summerfields and in their last game Millfield, with a comprehensive 5-0 victory.

This meant they had reached the Cup quarter final, with Bede's School, Eastbourne the opposition. Again the performance was impressive and a late Hall Grove winner allowed us to progress to the semi-finals against Bishops Stortford. The following twelve minutes showcased the quality of our boys and they thoroughly dominated the game. Unfortunately,

## KEY & TERM DATES

### Key Dates

5th March – Senior Schools Fair  
5th June – Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day  
6th June – Sports Day (Years 3-8)

### Battisborough Trips 2020

Year 5 27th April – 1st May  
Year 4 4th – 7th May  
Year 6 18th – 22nd May  
Year 8 29th June – 3rd July

### 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

### School Uniform Shop Term Time Opening Times

Mondays & Tuesdays 0800 – 0915  
Thursdays 1500 – 1730

### NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

### EXTERNAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

the ball just wouldn't go in the net and the match was decided on penalties. The shootout didn't go our way, but the boys who stepped up should be congratulated for putting themselves forward in such a pressurised moment.

This led to a 3rd/4th play off against Brighton College and, after another strong display, the match ended 1-1. This time the penalty shootout went our way and it was great to see the same boys stepping up to secure a well deserved medal.

What an amazing day and a wonderful achievement. The boys were a credit to the school and should be unbelievably proud of all that they have achieved.

Aside from the success of the senior footballers, it has been an incredibly busy and successful week of sport. Rugby and hockey house matches, an IAPS U11 Rugby festival, the U11 Surrey Cup Football Plate Final, Yateley Manor's U9 girls hockey tournament, the annual U13 and U11 Wellington College rugby festival and the U12 Chobham rugby club schools festival. All of this took place alongside all our regular fixtures against other schools on the circuit! The boys and girls have performed exceptionally well.

Congratulations to the U11 boys who finished with four wins from their matches in the IAPS Rugby festival at Radcliffe College. This is quite an achievement and tops a great week after their success at the Wellington Tournament on Wednesday.

The U11 boys also played in the Surrey Cup plate final at Charterhouse today. The team had won the quarter and semi finals against Shrewsbury House and Danes Hill earlier in the week, and qualified for the final against Parkside. Players were called up from the B team and U10 A team due to those representing Hall Grove in the IAPS rugby, but all acquitted themselves incredibly well and should be very proud of their 2-0 victory. A thoroughly deserved reward; thank you and well done to those boys who stepped up to the challenge.

The U11 A girls hockey team deserve a special mention for how well they played on Wednesday against St George's Weybridge in what was an excellent game. Their progress this season has been most impressive. The U9 boys played their first contact matches against Hoe Bridge and thoroughly enjoyed their matches. Well done to the U9 girls who played some good hockey in the Yateley Manor Hockey Tournament

Good luck to all those playing fixtures tomorrow. Details are on the website.

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## **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 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](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org)