



We are very sorry to announce that Lisa White, one of our wonderful school nurses, will be leaving Hall Grove at the end of this term.

Mrs White has been a leading member of our pastoral team for nine years and she has led our staff and pupil first aid training programme brilliantly. Her many friends in the Common Room will miss her greatly, as will children and parents.

We thank her for her kindness, patience and professionalism, and wish her well for the future.

Mozambique Talk Postponed

The Assembly talk advertised for next Tuesday has been postponed until early next term. At that time Ami Rao will be able to show how the funds raised at our Country Fair have helped a small community in its post cyclone reconstruction. In the meantime we thank parents and pupils for their donations of stationery (pens, pencils and notepads), please keep these coming next week. These gifts will mean a lot to the children who receive them. The collection point is under the archway.

The Senior Art Club - Christmas Reindeer Hunt

The Senior Art Club have decorated a reindeer as part of Camberley Town Centre Christmas Reindeer Hunt. If you go to the shopping centre be sure to track down Hall Grove's reindeer called Stargazer. It has the solar system represented on it and a Hall Grove rocket zooming through space trailing a wonderful list of words which the Art Club came up with to express life at HG!

Christmas Event Reminder

December	Time	Event	Venue
Wednesday 4th	0900	Early Years Christmas Crafts	The Barn
Tuesday 10th	1830	Pre-Prep Nativity 'I'm Gonna Shine'	New Hall
Thursday 12th	1100	Pre-School Nativity 'Old Uncle Sam'	Performance Studio
	1730	RST Nativity 'Higgledy Piggledy;	Performance Studio
	1800	RLB Nativity 'Higgledy Piggledy'	Performance Studio
Friday 13th	1330	Pre-Prep Christmas Crafts	Yrs1& 2 Classrooms
Monday 16th	1900	Year 3 Production 'The Little Shepherd'	New Hall
Wednesday 18th	1900	Year 4 Production 'A Pudding for a Chimney Sweep'	New Hall
Thursday 19th	1200	Early Years & Pre-Prep Christmas Lunch	
	1700	Carol Service at Windlesham Church (Yrs 7 & 8 only; Choristers parents welcome)	

There will be a retiring collection for the Hall Grove Christmas Fund which every year raises money for several worthwhile charities. We hope you will give generously.

DIARY REMINDERS

DECEMBER

- Monday 2nd**
School Exam Week (Years 5-8)
- Tuesday 3rd**
0835 DL Assembly **POSTPONED**
0835 Mozambique Assembly - **POSTPONED**
- 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 Church (Years 7 & 8 only)
- Friday 20th December**
End of Term Arrangements
1200 Early Years and Pre-Prep
1330 Lower Juniors
1400 Carols in the Courtyard
1400 Upper Juniors
1430 Seniors

Years 1 and 2 Nativity 'I'm Gonna Shine!' – Tuesday 10th December

The Year 1 and 2 Christmas production will be performed at 1830 in New Hall. It should last approximately forty-five minutes. Parents and other relatives of the pupils are most welcome to come along. The children should return to school by 1810 and be dropped off in their classrooms where staff will help them change into their costumes. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. After the performance, the cast will be taken back to their classrooms to change, and parents are invited to the Lighthouse for some seasonal refreshments. The children will be dismissed by their form teacher from the turning circle, please do not bring them into the Lighthouse.

Pre-School Nativity 'Old Uncle Sam' – Thursday 12th December

The Pre-School Christmas Nativity is taking place at 1100 in the Performance Studio. It should last approximately thirty minutes. Parents are invited for refreshments in the Lighthouse from 1030 before the children's performance at 1100.

Reception Nativity 'Higgledy Piggledy' - Thursday 12th December

This year we are putting on two performances of our Christmas play, one for parents of each class. Grandparents and other family members are also most welcome. All Reception children will be required for both performances, each lasting approximately 30 minutes. Please check the specific arrangements for your child's class carefully. Space in the Performance Studio is limited and we hope that by offering separate times for each class all will enjoy a comfortable viewing experience. Please only attend the performance designated for your child's class.

All children will need to be back at The Barn between 1700 - 1715 to be helped into their costumes by staff. If you would like your child to remain at school until then, we are offering an optional supervision and tea session. Please let Mrs Tomlinson know by **Thursday 5th December** if you intend for your child to stay so that we can arrange catering.

RST Parents

- 1700 Drop off at The Barn. Adults make your way to the Performance Studio
- 1730 Performance starts for RST parents
- 1800 Make your way to the Lighthouse for mulled wine and mince pies
- 1845 Collect your child from The Barn after they have been changed

RLB Parents

- 1715 Drop off at The Barn and make your way to the Lighthouse for refreshments
- 1800 Take your seats in the Performance Studio
- 1810 Performance starts for RLB parents
- 1845 Collect your child from The Barn after they have been changed

Christmas Craft Afternoons – Friday 13th December - 1330–1515

The children of Years 1 and 2 would each like to invite one adult to participate in Christmas Craft activities in their classroom. On arrival, please sign in with Mrs Clubb or Mrs Parsons who will be based outside the Year 1 classrooms.

Year 3 Present 'The Little Shepherd' – Monday 16th December

The children in Year 3 are looking forward to giving a festive performance of 'The Little Shepherd' in New Hall, starting at 1900. Please note that we will have a dress rehearsal earlier that day. Form staff will ensure costumes return home safely, ready for the evening. All props are to remain at school. Please collect children at their normal pick-up time and return them to their form rooms **in costume** at 1830. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. At the end of the performance, parents are invited for mulled wine and mince pies in the Lighthouse. The children will return to their classrooms and then be available for collection from the turning circle.

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

Year 4 Present 'A Pudding for a Chimney Sweep' – Wednesday 18th December

All children in Year 4 are looking forward to a festive performance of 'A Pudding for a Chimney Sweep' in New Hall, starting at 1900. Please note that we will have a dress rehearsal during the school day. Form staff will ensure costumes return home safely, ready for the evening. All props are to remain at school. Please collect children at their normal pick-up time, and they are to be returned to their form rooms **in costume** at 1830. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. At the end of the performance, parents are invited for mulled wine and mince pies in the Lighthouse. The children will return to their classrooms and then be available for collection from the turning circle.

Year 4 will also be going to Sunrise Care Home in Bagshot to sing some carols and spread some festive cheer on Thursday 19th December.

End of Term Arrangements - Friday 20th December

Collection and arrangements times are as follows:

1200 Early Years and Pre-Prep
1330 Lower Juniors
1400 Carols in the Courtyard
1400 Upper Juniors
1430 Seniors

Parents are invited to attend the informal musical gathering of 'Carols in the Courtyard', which starts at 1400. There is always a very jolly atmosphere and this is a nice way to support the school's chosen charities as well as to say farewells before the Christmas break. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available. The drive will be closed and parking will be on the playing fields. In the event of very wet weather, we will have to cancel.

Reminder: After School Clubs

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

Boarding

The last boarding night this term will be on Wednesday 18th December. There will be no boarding on the night of Thursday 19th December, so it is suggested that parents collect any boarders' belongings before the carol service on that day.

A reminder that any children who have boarded this term are welcome to sign up for the boarders' Christmas outing to Sunningdale Pizza Express on the evening of Thursday 12th December. Please use the [boarding form](#) on the school website.

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

Music

Carol Service

Any adults wishing to join the choir for the Carol Service on Thursday 19th December, are asked to email music@hallgrove.co.uk. The rehearsal will be at 1430 in Windlesham Parish Church, with the service at 1700. The music will be sent out digitally beforehand so you can familiarise yourself with the six choir carols the choristers are singing.

Informal Concerts

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, there will be an additional concert on **Thursday 5th December** for some of our groups. The Jazz Ensemble, Woodwind Group, String Ensemble, Guitar Trio, Junior Brass and Senior Band will all be playing in this event. This will take place in **New Hall at 1300**.

Sport

Despite the damp weather causing the cancellation of a few matches, the boys and girls have continued to enjoy playing a large number of fixtures this week. Well done to the U8 girls teams for their fine performances in their hockey matches against Holme Grange last Friday. The hockey season for the senior girls is drawing to a close and the girls should reflect on a very positive season and be proud of the improvements the teams have made this year. The U11 girls deserve a particular mention for their excellent performances throughout the season. Well done, girls!

The U9 boys have enjoyed a very positive start to their rugby season with some encouraging performances against Hoe Bridge and Elstree. The senior boys had some challenging fixtures against Elstree on Saturday but bounced back against Crosfields on Wednesday. Congratulations to the U10s for their excellent performances so far this season. We wish all the boys playing on Saturday afternoon against Papplewick the best of luck.

Towels

We ask that all boys in years 5 – 8 have a towel in their kit bag for use after games sessions. It is an essential part of their sports kit, especially now the Rugby season has started.

Girls Black School Coats

Please could all girls bring their black school coats with them for all fixtures.

Details of upcoming fixtures and results can be found on the school web site.

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