



Newsletter 660 13th December 2019

The end of the Autumn term brings a wonderful programme of performances, and this year the standard has been as high as ever. The Pre-School children performed the first ever show in our new dance and drama studio on Thursday, followed by each of the Reception classes in the evening. On Wednesday the very popular 'Street Elite' dance club demonstrated their routines to parents in the Lighthouse. The big stage in New Hall was the setting for Years 1 and 2 for their show on Tuesday, and next week it will be the turn of Year 3 (Monday) and Year 4 (Wednesday).

Our final Christmas event will be the Carol Service in Windlesham Church next Thursday evening. Please note that Friday's House Song competition is strictly for the pupils and parents are not invited on this occasion.

The country woke up this morning to a new political landscape. In this our last Newsletter of the term, we wish all our families a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service is at 1700 on Thursday 19th December in Windlesham Church. Pupils in Years 7 and 8 will all attend, and parents of these children are reminded that collection is from the church at approximately 1750. The Choristers will be singing, and parents are warmly invited to attend. Parking is very limited, so please share lifts where possible and park sensibly. There will be a retiring collection for our Christmas charities.

The Hall Grove Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 20th December

On the final day of term, pupils are encouraged to don their Christmas jumpers to raise money for the Hall Grove Christmas Charity Collection. We suggest a minimum donation of £1 of their own money, which should be handed to the child's form teacher as soon as they arrive at school. Please note pupils **must** wear normal school uniform, replacing just their grey jersey with the Christmas jumper.

Invoices, Reports, School Calendar and School Notes

- Invoices have been sent electronically this week. Payment is due by Monday 13th January 2020, thank you.
- Reports will be sent electronically and will be available on the Parent Portal by the end of next week.
- The Spring 2020 Calendar and Autumn School Notes will be sent home with the children by the end of next week. A copy will also be available on the School website.

DIARY REMINDERS

DECEMBER

Monday 16th
1900 Year 3 Production

Tuesday 17th
0835 6AK Assembly

Wednesday 18th
1900 Year 4 Production
Last boarding night

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

JANUARY 2020

Thursday 23rd
0835 8LM Assembly

Saturday 25th
War-Torn, Camberley Theatre

Tuesday 28th
0835 6HT Assembly

Thursday 30th
0835 3EL Assembly

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4th
0835 5JF Assembly

Thursday 6th
0835 7ST Assembly

Tuesday 11th
0835 6MW Assembly

Thursday 13th
0835 3VB Assembly

Friday 14th
0900 1LP Assembly

Half Term
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February

Junior Library - Pre-School to Year 4

All books should be returned to the Junior Library next week please.

Christmas Productions and Activities

Please see Newsletter 659 on the school website.

Reminder: Co-Curricular After School Clubs

All after school clubs have finished **today**. 360 after school care will be running as normal in the pavilion (Monday to Thursday inclusive). Supervised Prep will also be running Monday to Thursday but on Thursday all pupils need to be collected by 1800.

Boarding

The last boarding night this term will be on **Wednesday 18th December**. It is suggested that parents collect any boarders' belongings before the Carol Service on Thursday.

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.

Spring Term 2020

Term starts on Monday 13th January and normal drop off and collection times apply.

Breakfast will be available for those who have pre-booked it via the School [website booking form](#).

The Co-Curricular Programme, 360 and Early Morning Training commence on the first day of term.

War Torn - Camberley Theatre, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th January 2020

Tickets are now on sale for the Year 8 production of War Torn. Please follow [the link here](#) to book tickets. It will be an excellent show that has already attracted a great deal of positive comment.

Music

ABRSM Exams

As mentioned in last week's newsletter results will be published during the holiday and will be sent to you via email from the peripatetic teacher. For those that learn outside of school, you will receive an email from us when the results arrive.

Music Practice Club

Practice Club will run from 1630-1800 on Monday and Tuesday next term. If you would like to book your child into a half-hour, slot please email music@hallgrove.co.uk

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

Hall Grove Charity Bobble Hat

Parents should have received a clarion with details of a new charity initiative launched by Mr Hine. Hats cost £15, with all profit going to charity, and can be [ordered here](#). All orders must be received by Friday 20th December.

Sport

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed rugby and hockey fixtures against Eagle House last Friday, with all teams playing extremely well in the wet conditions, putting into practice what they have been learning in their lessons. Saturday morning saw the U13 A, U11 A and U10 A Rugby teams played Edgeborough and enjoyed a hat-trick of wins in some very competitive matches. The success continued on Wednesday with all the boys teams recording victories against Bishopsgate, Hoe Bridge and Lambrook. This was a wonderful end to the first half of the rugby season.

The senior girls enjoyed a netball masterclass at Wellington College, meeting and training with some of the Hall Grove old girls who are currently pupils at Wellington. The autumn term has been a successful one on the sports pitches and courts and we look forward to the challenges next term will bring.

For next term's fixtures, please check the web site.

Babysitting Service

Margaux Gathy, ex Hall Grove and Wellington College pupil, is currently studying at the University of St Andrew's and is looking for babysitting work during the holiday period - 20th December to the 26th January, so if anyone is in need of some help over the holidays, please feel free to contact Margaux on 07795 190206, or alternatively by email: margauxgathy@gmail.com.