

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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As we approach the last full week of term we can look forward to events in which the children will be participating. We would also like to remind you that we are seeking to support our Christmas charities and would ask that parents contribute generously to collections taken at the end of each performance. Last year we raised over £3,000 and we hope to match the figure this year. Your donations will be very much appreciated.

Good luck to the 1st XI team who are competing in the Surrey Cup Final on Monday afternoon (information below).

Christmas Collections

Please find below details of the charities the school will be supporting this Christmas. Money raised at the various events will be shared between:

The Leprosy Mission: An international Christian charity which aims to support sufferers, primarily by addressing the stigma and by providing resources for surgical procedures. There are many myths surrounding this disease and the Mission aims to change current public fears and prejudices, working in countries across Africa and Asia. The services are provided regardless of religion and ethnicity. Relatively small donations can have a life-changing effect for sufferers.

Right to Play: Following the interesting and inspiring talk to the Upper School last Friday, the School wishes to support this charity and its work with young people. Mission statement: to use sport and play to educate and empower children and youth to overcome effects of poverty, conflict and disease in disadvantaged communities.

Project Feed the Children: A project based in South Africa which supports the disadvantaged with a number of services and resources, such as a hospice for AIDS victims, food parcels for orphans and a teaching programme to enable farmers to become more efficient and self-sufficient.

We also would like to support charities in the local community.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 14th December. TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 18th December, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

Spring Term 2013 After School Clubs

Next term's club information was sent out as an attachment with the newsletter last Friday and the deadline for returning forms was today. If you have missed the deadline but still wish to enrol your child/children for a club, please return your form to the School Office on Monday morning. Please be aware that the following clubs are already full: Middle School – Fun Food and Ceramics.

Surrey Cup Final - Monday 10th December

The 1st XI are playing their Surrey Cup Final against Danes Hill at Hall Grove on Monday afternoon, starting at 1400. Everyone is welcome and we know the boys would thoroughly appreciate the support of pupils and parents.

Years 2 and 3 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 11th December

On Tuesday 11th December the pupils in Years 2 and 3 will be taking part in their Christmas Performance in New Hall. It will start at 1900 and should last approximately one hour. Parents and grandparents of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along. On Tuesday evening, the children should return to school in costume at 1840 and be taken to their classrooms. After the performance, they will be taken back to their classrooms for collection.

Reception and Year 1 Nativity - Thursday 13th December

The Nativity is taking place on Thursday 13th December at 1900 in New Hall. It should last approximately forty minutes. Parents and grandparents of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along. On Thursday evening, the children should return to school at 1820 and be dropped off at their classrooms, where staff will help them change into their costumes. After the performance, the children will be taken back to their classrooms for collection. Please do not take them directly from the hall.

Years 4 and 5 Christmas Concert - Monday 17th December

On Monday 17th December all pupils in Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in their Christmas Concert in New Hall. The concert will start at 1900 and should last approximately one hour. Parents and grandparents of the pupils performing are most welcome to come along. Year 5 children must be returned to school for 1800 and Year 4 at 1830, going straight to the Admiral Room. After the performance, the children will be taken back to their classrooms for collection.

A Christmas Carol - Tuesday 18th December

"Roll up! Roll up! Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to The Pantaloons' Penny Circus! A true treat for the eyes and a feast for the soul this yuletide. Now, on such a Winter's day other entertainers may be content merely to warm the cockles of your heart; but we at The Pantaloons' Penny Circus won't stop there, ladies and gentlemen. Cockles, muscles, oysters, clams, winkles – you name 'em, we'll warm 'em!"

We are delighted to announce a special end of term treat for Middle and Upper School children as we welcome 'The Pantaloons' to perform their spell-binding version of A Christmas Carol. This highly entertaining theatre company are currently touring the UK and have already received rave reviews in a number of national newspapers. Their classic tale of the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge will be told in New Hall on the morning of Tuesday 18th December, starting at 0940.

Carol Service - Tuesday 18th December

The Carol Service will be taking place on Tuesday 18th December at 1630 at Windlesham Parish Church. All of Years 6, 7 and 8 will be taken to the church from school. Parents and their guests are welcome to attend; it is a very special occasion with beautiful music and the church is candlelit. Children may be taken home from the church after the service or collected from school by 1745.

End of Term Arrangements - Wednesday 19th December

Term ends on Wednesday 19th December. The collection times are as follows:

1100	Reception
1115	Years 1 and 2
1130	Years 3, 4 and 5
1145	Years 6, 7 and 8

Please ensure that the children have all been collected by 1200; there is a staff meeting then so we are unable to look after stragglers. Older pupils may leave with their younger siblings.

Parents are invited to attend the informal gathering in the courtyard which starts at 1045. This is a nice way to say farewells before the Christmas break, eat a mince pie and have a cup of mulled wine; there is always a very jolly atmosphere. The drive will be closed and parking will be on the playing fields.

Spring Term 2013

Term starts on Wednesday 9th January and normal drop off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have booked it and TASC commences on the first day of term. After school clubs start on Monday 14th January.

Music Department

Choristers for the Carol Service

Due to the space available in the choir stalls at Windlesham Parish Church, there will be a limited number of Choristers participating in the service. A list of those taking part is displayed on the noticeboard by the Archway, and all children have been told whether or not they will be involved.

Tour to Manchester

A letter concerning the Choristers' Tour to Manchester was sent home last week. Please ensure that all reply slips are returned to Mrs Salmond Smith by Monday 10th December at the latest.

M:Tech Gold Disc

This term's awards for the most impressive compositions in M:Tech went to Danny Wessely (Year 5) and Ben Smith (Year 4), who were presented with their Gold Discs in assembly. Many congratulations to them both.

Concert Band - Saturday 15th December

The school Concert Band will be playing a selection of carols in Bagshot Village Square at 1000 on Saturday 15th December. Do please come and support them if you are able.

Hall Grove Teams Judo Competition

A very lively morning of judo took place at Hall Grove last Saturday with over 14 teams taking part. Unfortunately Hall Grove was not among the medallists due to a lack of senior boys and girls in our judo club. However, our very young team did not lack enthusiasm and produced some excellent individual performances which bodes well for the future. A big thank you and well done to everyone who took part.

Mrs Tilley

Sports News

Girls' Games

The girls have experienced a busy week with both netball and hockey fixtures. Special thanks to Mr Heffer for assisting with the 1st XI hockey and to Mr Marland for assisting with the U8 Bs netball this week.

This week's netball and hockey results are as follows:

Netball	U12 A v Gordon's	won	10 - 1
	U12 B v Gordon's	won	21 - 1
	U9 A v Lambrook	won	5 - 0
	U9 B v Lambrook	lost	2 - 0
	U8 A v Lambrook	won	7 - 1
	U8 B v Lambrook	won	5 - 0
	U8 C v Lambrook	won	4 - 0
Hockey	1 st XI v Edgeborough	lost	1 - 0
	U11 v Edgeborough	drew	2 - 2
	U10 A v Edgeborough	drew	3 - 3

Rugby

This week's rugby results are as follows:

1 st XV v St. James	won	31 - 15
2 nd /3 rd XV v Horris Hill	lost	21 - 7
Colts A, B, C v King's House	lost	
U10 A, B, C v King's House	lost	
U9 A, B v Cranleigh	both matches were cancelled due to frozen pitches	

Weekend Rugby Fixtures - Saturday 8th December

Rugby v Highfield: 1st XV and Colts A to meet at Hall Grove at 1300 unless you are taking your child directly to Highfield in which case you need to meet at 1400. The estimated return time at Hall Grove is 1715. Please be aware that the U9 match has been cancelled due to the extreme cold forecast.

Friends of Hall Grove - Saturday Golf and Tennis Lessons

Please find attached information and the booking form for Saturday golf and tennis lessons next term. If you wish to book lessons, please return the form to the School Office by the end of term.

Newsletter Attachments

The following documents are attached to this week's newsletter:

- Golf and Tennis Lesson Information and Booking Form
- Bagshot Cricket Club Indoor Practices

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Available to Rent

A beautiful lakeside Cotswold holiday home is available to rent for Hall Grove parents and staff over the Christmas and New Year holiday period (www.lowermillestate.com). The home has four bedrooms sleeping 8 adults, a top floor open-plan playroom that can sleep the children, a fireplace and three bathrooms. The area is completely child-focused, with outdoor and indoor facilities, including an on-site spa, adult and children's swimming pools, tennis courts, play areas etc, catering for all ages. The home is available at 15% less than the standard rental rate. 10% of all profits go to the Save the Children charity. Please visit www.lmeluxuryholidays.com for more details, and email robertinbrussels@gmail.com for more information.

