

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The children were very excited to have some snow to play in today. We would like to thank all the parents for their patience and good humour as we dealt with the unfolding adverse weather conditions today. We are aware that the ClarionCall system struggled to cope with the volume of messages being sent out by all the schools who use their service; this is being investigated.

We would like to remind parents that the website will always have the most up to date information regarding any changes to the school day and we would encourage you to visit the website first rather than calling the School Office. As a general rule we always do our best to keep the school open under all circumstances, but we recognise that some families have difficult journeys to make and there will be times when the school run is impossible for some. Over the weekend we will keep a close eye on the weather forecast for next week. Parents have to make their own decisions on the state of the roads in their locality.

2014 Ski Trip

The school trip to Claviere, Italy is being planned for early next January (provisional dates: 2nd – 8th January 2014). This is aimed at boys and girls in Years 4 to 8 though exceptionally we take younger children. It is enjoyable for all levels of ability including beginners, and is perfectly suited to Hall Grove pupils. If you would like your child to join the trip, please contact Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk).

Adult Tennis - Wednesday and Thursday Mornings

Please be sure to remove your car from the tennis courts before 0900 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings as adult tennis lessons start at that time.

School Uniform Shop

There is now an optional fleece coat available from the Uniform Shop for children in Years 3 to 8. It is a grey fleece embroidered with the Hall Grove logo and it is priced at £18. If a fleece is purchased, it can be worn at play time and during games or matches underneath or instead of the tracksuit top.

Music Department

Soloists' Concert

On Tuesday we were treated to a concert by a most impressive line-up of musicians on a wide range of instruments. Many thanks to Patrick Ardill, Edward Butler, Henry Coop, Marcus Dickson, Rosie Freeman, Caitlin Gluckstein, Hannah Gunning, Isabel Norrey, Ben Symons and Adam Wills for their super performances.

Informal Chamber Concerts

Please be reminded that the Pre-Prep concert is on Wednesday 23rd January at 1245, and the Upper School concert is at 1245 on Thursday 24th January. Both concerts will be held on the stage of New Hall.

Music Competition

The Music Competition is later this term and we have a prestigious panel of judges from a variety of Senior Schools. If your child learns their instrument in school, their teacher will submit an entry on their behalf if they wish to enter. For those who have lessons outside school, the entry form is included with this newsletter and must be submitted to Mrs Salmond Smith by Friday 15th February. Late entries will not be accepted because multiple changes to the schedules are unfair on parents taking time off work to see their children perform; please respect this and ensure that any entries arrive by the deadline. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Sports News

Girls' Hockey House Matches

Girls in Years 5 to 8 took part in the Senior House Hockey matches and the results are as follows: 1st place – Falcons, 2nd place – Kestrels, 3rd place – Eagles, 4th place – Hawks.

Netball

Despite the frozen grounds, the U9 and U8 teams were able to play their netball fixtures in the warmth of New Hall.

U9 B v St. Andrew's	drew	3 – 3
U8 C v Hurst Lodge	won	10 – 3
U8 D v Hurst Lodge	lost	7 – 3

Rugby

This week's rugby results are as follows:

1 st XV v Woodcote	lost	28 – 26
1 st XV v Yateley Manor	won	33 – 14
2 nd XV v Woodcote	won	26 – 7
3 rd XV v Yateley Manor	won	33 – 12
Colts A v Woodcote	won	35 – 5
Colts A v Yateley Manor	won	10 – 7
U10 A v Yateley Manor	lost	20 – 15
U10 B v Yateley Manor	lost	40 – 20

Weekend Fixtures – Saturday 19th January

All the Saturday fixtures and the hockey training have been cancelled.

Surrey Storm Netball Camp

Surrey Storm, the Super League netball team based at Surrey Sports Park, Guildford, are repeating their very successful Netball Camp over the February half term: Years 7, 8 and 9 on 18th and 19th February and Years 4, 5 and 6 on 21st and 22nd February. For more information go to www.surreystormnetball.co.uk or telephone the booking office on 01483 689111.

FOHG Comedy Store – Friday 8th March – Tickets now on Sale!

Comedy Store tickets are now on sale for £20 per person. For one night only New Hall becomes a Comedy Store; doors open at 1930, fish and chips or vegetarian option at 2000. Your compère will be introducing four established comedians from the comedy circuit. Bring your own drinks and banish those Winter blues with your friends. Please see the attached flyer.

You can pay by cash or cheque (in an envelope to the School Office) or by internet transfer to the following bank account: sort code 40-28-06, account number 54364082. Please make sure that cheque payments are payable to A Kotecha and accompanied by the names of those coming, together with contact details for distributing the tickets. If you pay by internet transfer, please make sure you use your name as the reference and then email hallgrovecomedy@btinternet.com with details of your payment and the names of those coming. We will be distributing tickets after half term.

Unless you tell us otherwise, we will assume you will be having fish and chips. We will be sending out this information via the year group reps next week but if you have any questions in the meantime please email hallgrovecomedy@btinternet.com. Please make sure you have bought your tickets by Friday 8th February – it's going to be a great night, don't miss it!

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Comedy Store Poster
- Music Competition External Entry Form 2013
