

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

Newsletter 590 - 20th October 2017

Our Eco Week has been a great success and all the children have really embraced the different activities on offer. Our thanks to the staff for leading some imaginative lessons, especially to our newly appointed teacher and horticulturalist, Mrs Joanne Buckler, who has met all the classes and explained the principles of ecological gardening in the walled garden.

The week closed with our Outdoor Learning Conference and with the ever popular Country Fair. Perhaps the children can be encouraged to help in the garden at home? All should now be experts in soil fertility and compost making!

The half term holiday gives everyone a chance to catch breath before the long haul up to Christmas. It has been a busy and productive time in school, with lots of action and good learning both inside and outside the classroom. We wish all our families a very good break.

Potential Scholarship Candidates

Year 8 parents in particular are asked to be aware of looming scholarship deadlines at various senior schools. Anyone considering entering their child for an award is asked to discuss this with Mr Lewis (01276 470007) if they have not already done so. The general practice is for parents to complete the relevant forms and leave them with Mr Lewis who will collate the various references and information before submitting them to the Headmaster for his approval and on to senior schools.

Social Media Concern

We have been made aware by other schools of advice given by Thames Valley Police and Bracknell Forest Children's Social Care regarding a social media profile of concern: Please check your child's social media accounts for communications with 'CraigDavis 1999' or 'James Hammond'. If there has been any contact, please ensure these profiles are blocked and contact the school safeguarding team with any concerns.

DIARY REMINDERS

HALF TERM:

Saturday 21st October - Sunday 5th November (incl.)

Friday 10th November

1030 Remembrance Service
1900 Performing Arts Eve (Yrs 7-8)

Saturday & Sunday 11th/12th November

Independent Schools Show

Thursday 16th November

0835 3KD Assembly

Sunday 19th November

Year 8 to Battisborough

Tuesday 21st November

0835 4DL Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 22nd November

1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Thursday 23rd November

0835 8AM Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 5th December

1800 Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 6th December

1830 Years 1 & 2 Nativity

Thursday 7th December

0835 5PW Assembly
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Friday 8th December

After School Clubs Finish
1100 Pre-School Nativity
1830 Reception Nativity

Monday 11th December

1900 Year 3 Production

Tuesday 12th December

1900 Year 4 Production

Reminder: Art Competition

To encourage environmental awareness, observation and enjoyment of nature, there is an Art Competition open from Years 1 to 8. Pupils are asked to create an autumnal scene or snapshot on A4 using line drawing or painting with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each year group. Entries are to be handed to Mrs Foley or Mrs Easeman with a name and Year group on them by Monday 6th November.

Remembrance Service - Friday 10th November

This special Assembly is always much enjoyed by parents. Choristers will be singing and it begins at 1030 in New Hall.

Music

Today we have been treated to musical performances throughout the school day! Well done to Years 3, 4, Hall Grove Choir and Concert Band who all performed magnificently this afternoon. Congratulations also to all the Choristers who performed extremely well in the Harvest Service this morning.

Performing Arts Evening 10th November

NB This evening will involve all of Year 7 & 8, but **not** any of the Years 5 & 6 as printed in the calendar. Years 7 & 8 will stay at school until the performance at 1900 and will be given supper. Drinks will be available to parents from 1830.

Informal Concerts

We have several more Informal Concerts after half term, including a second Piano concert, a Vocal concert and a Strings concert. As ever if you would like your child to perform at any of these, please let Miss Post know via email including the title and composer of the piece.

Sport

Weekly review

U11 IAPS Hockey – Last Saturday, the U11 girls went to Piper’s Corner School to compete in the IAPS Regional Qualifying Tournament. It was an excellent day, where the girls were up against some tough opposition. They finished 4th, having played 6 matches, with the highlight being winning their last 2 games. This showed the resilience of the girls and how much they improved throughout the day. Amelie Smith was quite superb with her leadership qualities and overall performance.

This week saw our annual block fixture against Edgeborough. It is so nice to see the girls shining on the hockey pitch. There were some tremendous results with five out of the nine teams winning or drawing. The U9 A and B together with the U8 A remain undefeated and all should be proud of their exceptional work ethic.

It was another busy week of Football for the boys. On Saturday afternoon Papplewick were the opposition, both schools were equally matched and shared honours evenly across all the age groups. Wednesday was more challenging against Elstree but congratulations to the 1st XI who won 2 -1 in a close and exciting game. The previous afternoon the 1st XI had a Surrey Cup match against Cranmore which they won and now progress into the plate quarter finals. On Thursday the U8’s and U9’s continued their impressive season recording seven victories out of eight matches.

Rugby Season

After half term, the boys are switching to Rugby. In anticipation of this season, a Clarion will be sent to all parents of boys and girls in Years 3 to 8 clarifying the school’s views and policy. It is important that you read the letter and reply via the link.

Mouth guards and Shin pads

All boys and girls will require mouth guards and shin pads after half term for rugby and hockey.

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell, then please call 01276 473059 (option 1) or email office@hallgrove.co.uk

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2017

4th September – 15th December

Half Term:

21st October – 5th November

Spring Term 2018

8th January – 23rd March

Half Term:

10th – 18th February

Summer Term 2018

23rd April – 6th July

Half Term:

26th May – 3rd June

Autumn Term 2018

3rd September – 14th December

Half Term:

20th October – 4th November

Spring Term 2019

7th January – 29th March

Half Term:

16th – 24th February

Summer Term 2019

29th April – 12th July

Half Term:

25th May – 2nd June

Autumn Term 2019

9th September – 20th December

Half Term:

26th October – 11th November

HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

Early Morning Training

All the sessions below are open to boys and girls and run from 0730 until 0800:

Hockey (Mr Gold)

Monday – Year 3 and 4

Wednesday – Year 5 and 6

Thursday – Year 7 and 8

Netball (Mrs Maxfield)

Monday – Year 5 and 6

Cross Country (Mr Tullett)

Tuesday – Years 3-8

Thursday – Years 3-8

Rugby (Mr Cottrell)

Wednesday -Years 3-5

Friday - Years 6-8

OCTOBER HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Please click on the link on page 2 for camps running during the October Half Term and Christmas holiday.

Hype Half Term Cricket and Football Camps

For further details, please click on the link on page 2 for camps running during the October Half Term and Christmas holiday.

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Reminder: Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by **Wednesday 8th November**. Please include a donation (a suggested £5 donation per box), which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. Cheques should be made out to **Samaritan's Purse**. Alternatively, you can pay online which makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Please visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to make your donation.

Reminder: Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure - Gift Wrap Fundraiser

The Northbrook Fundraising gift wrap brochure was sent home last week. It contains a fantastic selection of high-quality Christmas and birthday wrap, cards and accessories. If everyone just bought one item, we could raise a significant sum for charity. Our school will receive 22% cashback on every item sold via the brochure.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT BY MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER (earlier than the published deadline).