

# Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

## Newsletter 596 - 15th December 2017

*In this our final Newsletter of the term, we wish pupils, parents and staff a very happy Christmas and a restful holiday.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Jennie Underhill well as she gets ready to move to Australia in the new year. Jennie's husband has an exciting job preparing for the Commonwealth Games shooting events. We shall certainly miss Jennie very much and are most grateful for her kindness and efficiency over the last three years, manning the front office every afternoon and running our admissions lists. She will hand her duties over early next term.*

*Joining our staff in January is Mrs Lindsay Vetch, a former parent who has in recent weeks helped us with our marketing and communications strategy. Lindsay will work as Head of Admissions and Marketing, a big new role for the school. An early project is a questionnaire that will be emailed to parents later today. We do hope parents will take time to complete this for us because it will help us as we make future plans for the school. This is your chance, as parents, to have your say on all aspects of communication at Hall Grove and we do hope you will take time to complete this for us. The results of the questionnaire will be discussed in the Parents' Forum next term.*

*We are in the process of appointing a new receptionist to assist Mrs Janet Rivers with her important work in the front office. We have been very fortunate to have had this area so well looked after, continuing the amazing work of Sandra Bath who died a little over three years ago and who is still very much in our memories.*

### The End of Term

We have enjoyed a happy end of term with top quality Christmas productions from the younger children and a lovely Carol Service at Windlesham Church for Years 7 and 8 last night. Today we presented Honourable Mention certificates at Assembly and there was a very enjoyable House Song competition before the Prep School Christmas lunch. There have been farewells for Gabby Dunnage (Gap Student) and Simon Owtram (Trainee Teacher). We hope we may see them both again later in the school year, they have been excellent additions to the staff.

#### DIARY REMINDERS

**Ski Trip**  
27th Dec 2017 - 2nd Jan 2018

**Monday 8th January**  
Term Starts  
After School Clubs commence

**Friday 12th January**  
0810 FOHG Coffee Morning  
(in the Lighthouse)

**Thursday 18th January**  
0835 - 6JF Assembly

**Tuesday 23rd January**  
0835 - 7JC Assembly

**Thursday 25th January**  
0835 - 4MC Assembly

**Tuesday 30th January**  
0835 - 6FH Assembly

**Thursday 1st February**  
0835 - 3SS Assembly

**Friday 2nd February**  
1930 Burns Night Supper

## Spring Term 2018

Term starts on Monday 8th January and normal drop off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have pre-booked it (a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk).

TASC, Twilight and Early Morning/After-School Activities commence on the first day of term.

## FOHG Coffee Morning - Friday 12th January

All are welcome to the 'Friends of Hall Grove' coffee morning from 0810 in The Lighthouse. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, share ideas and plan future events for the school. We look forward to welcoming you.

## Christmas Collection

Thanks to most generous support from parents and other guests at our Christmas events and by the pupils today at Christmas Jumper Day, £3,600 has so far been raised for Crisis at Christmas and for Christian Aid. Thank you to all those who have contributed.

## School Accounts

Please ensure that fees are paid on or before the first day of next term.

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Mrs Graham is excited to be singing on The Choirs with Purpose Charity Album which is released today and is on sale in HMV shops and ASDA or online at Amazon and iTunes

All the money goes to support the charities singing on the album.

## Used Stamps - Breast Cancer Fundraising

Money can be raised by recycling postage stamps. Whether they're British or overseas, new or used, please see the link below to turn your old postage stamps into funds to support breast cancer research.

<https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/recycling/used-stamps/>

### ABSENCES

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

### TERM DATES

#### **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 February - 24th February (incl)

#### **Summer Term 2019**

24th April - 12th July

Half Term:

25th May - 2nd June (incl)

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

### NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

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