

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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As many have commented, the school grounds really are looking in good shape this year, helped in good measure by the Summer rains. The fine conditions have certainly helped our sports results; the football teams continue to go well and the girls have made an impressive start to their netball fixtures.

There has been much excitement this week as the new classrooms rise from their foundations below the Garden Rooms. They fit into the landscape well. The rooms will be equipped over the Christmas holidays ready for occupation early next term.

Do please support the Cheese and Wine Evening organised by the Friends of Hall Grove. The deadline for tickets is 1700 today.

Ypres Trip Passports

A reminder that every child in Year 7 and those in Year 8 Remove need an individual passport for the trip to Ypres on Friday 12th October.

Year 7 Production - 'The Perils of Pauline' - Monday 24th September

Fresh from their field trip in Devon, Year 7 boys and girls will perform 'The Perils of Pauline' on the evening of Monday 24th September in New Hall, starting at 1900. Parents and children from all year groups are welcome to attend. Please do come and join us for what we hope will be a fun and light-hearted performance (lasting approximately thirty minutes). It is expected that Year 7 pupils will remain behind at the end of their school day and supper will be provided. Please inform the School Office if you would rather collect your child after school and return them in time for the performance.

Mouthguard Fitting - Tuesday 25th September

OPRO, the dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards, will be conducting further mouthguard fittings at Hall Grove on Tuesday 25th September. The forms, which were sent out during the holiday, need to be returned to OPRO if you wish to obtain a mouthguard from them for your child/children. Additional forms are available from the School Office. Please be aware that every child from Year 3 upwards must have a mouthguard in school, whether it be one purchased from a sports shop, one supplied and fitted by their own dentist or one supplied and fitted by OPRO.

Girls' Schools Information Evening - Thursday 27th September

Next week we have five schools presenting to those parents interested in finding out more about 13+ options for Hall Grove girls moving onto single sex schools. They are Luckley Oakfield, Sir William Perkins's, St George's Ascot, Queen Anne's Caversham and The Abbey School, Reading. The evening starts at 1900 and all are welcome. Later in the term, on Thursday 15th November, a number of co-ed schools will be visiting for our Senior Schools' Fair.

Music Department

What a musical week! On Monday, some Year 8 pupils heard the witty and inspiring Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain at the Windsor Festival. In spite of the late night, everyone had a wonderful evening and behaviour was impeccable. By the time you read this newsletter, a selection of instrumentalists from Years 6 and 8 will have returned to the Windsor Festival to hear the Southbank Sinfonia perform a variety of music from across the centuries.

Thursday brought us Ralph Allwood who, with the help of our Choristers, spent the day working with children from Years 5 and 6. This culminated in a concert with some great singing from the audience too! We are hoping to hold similar days in the future. If anyone wishes to know more about the Junior Eton Choral Courses that are run by Mr Allwood, please visit the following website for further details: <http://thejuniorchoralcourse.co.uk/>

Sports News

Netball

19th September v Eagle House: U11 lost, U10 A won

19th Netball v The Marist: U10 B won

20th Netball v Eagle House (High Fives): U9 A won, U9 B drew

20th Netball - The Marist U11 Netball Tournament: Hall Grove finished in 4th place

The Marist U10 Netball Tournament - Tuesday 25th September

Matches start from 1530 and the final presentation will be at 1730. Parents are welcome to come and support and, if they wish, may collect their daughter from The Marist at 1730 otherwise the girls will return to Hall Grove by minibus for collection at 1745.

Netball Calendar Correction and Addition

The date of the additional Netball v Bearwood fixture in last week's newsletter should have read Wednesday 26th September.

Thursday 11th October: Luckley-Oakfield U10 Netball Tournament from 1400 to 1600

Football

19th September v Hoe Bridge: 1st XI won, 2nd IX drew, 3rd VII lost, Colts A won, Colts B won, Colts C won, Colts D won, Colts E lost, U10 A drew, U10 B lost, U10 C won, U10 D won

20th September v Feltonfleet and Aldro (Triangular): U9 A v Feltonfleet drew, U9 A v Aldro drew, U9 B v Feltonfleet lost, U9 B v Aldro won, U9 C v Feltonfleet won, U9 C v Aldro drew, U9 D v Feltonfleet won, U9 D v Aldro drew, U9 E v Aldro won

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 22nd September

Football v King's House: 2nd XI and Colts A to meet at Hall Grove at 0900 for home matches starting at 0930. Colts B to meet at Hall Grove at 0950 for a home match starting at 1020. 3rd XI, U10 A and U10 B to meet at Hall Grove at 0815 for away matches starting at 0930 (3rd XI and U10 A) and 1020 (U10 B).

Parkside Sevens Football Tournament: 1st VII to meet Mr Tomlinson at Parkside at 1250.

Football Calendar Additions and Amendment

Monday 24th September: Colts A v Aldro (Surrey Cup) starting at 1515 (h)

Wednesday 26th September: Football v Eagle House - Colts A, B and D starting at 1430 (a)

Wednesday 26th September: Football v Parkside - Colts C and E starting at 1430 (h)

Help Create a Huge Stir - Friday 28th September

Mrs Graham will be hosting a coffee morning in the school pavilion from 0830 to 1130 on Friday 28th September as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Care. Everyone is welcome so please drop in (parking on the fields if dry weather). Any home-grown produce would be welcome for sale to increase the funds.

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Family Fun Day - Saturday 22nd September

There will be a Family Fun Day taking place tomorrow at Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road, Winkfield Row, RG42 7PA from 1230 to 1500. The weather forecast is good, so come for the gourmet BBQ, beer and Pimm's. There will also be a bouncy slide, penalty shoot-out, candy floss and ice cream for the children and mini Olympics at 1400. All money raised will go to support Happy Child International - a charity that rescues and restores children from streets across the world and re-integrates them into families and communities. For further information please contact Jo Gunning on 07900 232633.

Rainbow Play Systems

Rainbow Play Systems (run by a Hall Grove family) has moved to Longacres Garden Centre. As well as the exclusive Rainbow climbing frames, playhouses and spring-free trampolines, they are now a main distributor for Jacuzzi and have a comprehensive range of Jacuzzi hot tubs on display. They also stock the full range of chemicals to keep hot tubs clean and fresh. Children can try out the new range of Micro Scooters. Please call in and say hello. There is also now a Rainbow climbing frame for the kids to play on whilst you relax with a coffee at the Longacres' café, Café Amore.

