

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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We have been given the opportunity to trial the services of a landscaping firm, Hanging Gardens. They have installed some tubs and containers around the school to cheer up the courtyards and classroom areas. Year 3 children had contributed their own ideas with beautifully drawn sketches of the old Coach House. We hope everyone will like the effect, even if it looks a little 'manicured' at this early stage. The displays will be regularly maintained and changed according to the season.

More details are included in this newsletter about the Country Fair which is being arranged for the afternoon of 19th October. It promises to be an exciting and enjoyable day. Parents are reminded that our hospitality is primarily intended for grandparents (or other 'senior guests') on this occasion. Grandparents are invited to arrive after 1345; if parents attend they are asked not to arrive until after 1500. Children will be met at the fair and they become the responsibility of the adults once they have teamed up. Car parking on the field please. All children must be collected by 1700, there will be no Judo Club or Footsteps that day. This year the event will be entirely open air so visitors should come dressed for the weather. Children should bring wellington boots and a coat to school in place of games clothes. If conditions are clearly against us we will send out a message to cancel and we will reinstate the clubs.

Years 6 and 8 Trips - Friday 12th October

On Friday 12th October Year 6 will be visiting Warwick Castle and Year 8 will be going to Intech in Winchester. Since the visits are within the school day we have not sent home consent slips. If any parent has a query regarding any aspect of either trip, please contact Mr Lewis (t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk).

Harvest Festival Assembly - Friday 19th October

We are holding a special Harvest Festival Assembly at 0840 on Friday 19th October and all parents are welcome to attend. If you are able to come, please be in New Hall by 0830. Those children who would like to bring in any tinned, packet or home-made produce (eg fruit, vegetables, chutney, jam, cakes etc) should take it to New Hall from 0815 on Friday morning. The gifts will be donated to elderly people living in Bagshot.

Country Fair and Grandparents Afternoon

The timings are as follows:

Grandparents arrive from 1345 onwards to meet with their grandchildren from 1400 onwards.

Main arena events:

1400 Eton College Beagles

1430 Falconry display

1500 Goose herding

1530 Dog Show, followed by gundog retrieving display

Other attractions include cake stall, teas, garden plants and produce, vintage tractors, laser clay shooting, reptile handling, bee keeping display, sale of organic meats from South Battisborough Farm, children's stalls.

Country Fair Fun Dog Show - Friday 19th October

Please bring along your dog and enter our Fun Dog Show taking place at 1530. We will also be running a timed dog agility course throughout the afternoon with a prize to the fastest dog of the day. Entry fee of £2 per category (payable on the day). Rosettes and prizes awarded in all classes. Classes are as follows:

- 1) Prettiest Bitch
- 2) Handsomest Dog
- 3) Waggiest Tail
- 4) Dog most like its owner!

Pre-Prep Maths Workshop for Parents - Thursday 8th November

Are you after some tips to support your child with their Maths? If so, do come to the workshop on Thursday 8th November at 1830. The Pre-Prep teachers will take you on a mathematical journey covering all the skills and strategies you need.

Headlice

There has been a case of headlice reported in Year 3. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation.

Chickenpox

There has been a case of chickenpox reported in Pre-Prep. A child remains infectious until all the spots have crusted over, and must be absent from school during this time. Chickenpox is highly contagious and the incubation period is ten to twenty-one days.

Music Department

A reminder to parents that if they wish their child to cease instrumental tuition, correct notice should be given in writing. If you are unsure about the notice period for your child's specific teacher, please ask the teacher directly. Occasionally, notice may be waived if there is a waiting list for a particular instrument, but this is very much the exception rather than the rule.

Sports News

Netball

29th September - King Edward's Witley Tournament - Hall Grove finished in 3rd place

3rd October v Feltonfleet: 1st VII lost, 2nd VII won

3rd October v The Marist: U10 A drew, U10 B lost

4th October v St. Andrew's: U9 A won

4th October v Claremont: U9 B won

Feltonfleet Netball Tournament - Saturday 6th October

The U11 and U10 teams are to meet Mrs Maxfield and Mrs Carmichael at Hall Grove on Saturday morning at 0800. The ETA for collection at Hall Grove is 1300.

Cranleigh Netball Tournament - Saturday 13th October

The U11 team is to meet Mrs Lomas at Hall Grove on Saturday 13th October at 1200. The tournament starts at 1330 and the final presentation is expected to be at 1630. Parents may collect the girls from Cranleigh at 1630; any girls left will return in the minibus to Hall Grove for a 1730 collection.

Football

3rd October v Yateley Manor: 1st XI won, 2nd XI won, 3rd XI won, Colts A drew, Colts B lost, Colts C lost, Colts D lost, U10 A drew, U10 B won, U10 C lost, U10 D won

4th October v Lambrook and Eagle House: U9 A v Lambrook lost, U9 A v Eagle House lost

4th October v Lambrook: U9 B, D and E lost

4th October v Staines Prep and Eagle House (Triangular): U9 C v Staines Prep won, U9 C v Eagle House won

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 6th October

Football v Feltonfleet: 1st XI and U10 A to meet at Hall Grove at 0900 for home matches starting at 0930. U10 B to meet at Hall Grove at 0940 for a home match starting at 1010. 2nd XI, Colts B and Colts C to meet at Hall Grove at 0815 for away matches starting at 0930 (2nd XI and Colts B) and 1010 (Colts C).

ISFA Football Tournament - Saturday 6th October

Colts A to meet at Hall Grove at 0800. The tournament starts at 1000.

1st team (6-a-side) to meet Mr Tomlinson at Elstree School at 1245. The tournament starts at 1320.

Football Calendar Addition

Wednesday 10th October: Football v Feltonfleet - 4th XI and 5th XI at 1430 (h)

Monday 15th October: Football v Bishopsgate (Surrey Cup) - Colts A at 1530 (a)

Interschools Riding Competition

Megan Vandenberg and Oliver Hadden-Wight (both in Year 8) competed in Pangbourne's Interschools Competition for Pony Grove last Sunday. They had a very early start, leaving the yard at 0615. Megan competed well on a new pony and Oliver finished 3rd as an individual in the first class and 4th in the second class. He was competing against 102 riders, most of whom came from senior schools such as Cranleigh, Wellington and Bradfield and was one of the youngest there.

Use of Tennis Courts

Parents' morning tennis is being moved to the Astro courts so that we have the use of the hard area for parking every morning.

Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Care

An enormous thank you to all the lovely mothers, fathers, grandparents, staff, friends and extended family who came and supported the coffee morning. The pavilion was filled with delicious homemade cakes and biscuits, homegrown produce and beautifully packaged goods for sale, and was buzzing with friendship, gossip and laughter from 0800. We exceeded all previous totals and raised over £1,080 which is truly fantastic.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Fundraising Family Cake Competition
- Windlesham Golf Academy Half Term Camps

Pools Direct Hot Tub Offer to Hall Grove Parents

Local Swimming Pool and Hot Tub specialists, Pools Direct (owned by a Hall Grove parent), would like to offer Hall Grove families the opportunity to save £500 off the price of a new Hot Tub ordered before Christmas 2012. Choose from our impressive selection of relaxing spas and you could be soaking away the stresses of the day. Unfortunately the kids will probably want to use it as much as you! Swimming pool owners could also take advantage of our winter pool closure service for just £175 plus vat and chemicals. Please feel free to pop into The Windlesham Garden Centre (A30) to discuss either offer, just quote 'Hall Grove' to get the discount or call 01344 873323.

