

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What lovely weather to see the start of the Summer term on Tuesday! Welcome back everyone. The grounds are looking magnificent and all is set for a great term.

We are aware that this Newsletter gives much needed information to parents, but the haphazard timing of publication means that it can arrive too late to be useful. Henceforth we will do our best to send it out at 1600 on a Friday afternoon, even if sometimes it is without its header.

As the General Election draws ever closer, our own Hall Grove campaign in the far North of Scotland can be followed on Twitter (@AGrahamCSER). Thank you for those who have supported in any way.

Staff News

- Congratulations to Tim and Katie Lewis on the birth of their daughter Eleanor May, who was born on Saturday 4th April, weighing 8lbs 1oz.
- Congratulations to Tamara Laws née Blackham (3TB) who married Adrian on Saturday 11th April at St. Michael's Church, Sunninghill. They had the most amazing day with family and friends and had beautiful weather in the afternoon.
- We would like to welcome Jennie Underhill who will be working with Janet Rivers as an afternoon receptionist.

School Fees – 2015/6

A notice is attached.

Oliver! – Rehearsal Saturday 25th April

As per the calendar we have a weekend rehearsal on Saturday afternoon, starting at 1300. We will be running large sections of the show so it is vital we have all the children. No food or drink is required and a small snack and refreshments will be provided. The cast are invited to wear their costumes and they should be collected from the school drive at 1645.

Oliver! is to be performed on Friday 8th May at 1900. Please take your seats in New Hall from 1830 (no ticket required). On the evening of the performance it is assumed that the cast will remain at school following the end of their normal school day, to prepare for the performance. Supper will be provided. All children will have make-up applied as required, please let Mr Slape know if this would cause a problem (d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk).

Parents' E-Safety Talk – Tuesday 5th May

The excellent and extremely knowledgeable Karl Hopwood returns to Hall Grove on Tuesday 5th May. Karl will run a programme for children in Years 3 – 8 throughout the afternoon. All parents are encouraged to come to the talk covering the key aspects of E-Safety both at home and school which starts at 1900 in New Hall. The school takes E-Safety very seriously and it is an excellent opportunity to hear from an expert in the field.

3TB Assembly – Thursday 7th May

The children of 3TB would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 7th May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

NGS Garden Opening - Saturday 9th May

This is an event on behalf of the National Garden Scheme, a charity that supports several good causes. The school grounds and gardens will be open for viewing from 1400 to 1700 as well as some private areas within the school estate. There are a variety of trails and walks, including the historic ice house in the garden of Field House, a woodland walk and the boating lake. The entry charge is £5 per adult, children free. Teas, live music and a selection of plants will be on sale. This is always a lovely event, do please tell your friends and come and support it. It is also an opportunity for extended family, grandparents, aunts and uncles, to see Hall Grove and some of our children.

Our Concert Band will perform from 1500, and we would ask those children to be at New Hall, ready to set up, at 1430. There will also be music throughout the afternoon from a professional brass quintet. We hope that all visitors will have a chance to listen to our children and the quintet at some point in the afternoon.

Matron's Notes

Sun Safety at School

As the warmer weather approaches we would like to remind parents to apply sun cream to their children before school and ensure that they have a School sun cap with them. We recommend that children in Years 3 - 8 keep a small named bottle of sun cream in their sports bag. Sun cream will be provided by school for all Pre-Prep children and will be applied by staff. Pre-Prep parents will receive a consent form via e-mail.

Hay Fever

For those children who suffer from hay fever, please could parents either make sure their children have taken medication before they come to school or that medication is sent in, clearly named, and handed to one of the Matrons.

Matron's New Email Contact Details

To simplify communications with the Matrons, we have now set up a new email address: matron@hallgrove.co.uk. Can parents now please use this address for all future emails.

Parking on the Tennis Courts

When parking on the double tennis courts (next to TASC), please ensure that all cars are removed by 0850 each morning to enable the courts to be prepared and used for tennis lessons.

Open Morning

An Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 21st May from 0930 - 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

Music Department

Results and Success

Results from the recent instrumental exams (Associated Board and Trinity) are starting to filter in. Our own instrumental staff will naturally share the results with you, but we'd also be delighted to hear of and share successes from outside lessons. We will also be happy to present Certificates in Assembly if these can be sent to Miss Post. We heard this week of a number of Distinctions and Merits and look forward to hearing of further achievements - well done to all!

Choristers

Our Choristers had two very successful Radio 4 broadcasts at the end of last term and we hope that many parents had the opportunity to listen and hear just what an advert for our school and for our school community these young children were. They then helped us to celebrate our end of term Easter Service, a moving and poignant occasion for those present. Next Friday Choristers will be doing a repeat performance of the Informal Concert they performed in York for a small, but select audience. This will be at Ascot Priory at 1830, and **all are most welcome**.

Concerts & Concert Band

Our concerts and Music Competition throughout last term had many highlights, and we would like to thank all of those who took part or supported these - it was fantastic to hear the range of talent we have, and the sheer joy of

performance on display from those new performers right through to our most seasoned musicians. There are further concerts and performances this term, the first of which is our Concert Band performing at the upcoming NGS Garden Opening on Saturday 9th May.

Marching Band

At this time of year we also like to give our Concert Band and Percussion Group children an opportunity to learn how to march as an ensemble. We are hoping that Concert Band will be able to give a short demonstration on Sports Day, and would like to have a specific rehearsal for this on Wednesdays at 0800. This rehearsal will be in New Hall or, when appropriate, on the school fields. If there are any problems with children attending this rehearsal, could parents please let Miss Post know.

Sports News

Well done to George Brevett, who represented Chelsea U13s over the Easter holidays, on tour to Turkey. The team won eight matches and drew one out of the 9 they played in a 5 day tournament. The final was against Galatasaray who they beat 3-2 in a tense final watched by a large, loud, mainly Turkish crowd in a massive stadium. The tournament cup is displayed in the trophy cabinet at Chelsea's academy. Following the tournament George was offered a 4 year sponsorship with Adidas, one of only two boys in his age group that have been offered this. Well done George.

Swimming

The children will need their swimming kit at school from Monday 11th May. Swimming will not begin before this date. Please could you ensure that your child wears the correct swimming clothing available from the school uniform shop. Incorrect swimming clothing will not be permitted.

Girls Reception - Year 8	Hall Grove swimming costume plus swimming hat
Boys Years 1 - 5	Hall Grove swimming trunks
Boys Year 6 - 8	Black swimming shorts

Reception to Year 4 will have regular weekly swimming lessons as part of the PE programme. Years 5 - 8 will have the opportunity to swim during PE and games sessions throughout the term.

Athletics Training

Please note that early morning athletics training starts next week, and all boys and girls from Years 3 - 8 are welcome. This will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday morning with Mr Tullett from 0730. Children should arrive at school in games kit and will be sent to change into uniform before form time.

Sports Results

Please check www.hallgrovesport.co.uk for a full run down of each individual team's results.

Girls' Games

Rounders v Cranleigh

The girls had a competitive set of fixtures against Cranleigh with two wins out of six fixtures. The Under 11 B and Under 10 A won very close games. Special mention goes to Katie Walker, Madeleine Berenson and Sophie Lees who all made excellent contributions to the performance of their teams.

Girls' Games Notices

Monday 27th April - The Marist Biathlon

The event at the Marist will finish at 1630 and your daughter can be collected from there or from Hall Grove at 1700.

Wednesday 29th April - Rounders v St George's Ascot

The event at St George's Ascot will finish at 1715 and your daughter can be collected from there or from Hall Grove at 1730.

Boys' Games

Cricket bags

Please note that boys in Years 5 - 8 are allowed to bring in their own cricket equipment for **match days only**. Any cricket kit should be left under the shelter behind the pavilion and must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please do not feel you need to buy your child any extra kit, the school provides all the necessary protective equipment and bats for matches.

Cricket v Ludgrove

A tough first set of fixtures, especially as Year 5 and 6 have not had any training sessions before their matches. The 1st XI recorded an excellent win, Charles Deane bowling very economically. Cameron Ellis (50 not out) and Connor

Wright (38) saw the team home to a good 7 wicket win. The rest of the teams lost but there were some encouraging individual performances, Shrey Rawal (63 not out) an excellent innings for the Under 10 A team.

Boys' Games Notices

Monday 27th April - Basketball v Yateley Manor

Mr Wheeler has already spoken to the team and team parents should have already received a ClarionCall regarding this additional fixture. Tip off is 1640. Collection from Hall Grove is at 1830. Parents are very welcome.

Tuesday 28th April - U13 Surrey Cup Cricket v Amesbury

Please note the change to the calendar - this is now a home fixture. Start time is 1500.

Wednesday 29th April v Feltonfleet Calendar Amendments

4th XI are playing at Effingham Cricket Club

Colts A are playing at Horsley and Send Cricket Club

Colts B are now playing an away fixture at Horsley and Send Cricket Club

The Colts C match has, unfortunately, been **cancelled**

U10 B is now a home fixture

Saturday 2nd May - Cricket v Woodcote

Colts A - please meet at Hall Grove at 1330 for a 1400 start

1st XI - please meet at Woodcote at 1330 for a 1400 start

Golf

The Hall Grove golf team played their final National League fixture on Thursday at Sunningdale Ladies in glorious sunshine. The A Team of Jack and Adam Humpish started 4 points behind Caldicott; although they played well, Caldicott were the stronger side on the day and won by 16 points. It was a great experience for Adam and Jack and Hall Grove may still qualify by being best runners up. Tano Parker and Ellie Monk played against St. John's Beaumont and it too was a great experience for them as they will be important players for Hall Grove in the future. Well done Jack, Adam, Tano and Ellie.

Tennis

Our Portugal Tennis Tour was enjoyed and appreciated by the children, all of whom made visible progress over the course of their coaching sessions and matches. We thank them all for their enthusiasm and commitment over the five days.

We have our first boys' fixture on Tuesday 28th April. U13s and U11s are playing away at Bishopsgate and the team sheets are up. Parents may collect directly from Bishopsgate at 1800. After this time parents should collect at 1820 from Hall Grove. All players must have tennis whites and those who went on the recent tennis tour should bring their new top. We ask that players have white tennis shorts with pockets.

Tennis Training

Early morning tennis training will continue this term from 0740 to 0820. Pupils should go straight to the astro in their tennis clothing.

Boys' Squad Dates

29th April

13th May

3rd June

17th June

1st July

Girls' Squad Dates

6th May

20th May

10th June

24th June

8th July

Hall Grove Polo Club

With the arrival of good weather we invite you to add your son or daughter to the Hall Grove Polo Club on Tuesday evenings after school at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club under the instruction of Cool Hooves Polo. We

had a very successful start to the club last term and the children who participated have improved, with some children growing from no polo experience to being able to play chukkas by the end of the term. Spaces are limited and we would encourage anyone interested to contact Mr Vivek Rawal (Years 1 and 5 parent) on vivek.rawal@misport.com to register your place if you haven't done so already. The time slots available are 1700 - 1800 and 1800 -1900, with the latter reserved for those with some basic riding experience already. The earlier slot welcomes, but is not limited to, non-riders. We need sufficient numbers for each slot to make it viable and a final list will be circulated on Monday.

After School Clubs – Summer Term 2015

Clubs commence from Monday 27th April. Over the course of a term, there can be numerous reasons why a child cannot attend a session; examples include school trips, child illness, cup matches and extra fixtures. To minimise the complicated administration process of reimbursements we have fixed a reduced standard charge for a full term with no refunds available. Please note that next week there will be no Mountain Biking club as Mr Allams will be with Year 4 in Battisborough and in the week for Year 6 Battisborough (11th - 15th May) there will be no Ceramics or Fun Food clubs as Miss Dowse will be with Year 6.

Breakfast, Boarding, Supper & TASC Reminder

Please remember to re-book breakfast, boarding, supper and TASC requirements for this term. For breakfast, boarding and supper bookings please email Mrs Tilley l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk with a copy to office@hallgrove.co.uk For TASC bookings please contact the Front Office on 01276 473059 or email office@hallgrove.co.uk

Absence

Should your child be absent from school due to illness, general appointments or holiday please ensure you inform the School Office as soon as possible so we may log the information on the school system.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2015 vouchers which are currently being issued for every £10 spent in stores, online and at fuel stations. We would be grateful if you would send in any vouchers that you receive.

Friends Of Hall Grove

Family Fun Day - Save the Date – Saturday 4th July

Hall Grove will host the Family Fun Day on Saturday 4th July.

Comedy Evening

The Friends of Hall Grove Comedy evening held on 13th March raised an amazing £1738 and has been donated to Comic Relief charity. The comedians were again high quality and provided a fun-packed evening. A huge thank you to the organising team and to the parents and friends who made the evening such a success.

Summer 2015 Camps

Netball Camp	22 nd – 23 rd August	1000 – 1600
Lacrosse Camp	29 th – 31 st August	1000 – 1600

Both camps are organised by Charlotte Lomas, Elite Sports Camps Ltd. For further details please see information available on the school website.

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Hockey Camps at Bradfield College
- Lacrosse Summer Camp
- Netball Summer Camp
- School Fees
- Crown & Tiara Walk

Ceramics Adult Evening Classes

Ceramics adult evening classes start again on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th April at 1930 in the Coach House Pottery. If you would like to learn how to throw on the wheel and are feeling creative, please call Miranda Dowse (07951 572560).

Adult Partner Dance Classes – New Complete Beginners Course

Mr Slape is pleased to offer a brand new beginners course of partner dance classes this term on a Thursday evening, starting at 1930. This course is for complete beginners and it will be assumed that all those attending have no prior experience. He has space for around five new couples so please contact him (d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk) as soon as possible for a full list of dates, or to book your place. Classes are achievable, great fun and a super social night out. Those who currently attend regularly speak of their enjoyment of setting aside a regular evening to learn and achieve something as a couple. Don't miss the opportunity!

Sebastian's Action Trust Crown and Tiara Walk – Sunday 31st May

Sebastian's Action Trust, a local charity helping families of seriously-ill children through diagnosis, through treatment and beyond is hosting their annual Crown and Tiara walk through the Crown Estate on 31st May 2015. It will start and finish from Windsor Football Club and will take you through the Crown Estate grounds for a pleasant 4 or 8 mile route. All age groups are welcome to join in for the event, with the distance of your choice; we have also included a treasure hunt for the younger audience on the 4 mile route with a chance to win a Simpsons LEGO set worth £170. It is set to be a lovely day, so please do share with friends and family to raise funds for a special cause. For more information please visit www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/crowntiara15

Mums' Golf Lessons at The Berkshire

A new session is starting at The Berkshire on Tuesdays 1000 - 1100. If anyone is interested please contact B' Brash on 07527 624962 or chrisandb@hotmail.com.

Please help support Mr Tullett (Director of Sport) in his challenge!

In June, Ian Tullett is going to be cycling the London to Brighton route in aid of the British Heart Foundation. This fabulous charity is currently running a "Call, Push, Rescue" campaign aimed at secondary schools, encouraging children to learn life-saving First Aid Skills and providing free equipment of significant value to schools. Hall Grove has been lucky enough to have received equipment, enabling us to train children in resuscitation effectively. This training will become part of the Year 8 Leavers' Programme and will be run by Mrs White (School Nurse) who has recently acquired the Certificate to Teach and Assess First Aid. We hope that this training will extend to other year groups over the coming years. As a mark of thanks to the British Heart Foundation, we would like to support Mr Tullett in this event by raising funds for the British Heart Foundation. If you would like to support this very worthy cause, please follow the link to his 'Just Giving' page (<http://www.justgiving.com/Ian-Tullett1>).

In Memory of Sandra Bath - London to Paris 2015 Bike Ride

Antony Bath will be riding from London to Paris in June in memory of his mother, Sandra Bath (former Hall Grove School Secretary), who died on 19th June 2014. He will be raising money for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The hospice is only able to continue to do great work through sponsorship and the generosity that people show. Please follow the link to donate (<https://www.justgiving.com/BathL2P2015>).

The Autism Trust Isle of Wight Challenge 2015 & The London Marathon

Mrs Humberstone (mother of Andy, 6DS) will be walking 106km (67 miles) in one shot (no sleep and hopefully in less than 30 hours) around the Isle of Wight to raise much needed funds for the Autism Trust on 2nd and 3rd May (their second daughter has Asperger's). If you would like to support Mrs Humberstone and this very worthy cause, please follow the link (<http://www.justgiving.com/Denise-Autism>).

Mr Humberstone will run the London Marathon this Sunday April 26th for the Down's Syndrome Association (their oldest daughter has DS). He is hoping to improve on his timing from 2 years ago and manage a sub 4 hours!! If you would like to support Mr Humberstone, please follow the link (<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewJHumberstone>).

Open Mornings

Bedford School	Saturday 25 th April	01234 362200
St George's, Ascot	Saturday 25 th April	01344 629920
Pangbourne College	Saturday 25 th April	0118 984 2101
Tudor Hall School, Banbury	Saturday 9 th May	01295 756284
Leighton Park	Tuesday 12 th May	0118 9879608
The Oratory School, Reading	Saturday 16 th May	01491 683500