

# Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

## Newsletter 586 – 22nd September 2017

*Last Friday's Garden Party was a great success and the evening was much enjoyed by all who braved the elements. In spite of some early rain, the garden looked magical with lights shining through the fruit trees. While guests enjoyed some delicious barbecue food they were entertained by professional singers with a repertoire that included popular operatic songs and some favourites from the musicals. A visiting magician toured the tables and some colourful fireworks brought the evening to a close.*

*We will certainly arrange some other social events in this lovely part of the school grounds. Meanwhile we are now busily planning our Eco Week and would be pleased to hear from any parent who might have suggestions for good speakers or projects.*

### Senior Schools Fair - Saturday 23rd September

All families are welcome to our Senior Schools Fair on Saturday 23rd September, from 0900 - 1130, now moved to The Lighthouse. Schools exhibiting include: Bradfield, Bryanston, Charterhouse, Cranleigh, Eton, Hampton, Heathfield, King Edward's Witley, Leighton Park, Lord Wandsworth, Pangbourne, Queen Anne's, Shiplake, The Oratory, Warminster and Wellington. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

### Individual and Sibling Portraits - Friday 29th September

Gilman and Soame, the school photographers, are coming into school on Friday 29th September to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Please make sure that the children are looking smart on the day with the boys wearing their shirt, tie and blazer and the girls in their Winter uniform.

### Visiting Speaker for Years 7 & 8 - Friday 29th September - 1615 in Old Hall

In anticipation of our Eco Week later in the term, we look forward to welcoming Emma McFarlane who has recently returned from an environmental research expedition in Indonesia. She was part of a charity team collecting data to evidence the need for changes in threatened environments. Emma is also an Accident and Emergency doctor and featured on last year's series of 'The Island' with Bear Grylls. There will be a few extra seats at the back of the hall for any parents (younger sibling welcome) who would like to join us (please let the front office know in advance). We are sure she will have some interesting stories to tell!

#### DIARY REMINDERS

##### **Saturday 23rd September**

0900 - 1130 Senior Schools Fair  
0900 - 1000 OSCAR Foundation  
Football Coaching

##### **Tuesday 26th September**

0835 5GH Assembly

##### **Wednesday 27th September**

Pre-School Parent Interviews

##### **Thursday 28th September**

0835 7LS Assembly  
Pre-School Parent Interviews

##### **Friday 29th September**

Individual and Sibling Photographs  
1900 Years 6, 7 & 8 Parents Curry  
Night in aid of the OSCAR  
Foundation

##### **Wednesday 4th October**

OSCAR Foundation visit  
Reception Parent Interviews  
Years 1 & 2 Parent Interviews

##### **Thursday 5th October**

OSCAR Foundation visit  
0835 4KF Assembly  
Reception, Years 1 & 2 Parent  
Interviews

##### **Friday 6th October**

0800 Macmillan Coffee Morning

##### **Monday 9th October**

Years 3 & 4 Parent Interview

##### **Tuesday 10th October**

0835 3VB Assembly

##### **Thursday 12th October**

Years 3 & 4 Parent Interviews

##### **Friday 13th October**

0835 2KH Assembly

##### **Thursday 19th October**

835 5ST Assembly

##### **Friday 20th October**

0930 Open Morning  
Grandparents' Afternoon &  
Country Fair

## Mimika Theatre - Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th October

Following a memorable visit to Hall Grove last year we are delighted to welcome the return of Mimika Theatre with their new production 'Small Worlds'. Mimika will deliver performances to the children in Reception through to Year 5 over three days.

We have a few seats available for parents at a special evening performance on Monday 2nd October at 1900. The show is approximately 45 minutes in length and there will be an opportunity for a quick question and answer session with the performers over a glass of wine at the end. Mimika use wonderful hand made puppetry and set, delivering a sensory experience with powerful imagery and storytelling. The magical journey inside the white dome tent is quite unlike anything you may have experienced before. There is no charge for tickets although we would welcome a donation to the OSCAR Foundation. Space inside the dome is very limited so please book your seat [HERE](#) Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note this evening performance is not open to children who have already seen the show.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share in some of the magic your children experience at Hall Grove. Please visit the [Mimika website](#) to get a flavour for what is to come.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 6th October

Please join us in The Lighthouse for a lovely social gathering over tea, coffee and cakes from 0800 until 1030. Home-grown produce and nut-free home-made cakes are welcome for sale.

*Catriona Graham*

## REMINDER: Hall Grove Open Morning – Friday 20th October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Friday 20th October 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

### Reminder: Instrumental Lessons Open Week

Next week is our Instrumental Lessons Open Week. Parents are more than welcome to come in during the week and watch their child's lesson. Please get in contact with the relevant teacher if you would like to do this.

### Reminder: Informal Concerts

Next week is our first concert of the year; Informal Piano Concert I. This will be held on the New Hall Stage at 1250 on Friday (29th). If your child learns the Piano outside of school, they are more than welcome to participate, please let Miss Post know by Tuesday.

### ABRSM Exams

Music exams will continue to be held at Hall Grove this year, once every term. The dates for this term's exams will be the 9th December (afternoon of 8th as well, if there is a high volume of entries). If you would like your child to take their exam at school, even if they learn outside of school, please contact Miss Post by **Wednesday next week**.

## Sport

### Wednesday pick up and procedure—Years 5-8

After a match, parents are invited to go to The Lighthouse for match tea, while the children go to the Pavilion. Please note that all children involved in a fixture must attend match tea. If parents are taking their child home immediately after tea, they are asked to collect and sign them out from the pavilion. Those not collected will be picked up at their normal collection times: Tennis Courts—Year 5 (1620) and Year 6 (1700), on the drive outside the Lighthouse – Year 7 (1710) and Year 8 (1720). Children not collected at these times will be taken to Twilight. Please note that the changing rooms are strictly out of bounds to parents.

### ABSENCES

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

### TERM DATES

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term:

21<sup>st</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Spring Term 2018**

8<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Half Term:

10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Summer Term 2018**

23<sup>rd</sup> April – 6<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term:

26<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

**Don't forget to follow us on  
Twitter! @hallgroveschool  
@hallgrovesport**

## **Sport - Weekly review**

Another busy week of fixtures! The boys and girls have played a total of 34 games in both football and hockey, winning 20, drawing 5 and losing 9. The highlights for the girls were the U11 and U10 teams playing some good hockey, registering 5 wins but more importantly starting to transfer their play from training to matches. In the boys matches, the 1st XI football team continued their winning run with an impressive 7 – 1 win against Eagle House and there were also improved performances from the U11 A and U10 A teams, who recorded good wins. The performance of the week for the boys must go to the U9 C team who played some excellent football against Hoe Bridge with a 8 – 0 victory. Congratulations must also go to the golf team who finished runners up in the Reed's Prep School Tournament against 9 other schools.

## **Boy's Games Notices and Reminders**

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Football House Matches

0900 Year 4

0900 Year 3 Four Nations' Tournament

1000 Years 5 and 6

1100 Years 7 and 8

0900 Year 5 and 6 OSCAR football training. £5 per entry. [Click here to register.](#)

## **Additions and Amendments**

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Football v Cranleigh

1400 1<sup>st</sup> XI Surrey cup match

## **Girls' Games Notices**

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Hockey House matches

1000 Year 6 *Meet 0930*

## **Additions and Amendments**

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Hockey v Holme Grange

1400 U13 C (h)

Hockey v Halstead

1615 U10 C and D (h) Please note this match starts after school and will be a late pick up.

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

The U10 A St Georges Hockey tournament has been cancelled.

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Danes Hill Hockey Tournament

0930 U11 A *Meet at Hall Grove at 0800 for a prompt departure*

## **OSCAR Fundraising**

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Curry night in The Lighthouse—tickets still available for parents of children in Years 6, 7 and 8.

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October—OSCAR Day!**

Our visitors from the OSCAR Foundation will be arriving at Hall Grove at approximately 1100. To give them a warm welcome in true Hall Grove style, parents are encouraged to order a special OSCAR T-shirt for their children to wear on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to commemorate this very special visit. [Order your T-shirt here.](#)

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### **Pledge for Choirs With Purpose Charity CD**

Mrs Graham was delighted that so many children and staff spotted her singing with the Games Maker Choir on television at the Opening Ceremony of the World Championship Athletics and also at Twickenham Double Header. Her choir is one of 11 who have collaborated to make a charity CD and is being backed by Sir Paul McCartney. She would be thrilled if anyone could pledge to buy the CD or online music - please see website for flyer.

### **NCT Nearly New Sale - Sunday 8th October**

Preloved parent, children and baby goods. All profits go to NCT Charity. Please see Newsletter Attachments for further details.

### **The Parenting Children Course**

Parenting is one of the hardest, yet most fulfilling jobs you can do. Most parents would agree that we need all the help we can get! Joel's Place Church will be running The Parenting Children Course, a series of ten sessions designed to help parents and carers of 0 to 10-year-olds. This course will run on Tuesday mornings in Ascot. Topics covered are: Building Strong Foundations, Meeting Our Children's Needs, Setting Boundaries, Teaching Healthy Relationships & Our Long Term Aim. The morning will start at 0930 with a bacon buttie, followed by a 30 minute DVD, then plenty of time for discussion and sharing our own experiences - good and bad!

Please contact Jo Gunning (mum of Jessica Y8) for more information. [joannegunning121@btinternet.com](mailto:joannegunning121@btinternet.com) 07900 232633

### **Aura Care Living Family Fun Day - Sunday 1st October**

Aura Care Living, Camberley, has teamed up with the Alzheimer's Society to host a Family Fun Day event. Call 01276 581 051 for more information.