

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

Newsletter 587 – 29th September 2017

The Headmaster has been representing Hall Grove at a Preparatory Schools' conference in Edinburgh this week. It was a chance to share professional experience and establish links amongst the 600 schools that are within the Association.

Meanwhile excitement is growing for our special Oscar Day next Wednesday when we will be joined by our young visitors from Mumbai. It will be an amazing experience for the children from India as well as for our own pupils. Our thanks to all the Hall Grove families who have been so supportive.

Reminder: 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 handmade 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 of what is to come.

Reminder: 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.
Catrina Graham

DIARY REMINDERS

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
0900 2KH Assembly

Monday 16th October
Hall Grove Eco Week

Thursday 19th October
0835 5ST Assembly

Friday 20th October
0835 Harvest Service (Years 3-8)
0930 Open Morning
Grandparents' Afternoon & Country Fair

HALF TERM:
Saturday 21st October - Sunday 5th November (incl.)

Nut Free School

A reminder that as we are a nut-free school, please do not bring in packed lunches or snacks from home that contain nuts. Thank you.

New Year's Ski Trip

Two places have become available for this year's ski trip. We are returning to Club Kitzsteinhorn, Zell Am See, Austria, the venue of the 2015/16 trip. This resort proved very popular with the children, providing excellent skiing and amazing après-ski facilities. We will depart on 27 December 2017 and return on 2 January 2018. This gives the children the experience of seeing in the New Year in the mountains and returning in plenty of time to rest up and be ready for the start of term. The cost is £1125 all inclusive. These two places, for children in Year 5 and above, will be on a first come first served basis. If you are interested, please email Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk)

Reading Challenge

This week saw the beginning of Hall Grove's Reading Challenge as each child has been issued with a Reading Passport by their English teacher or Form Tutor. Please see attachment for further information.

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

Informal Concerts

Due to such a high number of children wanting to perform today, we have held two concerts! Well done to everyone who performed at lunchtime, it was lovely to hear so many different genres, and to see how happy and confident Hall Grove children are when performing.

Our next concert is **Brass & Percussion** on Friday 6th October. If your child learns outside of school but would like to perform, please get in contact with Miss Post by 1200 Tuesday 3rd October to enter them.

Morning Rehearsals

Quite a few of our peripatetic staff are struggling to begin a rehearsal for an ensemble at 0800 because children are not arriving on time. Please could children arrive at 0755 for an 0800 rehearsal. It is very difficult to get ensembles ready to perform if you don't have everyone at the start.

Sport

Weekly review

The fixtures continue to come thick and fast! The girls' hockey teams are really starting to hit form with 7 wins from 10 against Holme Grange on Wednesday. A special well done to the U10 girls who continue to show they are a force to be reckoned with, the A team remain undefeated. The boys had a tougher time against Yateley Manor, but there were good wins for the 1st XI and U10 A Football Teams.

Thursday saw the Year 4 Football teams take to the field against Eagle House, Lambrook and Yateley Manor. They won 9 drew 2 and lost 2, scoring a total of 39 goals and conceding 4. There were also convincing wins for the U8 A and B teams against Eagle House. The U9 girls scored an astonishing 15 goals between them, working incredibly hard for each other – their determination to perform is paying dividends.

Our Golfers had the first ISGA event of the year at Sunningdale Heath Golf Club. The team consisted of Nicholas Wall and James Brash, both scores counted and Hall Grove came

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2017

4th September – 15th December

Half Term:

21st October – 5th November

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 – 24th February

Summer Term 2019

29th April – 12th July

Half Term:

25th May – 2nd June

Autumn Term 2019

9th September – 20th December

Half Term:

26th October – 11th November

HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

fourth. This was a good start to the season, and both boys should be very proud of how they performed.

Boys' Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 30th September

Football v Feltonfleet

1000 1st XI (a) 0845 meet at Hall Grove

St George's Windsor Football Tournament

0915 U10 A (a) 0800 meet at Hall Grove

Additions and Amendments

Wednesday 4th October

U11 Football v Edgeborough

All matches will now be played at Edgeborough (timings will remain the same as the printed calendar).

There will be no U13 D match on Wednesday 4th October.

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 28rd September

Danes Hill (Surrey) Hockey Tournament

0930 U11 A (a) 0745 meet at Hall Grove

Additions and Amendments

Wednesday 4th October

The Coworth Flexlands hockey fixture has been changed to **netball** at Hall Grove (single court).

1430 U10 C

1500 U10 D

Thursday 5th October

U8 A & B hockey festival hosted by Eagle House is being held at Bracknell Hockey Club, Birchill (RG12 7AQ).

Collection direct from the venue at 1600 or Hall Grove 1630.

Saturday 7th October

U8 A & B - St George's Weybridge Junior School (KT13 8NL) Hockey Tournament. Please meet at Hall Grove for a prompt 0800 departure, estimated return 1245.

Saturday 7th October

U13 A Lord Wandsworth Hockey Tournament. Please meet at Hall Grove for a prompt 0800 departure, estimated return time is 1330.

OCTOBER HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Please click on the link on page 2 for camps running during the October Half Term.

Tatler Schools Live! - Monday 9th October

Education event at Jumeirah Carlton Tower, Knightsbridge, London.

For further information, please see advertisement within Newsletter Attachments.

Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure—Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Look out for the Northbrook Fundraising gift wrap brochure that we will be sending home next week. It contains a fantastic selection of high-quality Christmas and birthday wrap, cards and accessories. If everyone just bought one item we could raise a significant sum for charity. Our school will receive 22% cashback on every item sold via the brochure.

Charity Cake Sale - Saturday 30th September

There is a charity cake sale at the Windlesham Field of Remembrance this Saturday between 2-5pm. The 9 year old daughter of a local family is raising money for Cancer Research and Battersea Cats and Dogs Home and will be making a contribution to the Field as well.

There will be access to a toilet, tables and chairs will be put out for people but you may wish to bring a picnic blanket too! The family hope that people will come along on the day and bring their families and neighbours with them.