

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

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The arrival of our visitors from Mumbai was one of those magical moments that will go down in the history of Hall Grove. The whole school paraded on the drive (after a well-timed fire drill!) and the team's arrival was cheered royally. These boys come from the poorest part of India living in tiny houses which flood in the Monsoon season, surrounded by filth and garbage.

They conducted themselves brilliantly as they took part in sporting activities, joined in at play time and visited some of our classes. They will take back stories that will help raise the aspiration of the 3,000 boys and girls who take part in the Oscar programme. Oscar gives education through sport creating leaders for the future. It has also raised awareness amongst our own school community.

The Oscar Foundation UK Schools Tour 2017

I was fortunate enough to meet Ashok Rathod, founder of The Oscar Foundation, and his work made a profound impression. The idea to bring an Oscar football team to the UK in October 2017 was met with enthusiasm from the Mumbai slums and the UK schools.

The money raised will fund the tour and, crucially, an ongoing educational programme ensuring that hundreds of children benefit. The tour will fly 15 children from Mumbai to the UK for a mix of sport & education. The programme will provide enriching experiences, in keeping with the ethos of the foundation: educating through sport and creating young leaders for the future.

The girls and boys at Oscar are underprivileged children facing challenging daily struggles. Oscar provides an alternative to life on the streets. The tour will educate and enrich children, who will return to Mumbai with experience and knowledge to pass on to friends and siblings and proof that an education really does pay off.

Extract from Oscar Foundation Website Lucinda Sowerbutts

Visiting Speaker - Mr Leon McCarron (Tuesday 10th October - 1600, New Hall)

We are delighted to be welcoming adventurer Leon McCarron to Hall Grove. His talk is entitled 'The Land Beyond: A Thousand Miles on Foot Through the Heart of the Middle East'; it promises to be a fascinating insight into that part of the world. Leon has just released his second book entitled 'A Land Beyond' and will bring copies with him. All parents very welcome to attend.

DIARY REMINDERS

Monday 9th October
Years 3 & 4 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 10th October
0835 3VB Assembly
1600 Visiting Speaker
Leon McCarron

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.)

Thursday 16th November
0835 3KD Assembly

Sunday 19th November
Year 8 to Battisborough

Tuesday 21st November
0835 4DL Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 22nd November
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Thursday 23rd November
0835 8AM Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 5th December
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 6th December
1830 Years 1 & 2 Nativity

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all the parents who supported the coffee morning by attending, serving, providing posters and donating delicious food and cakes. There was a lovely jolly atmosphere in the Lighthouse, and over £620 was raised. For anyone who missed the event, there is also an option to donate by text: JAM FWT8 to 70550 (one text = £5).

Reminder: 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)

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.

Twilight Reminder

Please note that Twilight finishes at 1745. Thereafter children are taken to the School Office until 1800. If not collected by 1800, children will join the boarders on a Monday to Thursday for which there is a charge. If you arrive after 1745, please go to the School Office to collect your child.

Headlice

There has been a case of headlice reported in Lower School. We 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.

Music

Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed this lunchtime in our Informal Brass & Percussion Concert, it was fantastic to hear from some of our noisier instrumentalists!

Our next concert is **Woodwind** on Friday 13th October. If your child learns outside of school but would still like to play please contact with Miss Post by 1200 on Tuesday 10th October to enter them.

Instrument Storage

Please could you encourage your child to store their instrument safely while at school. We have had instruments damaged in the past because they have not been put away safely. When at school they should be stored in the Music Department, where there are allocated areas for each instrument.

Sport

Weekly review

A busy week of football for the boys' teams. On Saturday, the U10's played in the St George's Windsor tournament. They finished runners-up in the plate competition, playing some excellent football throughout the morning but losing by a goal in the final. On Wednesday, the 1st XI won the OSCAR Foundation Tournament, playing some exciting football but were held to a 0 – 0 result in the final match by our visitors from Mumbai. All the other teams played Edgeborough with notable performances from the U11 and U10 teams. The U9 and U8 teams played Edgeborough on Thursday and recorded 5 wins and a draw between them.

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

All the girls were involved in fixtures this week, with Hall Grove hosting our two annual tournaments for U11 A & B and U9 A & B teams. Both afternoons gave the girls much needed tournament play experience and all of them got lots of touches of the ball and the opportunity to thrive in a competitive environment. Both the U11A and B teams came 3rd in their section and the U9 team won two and lost one match. The U8 team had a marvellous afternoon in their very first tournament where they played their hearts out, what a credit to their coaches. Very well done to all the girls.

James Brash, Ollie King and Axel Daly represented Hall Grove last Friday in the Whitgift Prep School Golf Tournament and despite some wet weather, they acquitted themselves admirably. They came second out of nine schools with James Brash winning the best individual score, which was nine over par on a tough course. Well done boys!

Boy's Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 7th October

Football Edgeborough U9's Tournament

0945 U9 A and B (a) 0820 meet at Hall Grove

ISFA Regionals at Rokeby

0930 U13 A (a) 0800 meet at Hall Grove

Sunday 8th October

Bradfield U11 Football Tournament

1330 U11 A (a) 1130 meet at Hall Grove (1215 presentation by the Bradfield Director of Football in their chapel. Parents welcome.)

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 7th October

St George's Weybridge Junior School Hockey Tournament (KT13 8NL)

0900 U8 A & B (a) 0800 meet at Hall Grove. Tournament due to finish by 1100, estimated return time is 1145.

Lord Wandsworth Hockey Tournament

0930 U13 A (a) 0800 meet at Hall Grove. Estimated return time is 1330.

Wednesday 11th October

Bradfield Hockey Tournament

U10 A (a) Parents are invited to support from 1350. Presentations are due at 1550 with an estimated return time of 1715 subject to traffic.

Pangbourne College Hockey Tournament

1345 U13 A & B (a) Parents are invited to support from 1345. Presentations are due at 1730 with an estimated return time of 1830 subject to traffic. The B team will play their preliminary matches at St Andrew's, Pangbourne.

Hall Grove Rugby Camp

Hall Grove will be running a pre-season rugby camp on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October. Mr Cottrell will coordinate the camp, with coaching delivered by Harlequins and England rugby performance coaches.

This camp is open to any child in Years 3, 4 and 5 and it is appropriate for children of all abilities, including complete beginners. Each day will run from 1000 to 1500. Children will need to bring warm clothing including spare kit, a packed lunch and drinks.

The cost is £35 per day or £60 for both days. Cheques should be made payable to Hall Grove School Limited. If you wish your child to take part, please return the slip below to the front office by Friday 20th October.

Please contact Mr Cottrell if you require any further details.

OCTOBER HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

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

Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure - Gift Wrap Fundraiser

The Northbrook Fundraising gift wrap brochure was sent home this 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. ***PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT BY MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER (earlier than the published deadline).***

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Leaflets will be sent home next week with your child. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by **Monday 6th November**. Please include a donation (a suggested £5 donation per box), which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. Cheques should be made out to **Samaritan's Purse**. Alternatively, you can pay online which makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Please visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to make your donation.

After School / Holiday Nanny Required

After school / holiday nanny required from the autumn to look after 3 girls. If you are interested, please call Francesca on 07977 990449.

Frimley & Camberley Cadet Corps Open Day

Saturday 14th October - 1000 - 1600

Please see the poster in Newsletter Attachments.

Reminder: Tatler Schools Live! - Monday 9th October

Education event at Jumeirah Carlton Tower, Knightsbridge, London.

For further information, please see advertisement within Newsletter Attachments.