

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

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Our thanks to those staff and parents who attended our Technology Forum on Wednesday evening. There was an excellent discussion and several offers of help. The school is planning a Technology Week in February and we are beginning to make some exciting plans. Another open meeting will be arranged for January.

This weekend we are taking an exhibition stand at the Battersea Independent Schools Fair ([click here](#)). Many of the leading prep and senior schools will be exhibiting and the event is highly recommended for those parents wishing to research senior schools. We shall be announcing a bus service to start in September 2018 for West London families looking for a country prep school for Years 7 and 8. Do tell your friends!

Today we held a most moving Remembrance Service for Years 3 - 8. The children impressed our visitors with their close attention and excellent behaviour. Our congratulations to the Choir, the readers and to the trumpeter. A parent wrote this email afterwards:

"I wanted to write to you to say that today I attended my first Hall Grove Remembrance Service; it was absolutely beautiful. It was truly thought-provoking and I felt very proud to be part of the School and, even more so, for my daughter. As her Mother, I came away feeling there is no other place I would rather she be, than with you all."

Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair

A big thank you to all the parents of children who ran a stall and contributed prizes at the Country Fair. The pupils were fantastic and raised plenty of money for several excellent causes. At last count, the Fair took over £5,000 for several charities including Christian Aid, The OSCAR Foundation, Sebastian's Action Trust, Water Aid and Cherry Trees (see below).

DIARY REMINDERS

Friday 10th November

1900 Performing Arts Eve (Yrs 7-8)

Saturday & Sunday 11th/12th November

Independent Schools Show

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

Thursday 7th December

0835 5PW Assembly

1800 Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Friday 8th December

After School Clubs Finish

1100 Pre-School Nativity

1830 Reception Nativity

Monday 11th December

1900 Year 3 Production

Tuesday 12th December

1900 Year 4 Production

Thursday 14th December

1700 Carol Service at Windlesham Parish Church (Years 7 & 8)

Friday 15th December

Term Ends

A grandparent wrote this letter afterwards:

“A note to say how much my wife and I enjoyed Grandparents’ Day. From the meet, greet and deliver team who linked grandparents to grandchildren, and throughout the afternoon, everything was first class. The enterprise of the different years which gave rise to the stalls was encouraging. It was good to see the pupils experiencing the link between the formulation of ideas, production and sales making a very significant contribution to their chosen charities.

There was a real feeling of fun and happiness which is a great tribute to the school. Thank you Hall Grove, for an excellent afternoon.”

Cherry Trees

This is a new charity that we are now supporting. It provides home from home specialist short breaks for children and young adults aged 0-19 with a range of complex disabilities including learning, physical and sensory impairments. Founded in 1980 by a group of parents and doctors, Cherry Trees is a lifeline for the families of more than 100 children and young people who are regularly cared for there, whether it be after school for a few hours, a weekend or even a couple of weeks stay.

Reminder: Potential Scholarship Candidates

Year 8 parents, in particular, are asked to be aware of looming scholarship deadlines at various senior schools. Anyone considering entering their child for an award is asked to discuss this with Mr Lewis (01276 470007) if they have not already done so. The general practice is for parents to complete the relevant forms and leave them with Mr Lewis who will collate the various references and information before submitting them to the Headmaster for his approval and on to senior schools.

Music

Well done to all the Choristers who performed so well in our Remembrance Service this morning, and a special mention also to Jonathan Butler who played ‘The Last Post’ and ‘Reveille’ for us superbly. The Semi-Chorus (senior members of Choristers) will be performing Handel’s *Messiah* on Sunday at the Royal Albert Hall. If any non-chorister parents would like to go and watch the performance, there are still tickets available using the following link. The Semi-Chorus will be singing alongside hundreds of other singers, and performing with the English Festival Orchestra as well, so it promises to be a fantastic occasion.

<https://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2017/the-scratch-youth-messiah/>

Informal Concerts

Our next Informal Concert is a Vocal Concert on Friday 17th November. As ever if your child learns outside of school, and you would like your child to perform, please let Miss Post know via email including the title and composer of the piece.

Christmas Choral Course

In the newsletter attachments, you will find a flyer for a singing course, taking place over the Christmas holidays. It is run by the Oxbridge Singing School, who run fantastic choral courses throughout the country, and this year a Christmas course is happening in Guildford on the 22nd & 23rd December. Children will learn Christmas carols both traditional and modern under the guidance of well renowned choral directors. If singing is something your child enjoys, then this is a great opportunity for them. Parents could perhaps fit in some last minute Christmas shopping!

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

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

Sport

Weekly review

U13 IAPS Girls' Hockey – On Wednesday, the U13 team went to Tonbridge School to compete in the IAPS Regional Qualifying. It was an excellent day, where the girls were up against some tough opposition and they performed admirably, finishing 3rd, having played 4 matches, with the highlight being winning their last 2 games. This showed their resilience and how much they improved throughout the day. Carmen Schellekens was quite inspirational as captain and showed excellent leadership qualities. Her performance was outstanding.

We had our last block hockey fixtures of the season against Crosfields and St George's. The progress the girls' hockey has made this season has been very encouraging and bodes well for the future.

It would be wonderful to see them build on this success and continue to play hockey in the off season, perhaps by joining early morning, after school hockey sessions or a local club.

The boys in Years 5 to 8 had their first matches of the season against Hoe Bridge on Wednesday. All the matches were very competitive with Hall Grove coming away with 6 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses. Mr Cottrell was delighted with the performance of all the teams and it is hard to single one out after such a positive start. Well done to all the boys who played.

The Year 3 boys had their last football matches of the season against Crosfields and Yateley. It was a great afternoon of football with all the boys playing but the highlight was the U8 A team winning 4-0 against Crosfields. Well done to Year 3 on such a promising start to football at Hall Grove.

Early Morning Training

All the sessions below are open to **boys and girls** and run from 0730 until 0800

Hockey (Mr Gold)

Monday – Years 3 and 4

Wednesday – Years 5 and 6

Thursday – Years 7 and 8

Netball (Mrs Maxfield)

Monday – Years 5 and 6

Cross Country (Mr Tullett)

Tuesday – Years 3-8

Thursday – Years 3-8

Rugby (Mr Cottrell)

Wednesday – Years 3-5

Friday – Years 6-8

Mouth guards and Shin pads

All boys and girls will require mouth guards and shin pads this half term for Rugby and Hockey.

Post-Match Pick Up

Parents are asked if they take their child directly from a fixture they do not return to school. The purpose of releasing is to give the opportunity to go home directly. Should you wish to return to school, then we ask that your child travels with the team. We are **unable** to take school bags when travelling to and from fixtures.

Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 11th November

House Touch Rugby

0900 Years 7 and 8 combined

1030 Year 5 matches and Year 6 matches

Thursday 16th November

Girls House Hockey

1400 U9's

1500 U8's

Children will be released at normal pick up and **not** before.

Saturday 18th November

Edgeborough Netball Tournament

0930 U11 A (meet 0800 at HG and return ETA 12:30)

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Phoenix Football U10 Academy

The new U10 Academy starts next Thursday 9th November at Royal Holloway University and the academy sessions are structured to give the players the best opportunity to develop. Phoenix are happy to take players on trial on the 9th to see if they like it and can discuss the membership and kit afterwards. If parents are interested, please see the link to Newsletter Attachments on the right-hand side of the page for a registration form and flyer giving further information. Sessions run each Thursday, except holidays, every term of the academic year and the cost is just £8 per hour, with several payment options. The boys would also get full training kit soon after they start.

Adult Netball on Tuesday Evenings 1930 - 2030

This 'Back to Netball' club is resuming next Tuesday 14th November from 1930 - 2030. Please email caroline.windsor@tfigroup.com if interested. An enthusiastic coach will be encouraging and training us. £3 per session. Meet on the floodlit hard tennis courts.