

*It has been a busy week for our sportsmen and women. Following the exciting win by the Under 11s at the end of last week, our 1<sup>st</sup> XI played some superb cricket today to win their first-round Surrey Cup match against Danes Hill.*

*It is a relief to know that the country is, at last, freeing up again. May 17<sup>th</sup> sees a significant relaxation of Covid restrictions and we will soon be able to start some of our educational visits. The ever-popular expeditions to Devon will begin with Year 5 (May 17<sup>th</sup>), Year 6 (May 24<sup>th</sup>), Year 4 (June 7<sup>th</sup>) and Year 8 (July 4<sup>th</sup>); Year 7 will go next term in their senior House groups. We will also be able to welcome parents to the school grounds to watch inter-school sports matches. New protocols will be published to take account of the adapted safety regulations.*

*In the meantime, our thanks to children, parents and staff for working so hard to keep Hall Grove safe over the last year. Other than one junior bubble having to isolate for a week last summer, fortune seems to have smiled on us. But then as the Latin proverb goes: 'fortune favours the bold'!*

#### The Drive

Concerns have been expressed about the speed at which cars are being driven on the drive. We cannot stress strongly enough the importance of driving slowly (the speed limit is 10 mph) and with extreme caution at all times whilst in the school grounds. This especially applies on the one-way loop behind the tennis courts where there are young children crossing.

#### Summer School

As final preparations are being made for the Summer School, running from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, we can announce that Jake Cottrell has been appointed Director of the camp. He will be assisted by a leadership group of Harry Quartermaine, Jake Tucker and Louisa Stimson, along with a number of other teachers and young leaders. Next week you will receive a letter with a brief outline of logistics and how to book your child onto the programme.

#### Heroes Stamp Design Competition

The Royal Mail is running a competition for children aged 4-14 to design a stamp which represents one of the heroes who has worked to keep people safe and the country running throughout the pandemic. Entry form and details can be [found here](#).

Please return all entries to Mrs Foley by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

*Catherine Foley*

#### Sport

After Wednesday's fixtures, we are delighted to confirm that all the boys and girls in Years 5 to 8 have now played at least one competitive match for the school! It feels like a significant milestone and the Years 3 and 4 children will get their opportunity later in the term. Cricket has been the main team sport, but we have also seen the athletics, tennis and golf teams in action.

Well done to all the teams who won their matches on Wednesday and those who came close but were defeated by the rain and hail. The athletics team performed extremely well on Thursday evening at Eagle House, with several fine performances on the track, especially from captain Lewis Hannon, Thomas

Chapman and Serena Evans. The tennis team enjoyed a competitive fixture against Sunningdale, registering a good win with a dominant performance from all the senior players.

The return to fixtures occasionally causes disappointment when teams are selected, and a child may feel they are in the wrong squad. Teams are always selected based on what we observe in training and in matches at school, and we ask parents to support our selections. Our priority above all is that the children enjoy their sport and are given the opportunity to represent the school. Staff make a point of speaking to individual children if they are moved to another team. It does not help a child's personal development and resilience if a parent contacts the sports staff and question our selections.

Team selections and arrangements are now posted on the school web site. Fixtures may change due to the pandemic - any amendments will be made on [www.hallgrovesport.co.uk](http://www.hallgrovesport.co.uk).

### **Sports kit**

Sports clothing for fixtures and games lessons for the summer term is listed on the uniform list. It is not necessary to purchase personal cricket equipment, but should you wish to this may be brought to school on match and sports lesson days and stored by the pavilion. It must be clearly named and in a kit bag.

### **May 8th**

Years 5 & 6: 0830 - 1000 Year 5 and 6 Girls House Netball, Year 5 Boys House Rugby, Year 6 Boys House Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn)

Years 7 & 8: 1030 - 1200 Year 7 and 8 Girls Netball and Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn), Year 7 and 8 boys, Rugby Sevens, and Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn)

### **May 15th**

Years 3 & 4: 0830 - 1000 Year 3 and 4 Girls Netball, Year 3 Boys House Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn), Year 4 Boys House Rugby (Mouthguards)

Years 5 & 6: 1030 - 1200 Year 5 and 6 Girls Netball, Year 5 Boys House Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn), Year 6 Boys House Rugby (Mouthguards)

### **May 22nd**

Garden Open Day (with some exhibition sport by invitation will be sent prior to the event)

### **June 12th**

Years 3 & 4: 0830 - 1000 Sports tbc

Years 7 & 8: 1030 - 1200 Sports tbc

### **June 19th**

Hall Grove Tennis Tournament: Years 5 - 8

### **June 26th**

Years 3 - 6 Girls Cricket fixtures v Valley End Cricket Club (morning fixtures; an 0930 start)

Years 5 - 8: Boys Cricket fixtures v Sunningdale (afternoon matches)

### **Swinley Laser Clinic**

Hall Grove mum (Pam Bath) has recently opened a new salon specialising in women's laser hair removal, skin rejuvenation, pigmentation, thread vein therapy and carbon facials. She is fully qualified, insured and uses one of the best medical grade laser machines available in the industry. Swinley Laser Clinic is based in close proximity to the school.

All Hall Grove mums and staff receive a 15% discount across all our treatments. Please contact [swinleylaser@outlook.com](mailto:swinleylaser@outlook.com) / [07540152238](tel:07540152238) or follow us on Instagram @swinleylaserclinic for more details.

### **Documents**

The following documents can be found on the school website, under the parent information tab:

- Senior Schools Open Mornings Information
- King Edward's Remote Chess Tournament
- Summer Camps