

*We are very much looking forward to welcoming friends and families to our charity garden day next Saturday, May 22nd. We raise money for the National Garden Scheme which every year distributes funds to a number of leading charities. See our entry on the ngs website [here](#).*

*The car park will open at 2.00 pm and will close at 5.00 pm, we do hope you will find time to call in for half an hour or so. Entry is by payment of £5 per car at the gate via a cashless payment machine. As you can see from Mrs Buckler's piece below, there is plenty to see and enjoy. Teas will be on sale, and there will be live music courtesy the Bagshot Band.*

*Mr and Mrs Tomlin will be with us for the afternoon, and they hope to meet many of you. They are also attending a prospective parents' open morning next Thursday.*

### **Joanne Buckler Writes**

It will be wonderful to welcome you all back to the gardens and grounds for our 2021 NGS Open Day!

We have been very busy over the last eighteen months; new projects include a children's area which boasts a brand new 24-foot greenhouse and some vegetable and flower beds. Look out for the children's labels as many plants both inside and out have been grown by them this year as part of their science and outdoor lessons.

We have also installed some beautiful ornamental arches running both north to south and east to west in the walled garden with climbing roses, sweet peas, clematis, and wisteria. I'm sure the scent will be heavenly when the plants reach maturity.

Elsewhere the woodland gardens are reaching their zenith with an abundance of colour and form. If you're lucky you may also catch the last of the bluebells as they carpet the woodland floor.

Be sure to visit the year 3 children's beds running from the tennis courts down to the barn. They have grown all their plants from seed and are understandably proud of their achievements. In time, it will be a sea of colour.

Finally, take time to walk further afield to our school farm to meet the lambs, our historic ice house at Field House as well as the lake in its tranquil setting with newly installed gazebo and views back towards the woodland. You can round off your walk with some homemade tea and cake. As you're queuing, why not choose a few home-grown plants to take away with you?

### **Scholarship News**

Congratulations to William Barr and Benjamin Sheppard who have both been awarded academic scholarships to Tonbridge. We are very proud of them both!

### **Year 8 Musical Production - 'Honey'**

The Year 8's are proud to be performing their musical production, 'Honey' at Camberley Theatre on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. (Matinee 1415 and Evening at 1915)

'Honey' is a new and compelling original musical based on the invisible role of young carers. Our production is in aid of the Honey Pot Children's Charity.

*Sam, aged 15 years, is not only juggling with his school life, GCSEs and a part-time job, but also holding his family together as the main carer for his mother and younger siblings. He dreams of going to Drama School. How can he possibly even consider it with the weight of his obligations at home?*

Please support them by [coming to see the show](#) .....and please spread the word!

## **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 24th May 2021

*Catherine Foley*

## **Sport**

Congratulations to all the sporting teams this week; it has been a real festival of sport with cricket, athletics, rugby and golf teams all playing fixtures.

### **Cricket**

It was wonderful to see the girls cricket teams record a total of 5 wins against Eagle House. The improvement in their match performances is a just reward for the hard work that has been put into the training sessions by the girls and their coaches. It is also excellent to see that Zaara Norat (2<sup>nd</sup> XI) and Pippa Stephens (U10 A) continue to contribute to the success of their respective teams.

Our male cricketers has also had a very successful week against Eagle House - all 9 teams recorded wins. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI deserve a special mention after recording one of their finest wins for a long time last Friday against Danes Hill in the Surrey Cup. The team, under the captaincy of Ralf Beer, performed superbly with the ball and in the field, restricting Danes Hill to 72 from their 20 overs, enabling them to bat their way into the next round against Aldro.

### **Athletics**

The boys and girls of the athletics team went to our neighbours Woodcote House for our annual athletics match between the two schools. It was wonderful to see the girls team compete as a full team for the first time in this event, our thanks go to Woodcote House for allowing this to happen. The team performed exceptionally well, especially in the sprints. The standout moment was the seniors 4 x 100m, where athletics captain Lewis Hannon made up a fifteen-metre deficit to grab victory on the line, much to the joy of all the team as well as Mr Tullett! It was a fitting end to a wonderful evening, and a very good win for Hall Grove.

### **Rugby**

The rugby season was sadly lost this winter but, together with Eagle House, we were able to give the U13 and U12 boys a match this week. Honours were even with Hall Grove winning the U12s and Eagle House the U13s. Both matches were competitive, the teams played well and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to pull on a Hall Grove shirt, one last time for the Year 8.

### **Golf**

Well done to the golf team who again played well against Eagle House at Wellington. Mr Quartermaine has been delighted with the way the team has played and conducted themselves.

### **Tennis lessons**

Pupils will be able to book individual tennis lessons during the school day, these will be on a 1 – 1 basis with Megan Emmit who has coached at Hall Grove for several years now. More information about booking and the cost of the lessons will be sent out next week.

### **May 15th**

Years 3 & 4: 0830 – 1000

Years 5 & 6: 1030 – 1200

### **May 22nd**

Garden Open Day

### **June 12th**

Years 3 & 4: 0830 – 1000

Years 7 & 8: 1030 – 1200

### **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)

The **Ricky Clarke Cricket Academy** are holding a half term cricket camp from 1 to 4 June 2021 at Cove Cricket Club, Farnborough. They are also running a 12-week Elite Programme from September to December 2021 at Farnham Heath End School in Farnham aimed at boys and girls between 11 and 18 who are committed players seeking success at county trials. Further details can be found online at, and bookings should be made online at, [www.rikkiclarkecricketacademy.co.uk](http://www.rikkiclarkecricketacademy.co.uk).

The Pop-up Children's Theatre – Squish – launches on 18 May 2021! Located in the heart of The Square shopping centre in Camberley (opposite Sainsbury's). From the team at Camberley Theatre, this is a space for little people with BIG imaginations. Here you'll find shows, activities, events, workshops and lots more to discover and do! Facilities include: Box Office, Café, Performance Studio, Soft Play, Story Telling, Exhibitions, Parking and Toilets. Please visit the website for more information:

<https://www.camberleytheatre.co.uk/new/whats-on/squish>

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### **Free Weekly Meditation Group**

Allison Cairns (Hall Grove mum) is running a weekly meditation group at the Chobham Parish Pavilion on Tuesday mornings. This is currently a closed group due to covid restrictions but she would like to invite any Hall Grove parents to join. A great way to relax and enhance emotional and mental well-being during these challenging times. There is no charge to attend, and any voluntary donations are given to charity. Please contact [allison@pureenergylife.com](mailto:allison@pureenergylife.com) / 07826542770.

### **Documents**

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

- Senior Schools Open Mornings Information
- May Half Term & Summer Camps

