

## From the Headmaster – Neil Tomlin OBE

As I write, we have only 8 members of the 450-strong Hall Grove community self-isolating having recorded positive PCR test results. This is significantly fewer than many other schools for which we consider ourselves extremely fortunate. We remain vigilant. We realise that our situation could change quickly, which is why we will continue to air classrooms, insist on hand washing, and operate as Section Groups as much as possible. We are grateful for the diligence and support we have received from across our community to ensure cases remain as low as possible so that children can remain in school. Our covid response co-ordinator, Mrs Suzie Brown, has been rock solid throughout this and I feel that our clear message throughout the pandemic has been built on her exceptional hard work. Thank you, Suzie.

Yesterday was a magical day for Hall Grove. Year 2's Assembly, 'The Bee Musical', was exceptional with the delivery of a very important message about the value that Bees have in nature. The children delivered their lines with clarity and accuracy and they all danced and sang their hearts out. Yesterday was also memorable for our Seniors who attended a lecture by Olympic Modern Pentathlon Gold Medalist, Kate French. Kate won gold at Tokyo 2020 and gave our Seniors an inspiring tale of her progression from Pony Club to Olympic Champion. She explained that hard work, a clear aim, determination, and the drive to never give up, have been the ingredients for success. The next lecture in the series will be delivered by members of the Parachute Regiment who supported the recent evacuation from Kabul. The lecture will take place at 6pm on Thursday 11th November.

Huge congratulations to Mr White whose smelting demonstration was a success with the only casualty being Mrs White's hairdryer! The class are delighted with their new axe. On the sporting front, congratulations to Nina Ferreira who has been selected to represent Surrey in U13 Netball.

We are very grateful to those parents of Year 6 children who were able to give up some time this week to help deliver the final part of our Year 6 Senior Schools Interview preparation phase. The interview practice is already paying off with many Senior Schools contacting me to express how much they have enjoyed meeting their Hall Grove candidates. For wider information, we are currently speaking to a few schools to ask if they would like to join us for an evening, in November, to set up displays and speak to our parents. As soon as we have managed to gather a critical mass we will publish the date.

During next week we will remind ourselves of, and will study, our 6th and final school value: be polite and thoughtful. It is appropriate therefore that we layer that value on to our continued study of Black History Month and of Anti-Slavery. We also start our first in the series of Parents' evenings which we are eager should remain face-to-face discussions with our staff. I hope that the value in that is clear. We will also dedicate Friday to our final Autumn Open Day and our Harvest celebrations.

As a finale, please can I draw your attention to some of the key notices within the newsletter. Particularly: The Open Day on Friday 22 October (0900-1100) for which we seek your support with advertising to your friends; the Hall Grove 'Choosing a Senior School' policy; and the Half Term sports' camps with good options for girls and boys, including girls' football and touch rugby (we have entered our girls into the IAPS touch rugby competition next term!).



## Whole School Messages

### Monday Morning Assembly 0830 start – Years 3-8

We hold a school assembly every Monday for Years 3-8. This starts at 0830. Please could you help us to start the assembly on time by ensuring children are in school with enough time to register and get to New Hall. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Choosing a Senior School

We have now completed 'Choosing a Senior School' briefings to Years 5 and 6 parents. The Hall Grove policy for this can be [viewed here](#).

## Open Morning – Friday 22nd October

There will be an Open Morning on Friday 22nd October from 0900-1100. 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 in the future.

## Uniform Shop

Please note that the Uniform Shop's hours have changed. It is now open in term-time only on Mondays between 0800 – 0915 and Thursdays 1500 – 1730. It is no longer open on Tuesdays. If you are unable to visit the shop at those times, you may shop online at <https://www.thedirectclothing.co.uk/school/hall-grove-school/> and then collect the items from the collection box outside the shop at your convenience.

## Hall Grove Touch Typing Competition 2021-22 - Mr Foley

After the half-term break, we will be running the first test in the Hall Grove Touch Typing Competition 2021-22, for all pupils from Year 3 to 8. This will be a fun way to measure their typing speed and accuracy. The tests will take place in lesson time: there will be e-certificates on offer for participation and house points too. We intend to run two further tests, one in the Spring Term and one in the Summer Term.

We would very much welcome your support in encouraging your child/children to practise their touch typing over the half-term holiday. I am sure you will appreciate what an important life-long skill touch typing is, and the Typing Club app (link on the school website) is a great way to learn whilst having fun.

## Christmas Card Competition

Michael Gove would like to invite Hall Grove School pupils to participate in his annual Christmas Card Competition. If any pupil (Reception to Year 6) would like to design an A4 Christmas picture, please pass the entry to their form teacher by 8th October.

## Section News

- [Click for](#) Seniors
- [Click for](#) Upper Juniors
- [Click for](#) Lower Juniors
- [Click for](#) Pre-Prep
- [Click for](#) Early Years

## Music - Miss Post

Some of our senior musicians had a wonderful day over at Wellington College yesterday, participating in their annual Prep Schools' Orchestral Day. For many of our musicians, this was the first time they have played in an ensemble of that size, and in under four hours of rehearsals were able to perform 'Jupiter' from The Planets, a Mexican orchestral piece and finally the James Bond theme. Very well done to all involved!

## Informal Concerts

We were treated to a wonderful Strings concert on Tuesday this week and send our congratulations to all performers. Snippets of each of their performances are available on our Instagram! Next week we have our Percussion & Woodwind Concert on Tuesday 19th. To see whether your child is performing please click [here](#). As ever family and friends are more than welcome to attend – we will start at 1305 in the Performance Studio.

## Choristers

For information on upcoming chorister events please click [here](#).

## Sport - Mr Tullett

The girls and boys have enjoyed another excellent week of sport both in matches and training. The level of effort and desire to improve is so pleasing to see and certainly, this is reaping rewards on the hockey and football pitches.

[Click here](#) for the highlights of another successful week.

### **OPRO Mouthguard visit 21st October**

Boys and girls in Years 3-8 who would like to have a mouthguard fitting please follow the link below. Mouthguards must be worn in hockey from Years 3 to 8 and rugby Years 4-8. Some of the girls may like a new one for the remainder of the hockey season. Please [click here](#) for the OPRO form.

### **Pre-season sports training camp at Hall Grove on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd November**

This is open to any Boys and Girls in Years 3-8 who are interested in preparing for the upcoming seasons. It will be beneficial for any boy or girl to get a head start in the sports offered if they have had limited exposure over the previous eighteen months.

*1st November 0930 – 1500*

Years 3 – 5 Girls Netball training

Years 6 – 8 Girls Touch Rugby/Football/Hockey

Years 3 – 8 Boys Rugby

*2nd November 0930 – 1500*

Years 6 – 8 Girls Netball

Years 3 – 5 Girls Touch Rugby/Football/Hockey

Years 3 – 8 Boys Rugby

The children will need to bring usual warm clothes (2 sets), a packed lunch and drinks and it will cost £35 per day or £60 for both days. Your child has the option to take part in either the Rugby, Netball or Multi Sport camp.

To confirm your child's place [please click here](#). For further information please contact Mr Cottrell [j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk)

### **Rugby Masterclass with Edgeborough at Hall Grove on Thursday 28th October**

Ahead of the rugby season, we have an opportunity for the Senior Boys to host a joint training day with Edgeborough on Thursday 28th October. This is a great opportunity for the senior boys to prepare for the upcoming season by having training sessions in the morning led by Harlequins coaches and matches in the afternoon. Children will need to arrive at school for 0900 on Thursday 28th October and collection will be at 1500.

All children will need a mouthguard, a spare change of clothes in case the weather is bad and a packed lunch and plenty of drinks for the day.

To confirm your child's place [please click here](#)

Mr Cottrell [j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk)

### **1-1 Tennis coaching**

Following the success of the tennis sessions with Mrs Emmett this term, we will be continuing with the lessons after half-term. Please book via the school office if you would like your child to have a weekly lesson.

### **Bs Netball Club**

Bs Netball Club are a rapidly expanding performance development club for junior players starting from U8 (Year 3). Our club is one of the top junior netball clubs in the region, with competitive fixtures in County and Regional competitions ranging from Under 10's to Seniors.

The coaching team will provide your daughter with all the necessary support to gain whatever she wants from netball; whether it is to improve and develop her netball skills, improve her fitness, and learn to play competitive netball.

Head Junior Coach, Kate Maxfield (Head of Girls Games) has had a significant role in the development of the many elite players. Having coached them throughout their Hall Grove journey and club netball careers, they have gone on to represent England U17, Surrey Storm U19 and U17 and several past and present students are on the England Netball County pathway. Girls have gained sports scholarships to Bradfield, Wellington, Lord Wandsworth, St Marys Ascot, Gordons and St Georges Weybridge with netball as their specialist sport. Our aim is to provide players with a love of netball, to challenge them through competition and to help develop an excellent work ethic.

We always welcome new players – get in contact for more details.

Email: [bsnetball2015@gmail.com](mailto:bsnetball2015@gmail.com), website: [www.bsnetball.com](http://www.bsnetball.com) for more training information.

### **Staff and parent social bike ride**

The next staff and parent road ride will take place on Sunday November 21st departing Hall Grove at 0900. Our first outing was an enormous success despite the rain towards the end. Thank you to all those who attended; it was lovely to ride with former and current parents. The ride will be at an average speed of 15/16 mph and a road bike will be necessary. Coffee and cake will be provided halfway. If you would like further information, contact Mr Lewis or Mr Tullett.

## **School Adverts**

### **Documents**

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

Senior Schools Open Mornings Information

Half Term Camps

### **School Uniform Shop Opening Times**

Term-Time Only Opening Times

Mondays: 0800 - 0915

Thursdays: 1500 – 1730

To access the on-line Uniform Shop service please visit The Direct Clothing Company website and follow the link to Hall Grove School. There are also instructions on the school website.

The Uniform Shop email: [uniformshop@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:uniformshop@hallgrove.co.uk)

The Direct Clothing Company: <https://www.thedirectclothing.co.uk/school/hall-grove-school/>

## **Public Notices**

### **Half Term Netball Camp**

Georgie Maxfield will be running a half-term camp for Years 5,6 and 7 in Wellington College netball centre RG45 7PT. Places are limited - please contact her directly, see flyer on the website.

### **Chobham Rugby Club**

At Chobham Rugby we coach and develop players from age 2 onwards with the active participation of their families and are proud to run vibrant Senior Mens' and Womens', Junior, Minis, Girls, Touch Rugby, Walking Rugby & Mixed ability sections, all with a thriving membership and shared love of the game. We enjoy a reputation for being a very well-organised and open club with friendly members.

All Mini and Junior players receive a 3-week trial where they come down and see what they think of us before deciding whether to join the club as a member. If you are interested in bringing your player along to Little Cannons or Minis please fill in this registration [FORM](#) and we will be in touch with further information. If you would like more information on the Minis section please contact our Minis Chairman, Ally Edwards, [allychobhamrugby@gmail.com](mailto:allychobhamrugby@gmail.com). For more information on other sections of the club please use this contact [form](#).