

From the Headmaster – Neil Tomlin OBE

Please see a half term letter from the Headmaster.

Whole School Messages

After School Clubs

After School Care will change format for the second half of this term, giving all children an opportunity to sign up for a wide range of activities throughout the week and receive a high level of expertise in a specific club. Spaces are limited so please book early via the [website](#). Priority is given to those who sign up for a set club for the half term. If there are spaces remaining, parents can sign up on an ad-hoc basis by emailing Mr Cottrell j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk

Due to the change in format all existing bookings for after half term will need to be made again. This will allow children to sign up for a set activity.

The [booking platform](#) will go live on Monday 25th October at 1100 and close on Friday 5th November at 1700. Thereafter any booking requests will need to go to Mr Cottrell.

PRE-SCHOOL to YEAR 5

We are able to offer After School Clubs on a daily basis at the following times. Each club will cost £45 for half a term and will include a snack.

- Early Years & Pre-Prep: 1530 -1630
- Early Years & Pre-Prep: 1630-1730 (optional additional care for activities such as reading, guided play, games and board games.)*
- Years 3 & 4: 1620-1730*
- Year 5: 1630-1730*

NOTE: * Collection from the Lighthouse at 1730 or with an older sibling at their collection time.

Please note that charges are PER SESSION and not by time - children unable to be collected at normal time must be collected at 1730 from the Lighthouse. Any child not collected by the normal end of the school day will automatically join After School Club and be charged accordingly.

Any child requiring supervision after 1730 is asked to contact the School Office so that they can be booked in to stay later with the older children.

YEARS 6-8

After School Clubs will be available for pupils in Years 6-8 in the form of two options. This includes a snack and free time after the club.

- 1715-1815 (£45 per half term). Collection from the Lighthouse before supper – ie 1815.
- 1815-1930 (£60 per half term). This booking includes Supper (a cooked two-course meal), time to complete prep and an opportunity to join the boarders' activities. Collection from the Lighthouse at 1930.

Children unable to be collected at the normal time MUST be collected at either 1815 or 1930, depending on which option has been booked. Any child not collected by 1700 (Years 5 and 6) or 1730 (Years 7 and 8) will automatically join After School club provision and be charged accordingly.

For any outdoor clubs, your child can quickly change at the end of the day into suitable clothes for the activity.

Boarding

Flexi-Boarding is also available: the same night or nights booked on a regular basis. The charge is £40 per night which includes an evening activity, supper, supervised prep time and breakfast the following morning. Any cancellations will need to be received by the front office 24 hours in advance.

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.

Prize Giving Cups and Awards

We still have outstanding several cups and awards. If your child was presented with a cup at Prize Giving, please could you have the cup engraved in the same format as the previous winner and return it to the School Office. Thank you.

Senior Parents - Mr McLeod

Lateral Flow Testing

A reminder that LFD testing should be recommenced prior to the return to school on Monday. We would therefore ask that your child does a test either on Sunday evening or Monday morning, and that you report the result to us using this (link) and to the NHS.

We are continuing to take all appropriate precautions as we return to school and would ask that you remain vigilant for potential symptoms in the coming weeks.

Upper Juniors Parents - Mr Wheeler

Lower Junior Parents - Miss Furness

Pre-Prep Parents - Miss Hitchcox

Early Years Parents - Mrs Tomlinson

Performing Arts - Miss Post

Sport - 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

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

Public Notices

Windsor Contemporary Art Fair

Catherine McVean (Year 2 & 4) will be exhibiting her paintings at the Windsor Contemporary Art Fair 12th - 14th November. There will be many artists exhibiting and if you would like to come along (children welcome), you can use the free code below to get tickets:

Visit the [website](#) and enter the following codes depending on which day you would like to come:

- Coupon Code W-PVCOMPEM to visit Friday 12th November 2021 6pm – 9pm Private View
- Coupon Code W-COMPEM for either Saturday 13th or Sunday 14th November 2021

I would love to see you if you visit so come find me and say hi. If you would like to see my paintings in advance, you can visit www.catherinemcvean.com and if you have any questions please feel free to email catherinemcvean@gmail.com