

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The last two weeks of the Summer term can often be rather exhausting for everyone, but it is good to report that the school has been in excellent heart and we have enjoyed all the events and activities of recent days. Sports Day was a notable success and we are grateful for the many positive comments received from parents.

Prize Giving

Parents are welcome to attend the Prize Giving on Wednesday 7th July at 1000 in New Hall. The prizes will be presented by Mrs Grace Burns. Please park on the fields. The Prize List has been posted on the school website and a paper copy has been pinned up on the noticeboard under the arch.

Summer Concert - Monday 5th July

The Summer Concert will be taking place on Monday 5th July, starting at 1900. It promises to be a memorable evening, so please do come along, if you are able. The Hall Grove Choir, Girls' Choir and all instrumental ensembles will be taking part. The concert should last a little over an hour. Performers in Years 6, 7 and 8 will be signed in for supper and remain at school after lessons. All participating Middle School children must be returned to school and meet in the Admiral Room by 1830 wearing full school uniform with ties, but no blazers. Girls should wear their Summer dresses.

Evensong - Tuesday 6th July

At Hall Grove we traditionally close the school year with a service of Evensong on the last afternoon of term. This year it will be taking place on Tuesday 6th July at 1600 in New Hall. Every child in Years 6, 7 and 8 will attend and all parents and their guests are most welcome.

Soon after the service the Year 8 Leavers' Party will take place. Everyone is welcome to watch the cricket and rounders matches, but the drinks and barbecue are reserved for Year 8 and their families.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are today. TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 6th July, inclusive - it is already fully booked for both days.

After School Clubs - Autumn Term 2010

The deadline for returning forms for next term's clubs was today. If you have missed the deadline but still wish to enrol your child/children for a club, please return your form to the School Office on Monday morning.

Please be aware that the following clubs are already full: Pre-Prep - Art, Fun Food, Nature Detectives and Ceramics; Middle School - Shooting, Badminton, Ceramics and Fun Food; Upper School - Table Tennis.

Also, a revised amendment to last week's clubs information: the Middle School Cartooning Club will be taken by Miss Marchesi as originally stated in the club lists, not by Mrs Begg as mentioned in last week's newsletter and Miss Bangert will now be the third member of staff on the Shooting Club. Apologies for any confusion.

Text Books

We would ask parents to ensure their children return any school text books that may still be at home before the end of term. Thank you for your help in this matter.

School Reports, Newsletter and School Invoices

School reports, a newsletter containing information relating to next term and the school invoices will be sent out to parents during the holidays.

School Photographs

The school website photograph album has been updated to include: Year 1 at Marwell Zoo, Reception at Windsor Castle, Year 8 Battisborough Trip and Masterchef, Sports Day, Choristers Salzburg Tour and various Pre-Prep pictures. Selected images are also available to purchase. Simply enter the word 'admiral' on the school homepage to be redirected.

Golf News

It proved a very successful morning for Hall Grove at the Charterhouse Prep Schools Golf Competition on Tuesday. Our team comprising Zac Jenkins (Year 5), Sam Storey (Year 5) and Xavier Schwarz (Year 4) won the competition with a score of 77 (a top score of 36 from Zac, 41 combined from Sam and Xavier). In addition, Zac won a prize for the longest drive.

Sports News

Rounders

It is the end of another term and once again the girls have won over half their rounders matches. The U11 As have had an excellent season only losing their first match. Particularly well done to Maddison Gordon and Chloe Dunne who were awarded their colours. The two senior teams had successful seasons with colours being awarded to Eleanor Boatman and Charlotte Daly.

30th June v Yateley Manor 1st IX won, U11 B IX lost

30th June v Lyndhurst U11 A IX won

Cricket

A fantastic week of cricket with great results to end the season. Well done to all the teams for the progress they have made during the term.

30th June v Lambrook 1st XI lost, 2nd XI drew, 3rd XI won, 4th XI won, Colts A XI won, Colts B XI won,
U10 A XI won, U10 B XI won, U10 C XI won

1st July v Aldro U9 A XII won, U9 B XII lost, U9 C XII won

U13 Doubles Tennis Tournament

On Thursday afternoon nine pairs from a number of different schools participated in the Doubles Tournament. It was a round robin competition with all the children playing a total of forty games. Well done to Tim Hardy and Harvey Williams who were runners up.

Groove at the Grove - Saturday 3rd July

It's turning into the perfect evening - the forecast for Saturday is 22°, there's no clash with any major football match and everything is ready to go. Gates open at 1700 as does the beer tent, the Domino's Pizza stand and merchandising tent. Domino's pizzas will be available all evening - £1 a slice or £8 for a whole large pizza. In addition, we have a tantalising beer tent selling draft beer and Pimm's, and a merchandise tent with sweets, crisps, soft drinks and suitable paraphernalia (guitars, hats, wigs etc). There will also be an ice cream van and a coffee/tea stand. Tickets are still on sale and for those who decide at the last minute that they want to join us or have friends that would like to come along, tickets will be on sale on the gate - adults £25, children (14-18) £10 and children (under 14) £5. Cash and cheques only.

A few housekeeping notes -

(1) Please can we make a request for people to bring change with them as well as notes. Last year we ran out of float on the merchandise tent as children were buying 10p sweets with £20 notes! Obviously we will have change, but it would help if not every child turned up with large denominations!

(2) Please think about the people around you. If you have a gazebo please do not put the sides on as it means others won't be able to see the stage from their spot. If you do, someone will ask you politely to take them down or to move the whole gazebo.

(3) PLEASE come along and help us clear up. Groove at the Grove is run totally by school volunteers and we would really appreciate help clearing up on Sunday. Everyone is invited to help at 1000 on Sunday morning (or earlier if you wish). The more there are the quicker it gets done - so drop your children off at cricket, come and collect your car, grab a black bin bag and come and help pick up rubbish, carry tables, move marquees etc. Last year we could have done with a few more willing volunteers!

(4) No barbecues please.

AND - make sure everyone around you takes their rubbish home at the end of the evening.

At this point I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the excellent committee who have helped to put on this year's concert - Caroline Grant, Sarah McKechnie, Jill Goss, Charlotte Jackson and Julia Hart and also a big thank you as always to Leo Poppa, Sandra Bath, Dan Slape and Jenny Lavery for their invaluable help.

Meirion Shaw

'Best Moves at the Groove' - Dance Competition

There is going to be a dance competition on the night at the Groove. James Cannon (Capital Radio DJ) wants to find out who has the 'Best moves at the Groove'. There will be a number of competitions between the breaks in the bands, so listen up and get practising! There will be prizes for the winners and entrants have to be under 100! Listen to the announcement for times and rules.....

Secondhand Uniform Sale - Monday 5th July, 1500 - 1730

Don't forget the secondhand uniform sale on Monday! Bring your clean clothes/sports equipment on hangers on Monday morning at drop off. Please don't forget to price them. If you want to donate the money to the Jubilee Fund that's great but if not you will need to put your name and contact details on the label. The sale runs from 1500-1730 on Monday afternoon. Any clothes not sold must be collected on Tuesday morning or we will assume they are to be donated to the Secondhand Uniform Exchange. Cheques and cash only please - and bring your own bags.

Meirion Shaw

School Uniform Shop

During the Summer holiday the Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

Tuesday 3 rd August	0900 - 1200
Thursday 5 th August	1500 - 1700
Tuesday 10 th August	0900 - 1200
Thursday 12 th August	1500 - 1700
Thursday 2 nd September	0900 - 1200

During term-time, the Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays from 0815 to 0915 and on Thursdays from 1530 to 1730.

The Jubilee Fund - Update

Many of you will be waiting for further news on the status of the Jubilee Fund. To date, we have raised almost £28,000. Costed quotations and further suggestions on how to spend this money, including the upgrading of the pavilion and adding toilet facilities, have been submitted. The projects will be discussed and agreed with the school before final decisions are taken. We look forward to spending this money wisely and we will undertake the works in the near future. Further details will be announced next year. In the meantime, we thank you for all your support.

Mrs Millar and Mrs Thompson

The Hall Grove Recipe Book - Update

As the term draws to a close, I wanted to give you an update on the Recipe Book fundraising. We have so far achieved 75% of our target and have sent a cheque to Send a Cow for £1,544.52. This means that we will provide a village in Africa with a dairy cow, ten chickens, a donkey, two goats, a local cow, a beehive, a bull, three sheep and some farm training. Many thanks to all of you who have supported us and bought the recipe books. To reach our target, we still have about fifty copies to sell. So, if anyone needs presents for family, friends or hosts during the Summer, it could be the perfect gift. Orders can be left at the School Office or sent to me (gluck@penhela.com). All orders placed before 1730 on Monday 5th July will be left at the School Office for collection on Tuesday 6th July. Many thanks!

Mrs Gluckstein

Sponsored Events

The Wallace family would like to thank all the Years 3 and 4 children who took part in the sponsored running race in memory of Cameron and Lily's brother, Tom, who died in April this year. The family wish to raise enough money to buy a life-saving brain scanner for St. George's Hospital, Tooting. The race was a great success and all the children were amazingly strong and ran for a full 25 minutes around the 600m track - it was a hot day so no mean feat. Well done everyone! As the end of term is looming, please may I remind parents to send in the forms and monies raised for my attention either via the School Office, 1DL, 4JD or, if more convenient, please make a donation on the fundraising site directly (www.justgiving.com/tom-wallace-).

Mrs Wallace

Dartmoor Classic Cycle Race

Mr Tullett completed the Dartmoor Classic Cycle Race on 27th June for charity, his aim was to raise funds for Battle Back, an organisation which helps injured servicemen and women rehabilitate. Mr Tullett finished the gruelling 109 mile course in 7 hours 45 minutes. If you would like to make a donation towards this cause, please go to the Help For Heroes website (<http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/battleback.html>) or pass any donations to Mr Tullett directly.

London to Paris 24 Hour Charity Bike Ride

Scope is a disability organisation in England and Wales whose focus is people with cerebral palsy. Scope's vision is a world where disabled people have the same opportunities to fulfil their life ambitions as non-disabled people.

George Langley (husband of Mrs Langley - Year 1) will team up with a friend and will be cycling from London to Paris in 24 hours on 23rd July. This is no ordinary charity bike ride, but an iconic 300 mile route. If you would like to sponsor him and help raise money for this worthy cause, please visit the online donation website (www.virginmoneygiving.com/georgelangley).

Sebastian's Action Trust

Come and join us for coffee at our office in Sunninghill (Prospect House, Queens Road, SL5 9AF) on Tuesday 6th July between 1000 and 1200, and take the opportunity to view our Summer merchandise. We have a lovely range of picnicware, stunning jewellery from our Copenhagen-based designer, Hultquist, a range of beach, weekend and cosmetic bags, an array of gifts for children, homeware including scented candles, room diffusers and our Culinary Concepts range and much more!

