

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Term has started very happily, with a near record 330 pupils on roll. The first few days have seen the children adapt very well to new routines and already there is an established sense of order about the school. The buildings and grounds are all looking most attractive after all of the maintenance work done over the Summer break.

We enclose two new publications of which we hope you will approve: an extended school calendar and a 'how to find us' leaflet. Whilst the latter is primarily intended for new parents, you may well like to keep a copy at home.

One of our key development aims this year is to improve our communication. We hope these new publications, together with the replacement driveway signs, will make a welcome start. Later in the term there will be a Parents' Forum which is an opportunity for you to share views and ideas with us.

Staff News

Mr O'Byrne has been granted some leave from school and he will return later in the term. In the meantime, his lessons are being taken by Mr Tom Ordish, an engineering graduate with a strong science background. We have also taken on one additional Gap Student to assist with Year 2 and with Senior Games, Mr James Woolsey.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr and Mrs Lewis on their recent marriage.

Calendar Amendments

Please note that the Year 6 leadership training has been moved from Thursday 16th September to Thursday 23rd September.

The date has now been confirmed for Van Cols, the school photographers, to visit the school to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. They will visit on the morning of Friday 22nd October and not Thursday 7th October as provisionally noted in the School Calendar.

Car Parking

From Monday we will ask all those parents collecting boys and girls from a club at 1630 or 1730 to park on the tennis courts and walk up the drive to collect their children. Please enter the courts from the Uniform Shop side and leave at the Little Grove end.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs begin on Monday 13th September and run until Friday 10th December, inclusive, with the exception of Upper School Judo which will end on Friday 3rd December.

Autumn Term After School Basketball

After school basketball sessions will commence on Monday 13th September, running from 1735 to 1830. Children in Years 7 and 8 are invited to attend and any who wish to be involved should meet in New Hall on Monday at 1735. These sessions are not charged.

Footsteps Dance Classes

Footsteps dance classes commence on Friday 17th September, run by Fiona Stein. The classes will be taking place in the Dining Hall and, for those enrolled, you are asked to collect your child after their class from Miss Stein in the Library (Reception and Year 1 children finish at 1610 – Years 2 and 3 children finish at 1715). Dance uniform, which is compulsory for all Footsteps pupils, will be available for you to purchase in the Library on Friday 17th September.

Parents' Briefings

A reminder that Parents' Briefings will be taking place as follows:

Reception:	Monday 13 th September at 1900 in Reception classrooms
Years 1 and 2:	Tuesday 14 th September at 1900 in classrooms
Years 3, 4 and 5:	Monday 13 th September at 1900 in New Hall
Year 6:	Tuesday 14 th September at 1900 in New Hall
Years 7 and 8:	Wednesday 15 th September at 1900 in New Hall

The evenings will begin at 1815 with an informal social gathering in the garden alongside New Hall over drinks (indoors if wet). Parents should not bring children to school for the meetings. Individual parent-teacher consultations have been arranged for later in the Autumn term.

Twilight Sessions

To make the end of the school day more flexible for parents, and to help stagger collection times, we shall trial an extended school day where Years 6, 7 and 8 children can stay on for a supervised prep or for some outdoor play with the boarders up until 1815. Initially there will be no additional charge, but we will need to have a register of those wishing to take advantage of the scheme. Further details will be given at the Parents' Briefings next week.

Common Entrance Coaching

On Monday evenings, Mr N Dawson (formerly Headmaster of Sunningdale School) gives short individual lessons to Upper School boys and girls in preparation for CE. Over the years he has successfully prepared countless pupils for a variety of senior schools, many to Eton. Parents who would like their children to attend a regular lesson should let the School Office know by email (office@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) and we will include them on the rota. Supper should be booked through the Boarding House.

School Bookshop

If you are looking for quality books and resources to use at home with your child to help support his or her learning in the classroom, you should find everything you need in our school bookshop. We have teamed up with Galore Park, the leading publisher of educational resources for pupils at independent schools, to offer a range of books to help your child with his or her studies and revision. Simply go to www.galorepark.co.uk to visit the school bookshop, where you can browse a selection of books and resources that we recommend. You can also look at sample pages of all the books and place your order directly.

Music Department

Choir auditions for pupils in Years 3 to 8 will take place on Wednesday 15th September (for Year 3 and Year 8), Thursday 16th September (Year 4 and Year 7) and Friday 17th September (Year 5 and Year 6) between 0800 and 0830. The results of the auditions will be published on Monday 20th September and choir rehearsals will commence on Tuesday 21st September.

All of the instrumental ensembles will start in the week commencing Monday 13th September. A full rehearsal schedule is displayed on the noticeboard outside the Clanwilliam Room. If you require any further information, please contact Miss Taylor (01276 470008 or r.taylor@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk).

School Policies

Please be advised that many of our school policies and school information are published on the Hall Grove website (www.hallgrove.co.uk). There is a direct link from the Home Page which will take you to downloadable versions of the following:

- i) Pastoral Care Statement
- ii) Bullying Policy
- iii) Safeguarding Policy
- iv) Admissions Policy
- v) Discipline, Behaviour, Sanctions and Rewards Policy
- vi) Special Educational Needs Policy (SEN)
- vii) Learning Disorders and Disabilities Policy (LDD)
- viii) English as an Additional Language Policy (EAL)
- ix) Curriculum Policy
- x) Complaints Procedure
- xi) Staff List and Qualifications
- xii) School Trips Policy
- xiii) Particulars of Recent Academic Performance

All of these documents may be requested in hard copy form from the School Office at any time.

Sports Staffing Structure

Mrs Lewis is the Head of Girls' Games, assisted primarily by Mrs Tilley, Mrs Lavery and Mrs Maxfield and other staff where necessary. The girls will begin the year with netball, before switching to hockey from the end of November which continues throughout the Spring term. During the netball season, Mrs Maxfield will take the 1st VII, Mrs Lavery the 2nd VII, Mrs Lewis the U11 VII and U10 A VII and Mrs Tilley the U10 B VII. Miss Dowse and Mrs Cooper will assist where required on senior match days. For the junior teams, Mrs Lewis will take the U9 A VII, Mrs Lavery the U8 A VII and Mrs Tilley the U8 B VII.

Mr Joll is the Head of Boys' Games. Up until half term football is the main sport for boys. Mr Tomlinson is the senior football coach (1st XI), and the other coaches are Mr Joll (2nd XI), Mr Ordish (3rd XI) and Mr Lewis (4th XI). The U11s (Colts) are shared between Mr Tullett, Mr Adams and Mr Hine; the U10s between Mr Heanley and Mr Towler; the U9s are coached by Mr Towler and Mr Tullett; the U8s by Mr Tomlinson and Mr Joll; the U7s by Mr Slape.

If parents wish to discuss team selections and other such issues please in the first instance speak to the team coach and then to Mr Joll (boys) or Mrs Lewis (girls).

Please note that boys and girls are expected to be available for all weekend inter-school matches; we do not excuse players for birthday parties etc. Written permission for weekend absence from a school match must be obtained from Mr Tullett, the Director of Sport, or the Headmaster at least a week prior to the fixture. If ill on the day of a Saturday fixture please telephone the Sports Office (01276 470009) by 0900 at the very latest.

School Travel Policy - Away Matches

Please note that, whenever possible, we like players to travel with their teams to and from away fixtures. We are aware that there may be occasions when a parent would wish to take their child directly home after the match. We would ask that, for weekday matches, prior permission is obtained from the School Office. If there are timetable commitments at school following the match the players must return with their teams.

Mouthguard Fitting - Tuesday 21st September and Tuesday 28th September

OPRO, the dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards, will be conducting mouthguard fittings at Hall Grove on Tuesday 21st September and Tuesday 28th September. The forms, which were sent out during the holidays, need to be returned to OPRO if you wish to obtain a mouthguard for your child/children from them. Additional forms are available from the School Office. Please be aware that every child from Year 3 upwards must have a mouthguard in school, whether it be one purchased from a sports shop, one supplied and fitted by their own dentist or one supplied and fitted by OPRO.

Sports News

The 3rd XI and 4th XI v Feltonfleet fixtures taking place on Wednesday 15th September are both home matches starting at 1430.

The U9 fixtures on Thursday 16th September are now taking place at Ripley Court instead of St. Andrew's. The timings remain the same.

Hall Grove Football Tournament - Saturday 11th September

1st XI, Colts A XI and Colts B XI teams are to meet at Hall Grove at 0830. The tournament will start at 0900 and should be finished by approximately 1300.

Four Schools Cricket Festival - Sunday 12th September

Mr Lewis has advised those boys who are required for the Cricket Festival on Sunday 12th September. Please note that it starts at 0930 and finishes at 1800. Lunch is provided for the players and their parents.

1st XV Rugby Training

1st XV rugby training will take place on Wednesdays from 1735 to 1830 commencing on Wednesday 15th September.

Netball Fundraising Evening - Thursday 16th September

On Thursday 16th September a Netball Fundraising Evening will be held at Hall Grove for girls and their parents in Years 4 to 8. The evening will follow a similar format to last year, with mothers and their daughters taking part in netball matches from 1830 on the hard surface. Brothers and fathers are also very welcome and you may even see one or two staff taking to the court! Following an hour of netball, we plan to have a buffet-style supper in the Dining Hall. Tickets for the event will be £5 for adults, with no charge for children. This price will include the evening of netball, a buffet supper and a raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be available at a price of 50p per ticket. We look forward to seeing you there! Please complete the form on the letter enclosed or email Mrs Lewis at k.lewis@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to attend.

Wellington College Golf Competitions

There is a competition for children in Year 7 and below on Sunday 26th September. It is open to individuals attending with their parents. Also, there is a Parents' Competition which will take place on Saturday 9th October and our parents are welcome to enter. All details are available on the Wellington College website (<http://intranet.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/golf/prep-school-competitions>).

Adult Ceramics Evening Classes

Ceramics Evening Classes will not resume just yet. If any work needs to be collected and paid for please contact Miranda on 07951 572560.

Pony Grove

We currently have some spaces on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in our 1520 lesson slots for Reception children. They are 20 minute lessons and are specifically designed for younger children. We also have a handful of spaces available on Saturday mornings, one space at 1645 on Wednesdays and one at 1745 on Tuesdays. If you are interested in your child trying a lesson or would like some further information, please contact Caroline Hadden-Wight (07734 049837 or caroline@hadden-wight.com).

A message from Grace Burns

It is impossible to write a personal thank you letter to everyone who gave me individual gifts and so generously contributed to my leaving present, so please forgive me if I do it via the medium of this newsletter. To say I was overwhelmed, not only by this but also by everything else that happened and that was said at the end of last term, is an understatement! I have used the money to buy an antique clock. After a great deal of searching in antique shops all over the South West, and looking at literally hundreds on the internet, I found just the one in a small clock shop locally in Somerset. It now sits in pride of place on my sideboard and, even after having had it for several weeks now, I still find myself going into the living room just to hear it chime! It is just what I wanted and I am hugely grateful to you all. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the warmth of your friendship, your kind words and, of course, all the delightful memories of your children that I have had the privilege to encounter during my years here. It is a remarkable school, I am proud to have been a part of it, and I shall always treasure my time at Hall Grove.

Help Create a Huge Stir - Friday 24th September

Mrs Graham will be hosting a coffee morning in the school pavilion from 0830 to 1130 on Friday 24th September as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Care. Everyone is welcome so please drop in (parking on the fields if dry weather). Any home-grown produce would be welcome for sale to increase the funds.

Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust - Heritage Day

The Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust is holding a Heritage Day at Bagshot's Old Police Station, 4-10 London Road, Bagshot, GU19 5HN on Sunday 12th September from 1000 to 1600 as part of Surrey Heath's Heritage Weekend. Throw on your detective's coat and investigate Bagshot's Old Police Station!

Second Hand Rose Designer Sale - Friday 24th September

There will be a Designer Sale taking place on Friday 24th September at 6 Oriental Road, Sunninghill, SL5 7A in aid of The Children's Trust. Tickets are £5 and include a tea or coffee and cupcake. All are welcome and tickets can be purchased online (www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/secondhandrose).

If you would like to sell any used clothes, bags, shoes and accessories at the sale, please drop your items off (on a hanger) at the above address on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st September between 0900 and 2000. Please ensure that your items are nearly new and in very good condition. You are required to list, number and price all items for sale. 80% of the sale price will be returned to you. All items not sold must be collected by Saturday 25th September at 1200. Items not collected will automatically be taken to The Children's Trust Charity Shop. If you require any further information, please contact Julia Hart on 07814 493908.

For Sale

Mercedes Benz B200 CDI SE, 2007 (reg 07). Five door hatchback, diesel, 2.0L, automatic, blue metallic, full Mercedes service history, multifunction steering wheel, air conditioning, parktronic, electronic windows, mileage approx 9,400. The car is in a very neat condition with no scratches or dents. It is very spacious and easily fits three Maxi Cosy type of seats in the back. Asking price: £12,950. If interested, please contact Magda at magdaschellekens@hotmail.com or on 07970 192428.

Sebastian's Action Trust Golf Day - Friday 1st October

Sebastian's Action Trust is holding a Golf Day at Mill Ride Golf Club on Friday 1st October. Join us at this lovely venue for a game of golf in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. The cost is £70 per head which includes breakfast, green fees and dinner. Alternatively, the cost of a team of four with corporate sponsorship is £420. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sebastian's Action Trust (01344 622500 or info@sebastiansactiontrust.org).

