

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The Parents' Briefings all went very well and we received very positive feed-back from a number of parents. If any family did not receive the detailed curriculum notes, please let us know. One issue that came up in the Year 1 meeting was the use of the climbing equipment opposite TASC. Parents are asked to respect the notices attached to the frame and not allow their children to play on it unless there is supervision from one of the Hall Grove staff members. (Further information below.)

Years 6, 7 and 8 parents are reminded that we now have a more flexible finish to the school day with a supervised prep session offered until 1815. You are asked to email the School Office on the days you wish to use this service. A staggered end to the school day should reduce the traffic on the drive at the 1730 collection. We are looking to see whether we can offer a similar service for Pre-Prep and Middle School parents.

In the mornings, parents may park on the tennis courts if there are no temporary parking spaces available (please be aware that tennis lessons start at 0850 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings). Children can then use the marked crossing to walk up the brick path to school. This should ease the flow of traffic a little and prevent the backing up of cars onto the main road.

Climbing Frame

The reason for restricting the use is one of safety and responsibility. Some years ago a pupil suffered a severe fracture by falling from a similar frame in the school garden, and unfortunately experience now indicates that we cannot rely on parental supervision. The equipment is in frequent use at school play times and by TASC, but we regret that it cannot be used for free access.

Building Works

There will shortly be a digger working on site making a temporary vehicle access to the back lawns in preparation for our next construction project. More information about the new extension will follow.

Year 7 Battisborough Field Trip

A big thank you to all Year 7 parents for returning the confirmation slips so promptly. On the morning of departure, the minibuses will be at the top of the drive in front of the main house, ready for us to load up as children are dropped off at their usual time. A reminder to parents that the children are to pack using their sports bag and a small day sack for trips out. There will be a medical container in the front of one of the minibuses so could we ask that parents direct any medication, in a clearly labelled bag, to Mrs Lewis who will place it directly into the container. Any asthma inhalers should stay with your child. On our return on Friday, we aim to have pupils back at Hall Grove in time for their normal evening collection. Please note that all packed lunches and snacks will be provided by the school and there is no need for pupils to bring any food. Please be aware that mobile phones, electronic games, sweets and drinks are strictly forbidden.

Pupil and Medical Information Forms

If there is a blue Pupil Information Form and/or a yellow Medical Information Form enclosed with this newsletter please complete and return it/them to the School Office on Monday morning. We would like to remind all parents to inform the School Office promptly of any changes to their home address, contact numbers, email addresses and the medical needs of their children. It is most important that we hold correct information on every pupil.

Breakfast and Supper Clubs

Breakfast Club is available every morning from 0730 for any child from Reception upwards. Please book in advance by emailing Mrs Tilley (l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) or the School Office (office@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk). Supper Club is available for any child from Year 3 upwards to stay at school until 2015, so if you were considering joining the adults netball or have a late meeting just email Mrs Tilley or the School Office to make a booking. Ideally the kitchen staff would like 24 hours notice for both breakfast and supper bookings, but we can always accommodate in an emergency.

Girls Only Boarding Night - Monday 20th September

Have a sleep-over at school with your friends. Special activities, make-up and hair, fashion, art, music and dance, sing-along movie etc or the chance to just play in our beautiful grounds, you choose! To book, please email Mrs Tilley (l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk). Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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. Forms 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 2 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.

5GH Assembly - Thursday 23rd September

The children in 5GH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 23rd September. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 2 Sports Programme

The Sports Programme for Year 2 is co-educational and will run as follows:

Games Lessons	Autumn Term:	Football and hockey
	Spring Term:	Netball and rugby
	Summer Term:	Rounders, athletics and cricket
PE Lessons	Autumn Term:	Spatial awareness, hand-eye co-ordination and foot-eye co-ordination
	Spring Term:	Gymnastics and movement
	Summer Term:	Tennis and swimming.

Year 2 wear football boots for both football and rugby. Initially this term trainers were worn as the ground was hard but, since we have had some rain, football boots can be used. The boots can have moulded studs, metal studs or plastic studs provided that they are kitemarked (this criterion is governed by rugby rules which have strict regulations on studs). We recommend the aluminium rugby studs as they can be used for both football and rugby. Boots can be lace up or velcro, although velcro is easier for the children to put on themselves. Astro shoes may be worn instead of football boots. Shinpads are required for both football and hockey.

Mouthguards are required for hockey and are advisable in rugby although not compulsory as the rugby we will be playing is non-contact. Mouthguards can be purchased from a sports shop, supplied and fitted by your child's own dentist or supplied and fitted by OPRO. Please find enclosed with this newsletter mouthguard information relating to OPRO's forthcoming visit (see Mouthguard Fitting article above).

Sports News

Netball

15 th September v St. Andrew's	2 nd VII won, U11 VII lost, U10 A VII won
Years 3 and 4 Netball Shooting Competition	Year 3: 1 st place - Katie Walker 2 nd place - Olivia Simmons
	Year 4: 1 st place - Jessica Hammans 2 nd place - Imogen Marlow

Weekend Netball Tournaments - Saturday 18th September

U13 Feltonfleet Tournament	U13 girls to meet Mrs Lavery at Feltonfleet by 0930 for a 1000 start
U11 Sir William Perkins's Tournament	U11 girls to meet Mrs Lewis at Sir William Perkins's by 0930 for a 1000 start

Netball Fixture Calendar Amendment

Next week's U9 netball v Feltonfleet on Thursday 23rd September is now an away match starting at 1430

Football

15 th September v Crosfields	1 st XI drew, 2 nd XI won, Colts A XI won, Colts C drew, U10 B XI won, Colts B XI, Colts D XI, U10 A XI, U10 C XI and U10 D XI lost
15 th September v Feltonfleet	3 rd XI drew, 4 th XI won
16 th September v St. Andrew's & Ripley Court	Ripley Court U9 A VII won St. Andrew's U9 A VII lost
	Ripley Court U9 B VII won St. Andrew's U9 B VII lost
	Ripley Court U9 C VII lost St. Andrew's U9 C VII drew
	U9 D, E and F VII lost
16 th September v Lanesborough	U8 A VI won, U8 B VI lost, U8 C VI won, U8 D VI lost

Weekend Football Fixtures - Saturday 18th September

Football v Lanesborough 2nd XI, U10 A XI, U10 B VII to meet at Hall Grove at 0940 for home matches starting at 1000
Colts A XI to meet at Hall Grove by 0900 for an away match starting at 1000
Colts B XI to meet at Hall Grove by 0950 for an away match starting at 1050

Netball Tour Fundraising Evening

Many thanks to those parents and children who came to the fundraising evening last night. There was an excellent atmosphere with a high standard of netball on show, and some lovely food afterwards! Over £280 was raised for the tour.

Adult Netball - Wednesday Evenings 1930 - 2030

We are looking for netball players of all abilities to join us on Wednesday evenings (the first session took place this week). It is great fun and a good workout too! Don't worry if you haven't played for years, we are a friendly and informal group who need more players to make up teams. Please come along and try it out - we play on the courts by TASC. For further information, please contact Caroline Grant on 01276 858348.

International Optimist Class Association National Championships 2010

Piers Nicholls (Year 5) competed in the Optimist Nationals over the Summer holidays held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, the venue for the sailing in the 2012 Olympics. Piers raced in the Regatta Racing Fleet (62 competitors of 9 to 13 year olds) winning 7 out of 13 races to secure 1st place overall. This year's event had a record 497 national and international competitors and Piers also won 'the mouse trophy' for being the highest placed youngest competitor in his group. Jack Parkin (former HG pupil) returned from America to compete in the same event and secured 2nd place in the Junior Fleet (77 competitors of 11 to 13 year olds) and was only three points away from 1st place. William Nicholls (HG leaver 2008) competed in the UK National Laser Championships held in Mounts Bay in an event which saw over 210 entries. He competed as a junior against other juniors, youths and adults and he secured 1st place in the Silver Fleet.

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.

The Holly Ball – Friday 17th December

A team of Hall Grove parents has organised a Christmas Ball in aid of The Children's Trust. The event will take place at Englemere in Ascot. The evening will start with a Champagne Reception in the Grand Entrance with its exquisite fireplace and sweeping staircase. Then you can dance the night away with music from The Bobby Kemp Big Band and The London Show Band. Food will be on the move this year with a fantastic selection of 'Bowl Food' (no tables of ten!). Thanks to our sponsors, Sytners of Sunningdale, there will be some fantastic auction prizes to be won on the night. Finally we will finish the evening off with a sherry and mince pie and a couple of carols around the Christmas tree at midnight. Tickets will be £45 each. Please buy tickets online at www.thehollyball.com or contact Glynn and Lorraine Gordon on 07767 297917 or Sarah McKechnie on 07545 307033.

Sunningdale Area Carnival - Sunday 19th September

The Sunningdale Area Carnival 2010 Cultural Extravaganza is taking place at Broomhall Recreation Ground on Sunday 19th September. Gates open at 1100. Entry: £1 per person, under 5s free. There will be lots of stalls and activities - something for everyone to enjoy! Visit sunningdaleareacarnival.co.uk for further information.

For Sale

Dragons of Walton Street – hand-painted children's safari bedroom set comprising bed with guest trundle bed under, wardrobe, chest of drawers, bedside cabinet, shelf and mirror. The set has been lovingly looked after, but my son has outgrown it. Cost over £6000 new. Selling complete set for £2000 ono. If interested, please contact Tania Wright at tawright@cisco.com or on 07801 141494.

Windsor Half Marathon

Debbie Wallace, mother of Cameron (Year 5) and Lily (Year 2) will be running in the Windsor Half Marathon on Sunday 26th September in order to raise funds for a brain scanner for St. George's Hospital in Tooting. Mrs Wallace would welcome any sponsorship which can be donated at www.justgiving.com/tom-wallace.

