

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Last week the school's accreditation for the Investors in People award was reviewed. We were delighted to be told in a highly complimentary report that we were judged to have exceeded the standard. Our thanks to all the staff and the senior managers who took part in the interviews. We are now awaiting our next short-notice ISI educational inspection which we can expect any day now.

Please support the Harvest Fair and the Grandparents' Afternoon next week. Grandparents are welcome to arrive from 1345. The children always really enjoy this chance to show their more senior relatives around the school. Parking will be on the field, disabled parking on the drive near the school. Pre-Prep will be giving a short performance of dance and song in New Hall at 1400. Cakes, teas and other refreshments will be served outdoors (weather permitting) from 1430. There will be several market stalls and we hope that families will support our fundraising by buying produce. Children may go home with their families at any time after 1500. TASC will still be available. Judo and Footsteps Dance Classes will run as usual and grandparents are welcome to watch.

Instrumental Timetables

Instrumental timetables are now available to view on the website in the 'News' section on the front page. They show the date and time of the children's instrumental lessons with the peripatetic staff for the current week and the week following.

Signing In and Out

May we remind you that if your child arrives after morning registration has taken place he/she must be signed in at the School Office before proceeding to class. Also, if for any reason your child needs to be collected before the end of the school day, please come to the School Office where he/she will be brought to meet you and will be signed out.

Please be aware that visitors to the school, outside of normal drop-off and collection times, are required to report to the School Office – this includes all parents. Unless otherwise directed, all access to the buildings during the school day will be via the front door, where you must report to the School Office to be signed in.

Pre-Prep Dance Celebration - Saturday 16th October

The Pre-Prep Dance Celebration is taking place tomorrow and set out below is a reminder of the timings for the show:

- 1240 Pupils to be dropped off to their class teacher before parents make their way to New Hall
- 1255 Parents take their seats in New Hall
- 1300 Show Time!
- 1400 Refreshments (in the Dining Hall following the performance, children will return to their classrooms for collection).

The Upper School Remove Group have helped to organise the dance celebration and will be performing two routines. These children should arrive at 1220.

All the children are so excited at the thought of performing and we hope you will enjoy their show.

Middle School Shooting Club - Monday 18th October

Shooting Club will not be running on Monday 18th October due to the Middle School Parents' Evening. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Open Morning - Thursday 21st October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 21st October from 0930 to 1230. It is intended for prospective parents so we would be grateful if you could inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

School Photographs - Friday 22nd October

Van Cols, the School Photographer, has been booked to come on Friday 22nd October to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Please make sure that the children are of smart appearance on the day with the boys wearing their uniform shirt, tie and blazer and the girls in their Winter uniform.

Harvest Festival Assembly - Friday 22nd October

We are holding a special Harvest Festival Assembly at 0840 on Friday 22nd October and all parents are welcome to attend. If you are able to come, please be in New Hall by 0830. Incorporated into the service will be 3JD's harvest-themed class assembly. Those children who would like to bring in small gifts of home-grown or home-made produce (eg fruit, vegetables, chutney, jam, cakes, a bunch of flowers etc) should carry them into assembly. The gifts will be donated to elderly people living in Bagshot, but the produce must be home-grown.

Harvest Fair and Farmers' Market - Friday 22nd October from 1400 to 1730

We are really excited to be holding Hall Grove's first Harvest Fair and Farmers' Market and hope that it is well supported and enjoyed by the parents. The school drive will be closed during collection time on Friday with parking on the sports pitches to encourage everyone to walk up to collect their children and browse the stalls. It is also Grandparents' Afternoon so please encourage them to explore it too.

There will be organic meats and vegetables from South Battsborough, lamb from Devon, pork and sausages from a local Bisley ex-Hall Grove parent - Debra Sims, honey from Mark Chatterton's bees, Riverford vegetables, plants from Longacres, pumpkins for Halloween, delicious home-made food and cakes, eggs, chickens, and much more.

We also would be extremely grateful for donations of cakes, quiches, ready meals, marmalades, jams, relishes etc. Please drop them off on Friday morning to the School Office.

Grandparents' Afternoon - Friday 22nd October

On the same afternoon as the Harvest Fair, we would like to warmly invite all grandparents to visit the school. They will be met by their grandchildren who will show them around. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon and there will be 'open lessons' and activities which the visitors are welcome to observe, as well as shopping at the Farmers' Market.

Jersey Netball Tour

On Thursday 7th October, seven Year 6 and ten Year 5 girls left Hall Grove for their netball tour to the island of Jersey. With a good weather forecast, excitement was high as the girls arrived on Jersey and made their way to the first matches of the tour, against St. George's. The U10 team played extremely well and won comfortably and the U11 side were unlucky to narrowly lose. Friday came with a visit to the Jersey Living Legends village with an interactive presentation about the history of the island. The girls then played their second matches of the trip, the U10 team drawing a very exciting encounter and the U11s again narrowly losing. Saturday brought a major highlight with a visit to Durrell Conservation, where species of all shapes and sizes are found - this proved to be very popular with girls and staff alike! Due to the lovely weather and the close proximity of our hotel to the beach, the girls were able to build sandcastles and play to their hearts' content prior to their last matches. Although both sides lost to strong opponents in the final round of games, all girls improved considerably over the course of the tour and can be very proud of the way in which they carried themselves and represented the school. Mrs Lewis would like to thank the girls, Mrs Tilley and Miss Dowse for a most enjoyable weekend.

Mouthguards

Mouthguards have been given out to those who ordered them through OPRO. We would ask that the children wear their mouthguards for a period of time to check for comfort. If there are any problems, please see Mr Joll.

Sports Team Sheets

We are trialling a new system whereby team sheets will be available on the day before a fixture on the school website in a PDF format. It is important to note that teams are subject to change at any time, but any venue change will be communicated via ClarionCall. Any feedback would be welcome.

Simply Inspirational!

The rugby squad was treated to an inspiring talk on Wednesday by the world-famous former All Black Captain, Sean Fitzpatrick. What a motivating way to begin our rugby season.

Sports News

Netball

13th October v Eagle House

U10 B VII won, 1st VII, 2nd VII, U11 VII and U10 A VII lost

14th October v Eagle House

U9 VII lost, U8 VII drew

Football

13th October v Sunningdale

1st XI won, 2nd XI lost, 3rd XI won, Colts A XI won, Colts B XI won

13th October v King's House

U10 A VI won, U10 B VI won, U10 C VI won, U10 D VI lost

14th October v Yateley Manor

U9 A, B, C and D VI lost, U9 E VI drew

14th October v Parkside and Hawthorns

Parkside U8 A VI lost Hawthorns U8 A VI won

Parkside U8 B VI won Hawthorns U8 B VI won

Parkside U8 C VI won Hawthorns U8 C VI won

House Football Matches - Saturday 16th October

Years 3 and 4 children should arrive at school by 0850 for matches starting at 0900 and they should be finished by 1000. Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 children should arrive at school by 1010 for matches that start at 1020 and they should finish by 1130. Children should wear their house t-shirts. Girls are more than welcome to participate in what is always an exciting morning of football. Parking will be on the netball courts by Little Grove and tennis lessons will take place on the court by the swimming pool.

Northbrook Gift Wrap Sale

If you wish to place an order this year, please return your Gift Wrap forms to the School Office by Wednesday 20th October.

Operation Christmas Child

As many of you will remember, we have in previous years taken part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse and each shoe box provides a Christmas gift for a girl or boy who is a victim of war, poverty, famine, disease or natural disaster. Details of how to fill the shoe boxes are set out in the enclosed leaflet. Please include a donation (recommended donation is £2.50 per box) which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. If you would like to donate more, any extra will go towards supporting disadvantaged families. Cheques should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Alternatively, you can pay online. Giving online makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to make your donation. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by Friday 12th November.

Pony Grove - Riding for the Disabled

A huge thank you to everyone involved in any way, whether it was sponsoring, taking part or just being there to help on the day. At a rough count we think we have exceeded last year and made nearly £7,000 for the Quest Riding for the Disabled Group which is fantastic. It was a beautiful sunny day and we had over 160 riders. Special mention must go to Alessandro Heaney who completed the 5 mile ride and raised a whopping £360 (well done to mum too who rode with him and raised £140). Also congratulations to Jamie Grant, Saxon Walker, Harry and Oliver Hadden-Wight who all completed the 12 mile course (accompanied by Alison Walker and James Hadden-Wight), Jessica Hammans who completed the 5 mile course (and to mum who ran round it!) and Roman Walker who completed the 2 mile course.

Also a special mention to Hero and Flicker who went round the 2 mile course several times with many disabled riders from the Quest Group. They were superstars and the riders all had a great time.

Holistic Stylist

Thank you for such a good response last week to the news that I have opened the Centre of Positive Energy in Chobham. During October all first bookings taken will be less 10% to Hall Grove parents for all the complementary therapists and for my make-over and styling services. My website is now live and you can find out more about how I can help you be the best you can at www.holisticstylist.co.uk or call me on 07770 885080.

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