

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Many children in Upper School would like to support an educational project being set up in Haiti by Olivia Owen, a young teacher from Heatherton House School. She has shown considerable bravery in overcoming numerous obstacles and difficulties and is achieving some very worthwhile results. There will be an Upper School Mufti Day on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Years 6, 7 and 8 children are asked to bring in a minimum of £2 if they would like to take part.*

*This is the last newsletter of the Spring term and we take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday.*

## **Haiti Visiting Speaker**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Olivia Owen spoke to the children in Years 6, 7 and 8 telling of the volunteer work she has been doing in Haiti following their earthquake. Following her visit she wrote:

"Just a note to say how much I enjoyed visiting your lovely school and charming students. I was blown away by how responsive and extremely knowledgeable the students were on the subject of Haiti and earthquakes. It was also fantastic to get some feedback from you and I will take it all onboard accordingly. Thank you for your offer of a donation and your school's intentions to fundraise for me. I can assure you from all of us that every bit is so greatly appreciated and will go a long way to make a difference to the children of Haiti. Finally, please pass on the message to your pupils about how impressed I am. I look forward to returning to Hall Grove in the future to deliver positive news on the developments of EduHaitian."

## **Red Cross Coffee Morning for Christchurch, New Zealand**

A big thank you to everyone who baked, donated, drank and helped in contributing a fantastic £787.87 to the appeal in aid of the residents of Christchurch who are still coming to terms with their recent earthquake. The total includes the £200 winning bid for Chelsea match tickets which were kindly donated by Ryan Thompson (Year 5).

## **After School Clubs and TASC**

Please note that the final clubs of this term are today. TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as places are limited.

## **Instrumental Competition Concert - Tonight**

There will be a concert tonight (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March) in New Hall at 1900 featuring the winning performances from the Instrumental Competition. All pupils, parents and friends are warmly invited to attend and the concert should end by 2015. The competition, which has taken place over the past two weeks, was a great success with over one hundred and forty performances on sixteen different instruments. It was divided into four different instrumental sections and each was adjudicated by a music specialist: Mr R Bristow, St. John's Leatherhead; Mr J Parsons, Charterhouse; Mr D Brewer, Wellington College; Mr Ault, Sub-Principal Clarinetist, English National Opera.

## **Team Photographs - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

School Photographers, Gillman and Soame, will be at school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March to take team photographs during games lessons. The aim is to take pictures of all the Winter teams since September. Please could parents ensure all Winter sports kits are sent into school on Monday morning in a clean and tidy condition. Thank you.

## **5GH Assembly - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

The children in 5GH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **2PL Assembly - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

The children in 2PL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0915. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Staff v Pupils Hockey Match - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

There will be a staff v combined boys and girls 1<sup>st</sup> team match on the astro at 1630 on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Parents and younger pupils are welcome to watch.

## **Spring Concert - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

The Spring Concert will take place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March in New Hall starting at 1900. It will include all of our ensembles, i.e. Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Ensemble, Junior and Senior Ensembles (Recorder, Wind, Strings and Brass). Hall Grove Choir and Girls Choir will also be taking part on this occasion. This will be a wonderful evening of music and an opportunity to witness the hard work that has taken place over this term. All pupils, parents and friends are warmly invited to attend the concert.

## **Easter Service - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Our Easter Service will be taking place in New Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1030. This is always a lovely occasion with beautiful music; all parents are warmly invited to attend. Coffee will be served in the Library afterwards.

## **Exhibition Hockey Match - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Hall Grove's annual exhibition hockey match between an Invitation Team and the Hall Grove Old Boys and Girls will be played on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1145. It is a great opportunity for the pupils to watch senior hockey played at a very high standard. We would encourage parents to come and watch.

## **End of Term Arrangements - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

1145	Exhibition Hockey Match
1200	Pre-Prep collection time
1215	Years 3 and 4 collection time
1230	Years 5 and 6 collection time
1245	Years 7 and 8 collection time

Middle and Upper School year groups will be dismissed at the side of the all-weather pitch, where the exhibition hockey match will be played. Bags etc will be stacked outside the school buildings. Please park before the barrier as directed.

## **Choristers at Westminster Abbey - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

The Choristers are privileged to have the opportunity of singing evensong at Westminster Abbey on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Evensong will start at 1700 and lasts about 40 minutes. All are warmly invited to come and hear the Choristers sing in such a wonderful setting.

## **Summer Term 2011**

Term starts on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and normal drop-off and collection times apply. Breakfast will be available for those who have booked it and TASC commences on the first day of term. After school clubs start on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **The Royal Wedding - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Just a reminder that, in common with many other independent schools, school will be taking place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Whilst it will be a regular day, we will mark the occasion in a suitable way and we will make sure it is a fun day for all the children. They will all be able to watch the ceremony on a big screen.

## **Summer Uniform**

Summer uniform is to be worn from the start of next term.

## **School Uniform Shop**

The School Uniform Shop will be open at the following times over the Easter holidays:

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	0900 - 1100
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	0900 - 1100

## **Summer Term 2011 School Calendar**

A provisional copy of the calendar will be available on the school website from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The finalised printed copy will be sent home with the first newsletter of next term. Please note the weekend commitments. Parents are reminded that all boys and girls are expected to be available for year group training sessions and weekend matches if they are regular team players.

## Summer Term Ensemble Rehearsals

The current ensemble rehearsal timetable will remain in place for the Summer term. Please note that all rehearsals will start from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## After School Clubs - Summer Term 2011

Club spaces have now been allocated. Please note that the Upper School Ceramics Club will not be running due to insufficient demand. With the exception of the aforementioned and the clubs where we have had to limit numbers (affected children's parents have already been notified), children have been successful in gaining places for the clubs of their choice next term.

## Service Line Tennis Coaching - Summer Term 2011

There has been a great deal of interest in tennis coaching sessions for the Summer term and, for those who have signed up, a slip is included advising the time of your child's lessons next term. There are a couple of spaces remaining for Reception children on Thursdays from 1515 - 1600 and for children in Years 3 and 4 on Thursdays from 1645 - 1730. Please let the School Office know if you would like your child to do tennis coaching next term.

## Sports News

### Girls' Hockey

23<sup>rd</sup> March v Yateley Manor                      2<sup>nd</sup> VII won, U10 A VII won, U11 VII and U10 B VII lost

### Girls' Junior Hockey House Matches

The Years 3 and 4 girls ended their season on Thursday with House Matches. Effort levels were superb from all the girls and the staff enjoyed seeing the improvements that they have all made. Well done to Eagles who won all their matches. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Kestrels, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Falcons and 4<sup>th</sup> to Hawks.

### Boys' Hockey

23<sup>rd</sup> March v Crosfields                      1<sup>st</sup> XI won, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI won, Colts B VII drew, Colts C VII drew, Colts D VII lost, U10 A VII won, U10 B VII won, U10 C VII won

### Wellington College Hockey Tournament - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Congratulations to the Colts A squad on winning the Wellington College Hockey Tournament on Wednesday against six other schools. Having competed in several tournaments over the course of the hockey season and getting as far as the semi-finals on numerous occasions, it was extremely satisfying to see them triumph. Well done boys.

### Calendar Amendments

Please note the following time changes for the boys' fixtures on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March v Eagle House: 1<sup>st</sup> XI is a home match now starting at 1340 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI match is a home fixture now starting at 1540.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII girls' fixtures v Bearwood College on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March are being played at home.

## Cricket Kit

Years 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 may bring cricket bats into school next term (please make sure bats are clearly named). They will be stored as directed by the games staff. **Children are allowed to bring in cricket bags on match days only.** Please be aware that the school supplies all necessary cricket equipment so there is nothing that a child will need that is not provided; however, they may use their own kit on match day if they wish. Years 2 and 3 will not be required to bring bats or kit at any point during the term.

## Buying the Right Cricket Bat

Cricket bats can be expensive items and the wrong weight choice can actually mean that your child's batting regresses rather than improves over the season. If you are buying a bat over the holidays, please make sure that you are confident that any advice you are given is sound. As we all know, the quality of in-store advice from the larger sports chain stores can vary enormously. If in doubt, wait until the start of the season and consult one of several well-qualified cricket coaches that we are lucky to have on the staff here at Hall Grove.

## Swimming

The children will be swimming as part of the PE programme in the Summer term. All children in Years 3 to 5 must have a Hall Grove swimming costume (see uniform list). If children in Years 6 to 8 do not have a Hall Grove swimming costume, they must wear a plain blue or black one. Pre-Prep parents please see enclosed letter.

## After School Golf at Windlesham Golf Academy

Following a very successful taster session on Thursday, please find enclosed details of how to enrol for the after school golf lessons at Windlesham Golf Club next term. Session will be available for children in Years 3 to 8 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Lessons for Years 3 and 4 children will be from 1630 to 1730 and Years 5 to 8 from 1730 to 1830. If interested, please complete and return the enclosed form to the School Office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please note that parents are responsible for taking their children to Windlesham Golf Club and collecting them. Cars may be left at school and you can walk through to the grounds to the clubhouse.

It is hoped that the weekday lessons will offer additional opportunities to complement the excellent tuition the Golf and Tennis Association provide at weekends.

## **The Golf and Tennis Association**

Summer term golf and tennis lesson booking forms are enclosed; please complete and return to the School Office, with payment, by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Saturday lessons will recommence on 7<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you.

## **Easter Golf Competition - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March (Tomorrow)**

Tomorrow the Golf and Tennis Association is holding this term's Golf Competition in a 'Flag' format, whereby each player has 36 shots. Once the player has played their 36<sup>th</sup> shot, they place their numbered flag in the ground where the ball lies. The furthest flag in each category will be deemed the winner and trophies will be awarded to the winner in Reception-Year 1; Years 2-3; Years 4-5 and Years 6-8 with medals for the runner-up in each category.

Children who already have Saturday morning golf lessons with Symon will play in the competition (instead of their lesson) at no charge. Other members of the Golf and Tennis Association may enter at a cost of £5 or non-members at a cost of £10. The fee is payable on the day and includes a goody bag per player and hot/cold drinks in the Pavilion. This is a lovely opportunity for children to play on the nine hole course at school in a fun competition. We ask that the children are accompanied by an adult who can mark their card and ensure fair play. Please call Caroline Grant TODAY on 01276 858348/07770 755584 to book a tee time if you have not yet done so. Calls on Saturday should be directed to Sarah McKechnie on 07545 307033.

## **Easter Holiday Golf Camps**

Once again, we will be organising children's golf camps during the Easter holidays for members of the Golf and Tennis Association. The camps will run on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 1000 to 1200 at the Berkshire Golf Club for children in Year 3 upwards. However, if younger children wish to participate they must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The approximate cost per camp will be no more than £15 per child, but the exact cost will be finalised when numbers are confirmed. We will need six people to make each camp viable and they will not run with fewer children. Once booked, the full cost will be charged if you cancel within 24 hours of the day of the camp. Please contact Kate Butler at [katej.butler@virgin.net](mailto:katej.butler@virgin.net) for more information or to book. All bookings for the camps are to be received by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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## **Deep River Rock Belfast Marathon**

In memory of Ian Wooldridge, Thandi Wooldridge and son Rhett Wooldridge (Year 2) along with other family members, including Old Girl Tatjana, will be running in the Deep River Rock Belfast Marathon on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. They are raising funds for the Mourne Mountain Rescue Team in Northern Ireland and they would really appreciate your support. If you would like further information or to make a donation please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/twelveoaks>

## **Windsor Crown and Tiara Walk - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 1700**

Registration is now open! Come and join us on Sebastian's Action Trust Crown and Tiara Walk around Royal Windsor. It is a fun event with a party atmosphere – a chance for you to get together with friends, family and work colleagues and do something to make a real difference to the families we help. You don't need to be super fit – choose either 7 or 13 miles and meander through Windsor, The Great Park and Eton past some of the area's most famous and beautiful landmarks. Your registration fee includes a free t-shirt and crown or tiara! Contact [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org) for more information.

## **Music Lessons in the Holidays**

Old Boy Tom Bennett, currently a Music Scholar at Radley College, is available during the Easter holidays to give music tuition in oboe, piano and recorder. He already has Grade 8 in these instruments and is keen to share his expertise and enthusiasm at a reasonable rate. For further information, please contact him on 01344 620880.

## **Cricket Kit For Sale**

Woodworm wheelie kit bag (large red), Woodworm performance batting pads, Woodworm pioneer batting gloves. Excellent condition (nearly new) for £50. If interested, please contact Deborah Langley on 07886 622863.

## **Wanted**

Baby equipment for the impending arrival of two grandchildren, anything most welcome. Please contact Lynn Tilley at [l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) or on 07855 395749.

## **PA with Lifestyle Management Experience**

Do you find that there just aren't enough hours in the day? Could you sometimes do with an extra pair of hands? Do you have jobs that need doing but you keep putting them off? If you are looking for help to balance the demands of work, your family and social life, then I may be able to help. I am a PA with lifestyle management experience and excellent organisation skills and would love to talk to you. Confidentiality guaranteed. For further information, please contact me, Ali Kimber-Bates, at [alikirber-bates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alikirber-bates@yahoo.co.uk) or on 07949 212666.

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