

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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As public excitement and anticipation mounts over the Royal Wedding at Westminster Abbey on Friday, it is pleasing to report that the Hall Grove Choristers were invited to sing at the Abbey before Easter and we hear that they were simply fantastic, far surpassing all expectations. Congratulations to them all and to Miss Taylor for training them to such a very high standard.

This will be a busy term with a school musical, lots of outings, a garden opening, Sports Day, Groove at the Grove, and much more.

Summer Term 2011 School Calendar

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the Summer Term 2011 School Calendar.

After School Clubs

Clubs begin on Tuesday 3rd May and run until Friday 1st July.

After School Golf at Windlesham Golf Academy

There are places still available for golf lessons at the Windlesham Golf Academy. If anyone else would like to sign up, please contact Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk).

Sun Safety at School

The school is concerned about protecting pupils from sunburn and from skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the country. As sunburn and almost all skin cancers are caused by the sun, it is possible to prevent this happening. We believe that by encouraging sun safety and teaching children about the risks of sunlight, we can prevent them burning and contribute towards preventing skin cancer.

The school would like your help and support in this matter. We will encourage children to avoid sunburn and over-exposure to the sun by:

- Seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day.
- Wearing suitable sunhats (available from the school uniform shop) – NAMED.
- Wearing clothing that protects the skin, particularly for outdoor activities and school trips.
- Using a high factor all-day sunscreen (SPF 15+) prior to coming to school.
- Re-applying their own high factor sunscreen, if necessary.

Teachers and support staff on outdoor duties or in charge of school trips will remind all children to cover up in the sun and use sunscreen.

Hayfever

For those children who suffer from hayfever, please could parents either make sure their children have taken medication before they come to school or that medication is sent in, clearly named, and handed to the Matrons.

Weekend Cricket Fixtures - Saturday 30th April

Cricket v Ludgrove 1st XI and 2nd XI to meet at Hall Grove at 1400 for home matches starting at 1430.

Cricket Matches

Please be aware that weekday cricket matches will frequently finish after the end of the school day.

Cricket Kit

Years 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 may bring cricket bats and boxes into school this 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 days if they wish. Years 2 and 3 are not expected to bring bats or kit at any point during the term.

Athletic Spikes

Children are permitted to wear spikes during athletics, but spikes must be kept in a separate shoe bag in school.

Golf 'Flag' Competition

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the recent golf competition. Our Pro, Symon O'Keefe, writes:

"Once again, this year's Flag Competition proved a huge success with more than 30 players competing. It was clear to see all the competitors were giving 100%. The event was played under the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's Rules of Golf, giving the players that all important understanding of the rules and etiquette of the game. These tournaments held at the school are positive on so many different levels. Firstly, it gives our golfers the opportunity to test themselves in a competitive arena against other children of their age. Secondly, it allows players the chance to demonstrate their different shots, club selection, course management and fair play. This term we have seen some encouraging improvement from our golfers, with so many players showing real signs of progress in all golf skills. Three players in particular excelled by finishing on the 10th hole after their 36 shots! The day also saw a number of Reception children get their first taste of playing a round of golf. It is without doubt that, by starting young, grasping the basic fundamentals of the swing is made a lot easier and with continued coaching and practice these children go on to become accomplished players. I look forward to seeing more golfers taking part in both the Saturday lesson programme and our next tournament in the Summer term."

And now the results – the measuring tape was needed to determine the results in several instances!

Reception – Year 1 Trophy:	Winner:	Shrey Rawal (5 th Green)
	Runner-Up:	Joshua Symons (5 th Fairway)
	Special Merit:	James Woolcock (best score in Reception – 4 th Fairway)
Years 2 – 3 Trophy:	Winner:	George Freeman (8 th Green)
	Runner-Up:	Danny Wessely (7 th Green)
	Special Merit:	Archie Graham (best score in Year 2 – 6 th Fairway)
Years 4 – 5 Trophy	Winner:	Xavier Schwarz (10 th Green)
	Runner-Up:	William McKechnie (8 th Green)
	Special Merit:	Anna Ewens (best score in Year 4 – 5 th Green)
Years 6 – 8 Trophy	Winner:	Alex Wessely (10 th Fairway)
	Runner-up:	Alex Good (10 th Fairway)
	Special Merit:	Will Griffin (best score in Year 7 – 9 th Fairway)

Thank you to all the adults who supervised players on the course, we cannot run these competitions without your support. Thank you also to Symon O'Keefe for his guidance and encouragement of the players and to Sarah McKechnie for giving up her time to help me.

Caroline Grant, Golf and Tennis Association

Haiti Earthquake Appeal

At the end of last term, there was an Upper School Mufti Day in aid of an educational project being set up in Haiti by our recent visiting speaker, Olivia Owen. A total of £383.85 was raised which includes a donation from the school. Olivia has written to thank the children for their wonderful fundraising efforts and invites anyone who is interested to read her blog at <http://littleoliviainhaiti.blogspot.com/> which she updates regularly when she is in Haiti.

Windsor Crown and Tiara Walk - Saturday 14th May, starting at 1700

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 to do something that makes a real difference to the families we help. You don't need to be super fit – choose 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! Go to www.sebastiansactiontrust.org for more information.

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