

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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We were delighted with the numbers of prospective parents attending the Open Morning on Thursday. There were forty families in total, a record number. The comments from the visitors were most encouraging; there were many compliments about the friendliness of the children, the good manners of the guides, the general atmosphere of the school and the sense of purpose observed in lessons.

Our best wishes to everyone for the half-term holiday.

New Music Director Appointed

We are most fortunate to have appointed Louise Salmond Smith as Director of Music with effect from September 2011. Mrs Salmond Smith is an experienced qualified teacher and musician. She has worked in a range of independent and state schools at both Prep and Senior level. She has administered the Chorister Outreach Programme for Lincoln Cathedral and has set up workshops training teachers to use singing across the curriculum. Mrs Salmond Smith and her family are moving south from Lincoln to live in Windsor where her husband takes up the position of Headmaster at St. George's School, Windsor.

Elite Activity Camps

We have received correspondence this week advising us that Elite Activities Limited has gone into liquidation. This is a considerable disappointment for all those who were looking forward to sending their children to a camp at Hall Grove in August. We will look to see if there is any other possibility of running a programme similar to Target Holidays and will give more information when it is available.

Music Rehearsals during Exam Week

The following groups WILL NOT rehearse during exam week (week beginning Monday 6th June): Junior Woodwind, Junior Brass, Senior Brass, Junior Strings, Junior and Senior Recorder Groups, Marching Band, Concert Band and Girls' Choir. The following groups WILL rehearse during exam week: Choristers, Hall Grove Choir, Senior String Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble.

Leavers' Evensong

On Tuesday 5th July, the staff/parents' choir will be joining the Choristers to sing Leavers' Evensong. There will be rehearsals taking place next half term. If any parent/relative is interested in singing in the choir could they please contact Miss Taylor (01276 470008 or r.taylor@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk).

School Uniform

Please ensure that the children have the correct uniform after half term and that it is in good condition. In particular, it has been noticed that some school jumpers are in a poor state of repair and that some non-uniform school shoes and hair accessories are being worn. Children's hair should be tidy and the girls should have their hair tied up if it is long. It is important whilst at school for the children to look presentable at all times. If you have any queries regarding the uniform, please ask for a list from the School Office or the Uniform Shop. The opening hours of the Uniform Shop during term-time are 0815 to 0915 on Tuesdays and 1530 to 1730 on Thursdays.

Panoramic Photograph - Monday 13th June

Gillman and Soame, the school photographer, is coming on the morning of Monday 13th June to take the whole school panoramic photograph.

Sports News

Rounders

25th May v Yateley Manor 2nd IX won, U11 IX lost, U10 IX won

Tennis

19th May v Sunningdale U13 won, U11 drew

24th May v Papplewick U13 won, U11 won

Cricket

23rd May v Amesbury 1st XI won (Surrey Cup)

24th May v Shrewsbury House Colts A XI lost (Surrey Cup)

25th May v Sunningdale and Woodcote 1st XI won, 3rd XI drew, Colts B XI won, Colts D XI won

2nd XI, 4th XI, 5th XI, Colts A XI and Colts C XI lost

26th May v Yateley Manor U9 A, B and C XI lost

Calendar Addition

Please note there is an additional fixture for the Colts D team against King's House on Wednesday 8th June starting at 1400. The match will be played at the Chiswick Civil Service Grounds.

Athletics at Claremont Fan Court - Monday 23rd May

A large team of athletes took part in a six school athletics meeting at Claremont Fan Court on Monday. Hall Grove came 3rd overall with some exceptional personal performances as follows: Meg Shaw - 2nd place 800m; George Brevett - 1st place 75m; Devon Gordon - 2nd place 200m; Harry Francis - 1st place long jump; Connie Francis - 1st place long jump; William Creasey - 1st place 200m; the boys' relay teams from Years 4 and 5 both won to round off the day. Although a somewhat blustery day, it was a lovely venue and a very well run event. Well done to everyone who took part.

Athletics at Woodcote House - Thursday 26th May

Well done to all those who competed; we were narrowly beaten by Woodcote. There were some outstanding individual performances, notably Lianne Lafreniere for winning the hurdles and 800m, JJ van Limborgh for winning the long jump and Felix Stewart for winning the U10s 800m. Team Captain, Stirling Burrow, must be commended for standing-in at the last minute for an injured athlete in the 800m and finishing 3rd. Mr Tullett was delighted to see all the children give of their best, he could not ask for more.

Cricket House Matches

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the festivities at the Cricket House Matches last Saturday. The day was a great success and the weather certainly helped make it a friendly, family affair with some competitive and close fought cricket! The BBQ, Pimm's and homemade cakes went down really well. Special mention should go to Simon Batchelor, the school chef, for all his help with the catering arrangements. A total of £410.98 was raised on the day which will be donated to a charity chosen by the School Council.

Mrs Behr

The Golf 'Greensomes' Competition - Saturday 18th June

The Golf and Tennis Association is holding this term's Golf Competition in a 'Greensomes' format, i.e. teams of two made up of a child and an adult. This is a lovely opportunity for children to play the upgraded 9 hole course in a fun competition with an adult partner of their choice. The competition will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 18th June after the normal golf and tennis lessons. It is open to every pupil and their adult golf partner! See the information and booking form enclosed or contact Caroline Grant (01276 858348 / 07770 755584 or caroline.windsor@tfigroup.com). The deadline for entries is Monday 13th June - don't delay!

Groove at the Grove - Saturday 2nd July

We are delighted to announce that the Gordon's School Drummers and Pipers are starting this year's event off with a 'bang'. Followed by The Glee Club/High School Party, Tom Jones by John Prescott and Fake That, it really will be an evening not to miss. Tickets are selling faster than ever - remember to get yours before the early bird discount ends on Sports Day. You can buy them online at www.acapellagroup.co.uk/grooveatthegrove or use the application form and leave it in the School Office. This is an event for everyone so your friends and family from outside school are incredibly welcome too - if you want application forms to hand out please collect them from the School Office. All monies raised will go to Help For Heroes and thanks again to our sponsors Hamptons International, the MSG Group as Domino's Pizza and the Wooldridge Group for helping us make the event happen.

Lost - Violin Shoulder Rest

William Silverthorne's named 'Kun' violin shoulder rest has been missing since the end of last term. I would be very grateful if children would kindly check that they have not accidentally put it in their music bag or taken it home by mistake. If it is discovered, please hand it in to the School Office. Many thanks.

Mrs Silverthorne

Charity Event at Bluebells Restaurant - Tuesday 21st June to Friday 24th June

'Ladies Who Care - Ladies Who Share' is a fundraising event in aid of The Children's Trust, a local charity which helps to rehabilitate children with serious brain injuries. You are invited to join them for lunch and a facial at Bluebells Restaurant and Bar, Shrubbs Hill, London Road, Sunningdale SL5 0LE. Choose from four dates: Tuesday 21st June to Friday 24th June. Tickets are £25 and include a welcome drink at 1045, a Temple Spa Facial from 1100 and a two-course meal at 1230. Booking is essential. Temple Spa specialises in anti-aging professional skincare. You will be shown how to create a spa-inspired facial and will pick up valuable skincare tips. Please contact Ela Klein on 07963 975737 or ela.honey@mail.com for further information and to purchase tickets. All proceeds will go to The Children's Trust.

Fun Run - Sunday 3rd July

A 5k Fun Run has been organised in aid of the Children's Trust. The run will take place on Sunday 3rd July at 1500 across the beautiful Brentmoor Heath in West End. It is for all ages - young or not so young - and all levels of fitness. There is also a 2k option and there will be medals and 'goody' bags for all finishers. Please do come along on the day after Groove at the Grove and enjoy another great family event. Visit thechildrenstrust.org.uk/funrun for more details and to sign up.

Thank You from Sebastian's Action Trust

We were delighted to see men, women and children of all ages entering into the spirit of the Windsor Crown and Tiara Walk on Saturday 14th May, creating a great atmosphere. They all positively sparkled through Eton, Windsor and the Great Park with their crowns and tiaras as they walked, jogged and strolled 7 or 13 miles to raise funds. The Trust supports seriously ill children and their families, and Charlie Crick who started the walk is one of them. The Trust has supported his family for a few years as he has an extremely rare heart condition but also suffers from Scoliosis and Kyphosis (curvature of the spine) and reactive arthritis. He was determined to join in the fun and was absolutely delighted to have control of the fog horn starter leading everyone off in his new wheelchair. Afterwards Charlie said: "I really enjoyed the walk. It was a real challenge for me. I was so tired but very happy. It's such a great charity and I love Jane Gates". Your support means that we can continue to help families like Charlie's with the individual help they need. From July this will also include family holidays in our amazing purpose built holiday house - The Bluebells. There was a wonderful contingent of Hall Grove parents and children at the event and their contributions have helped raise thousands. The continued support the Trust receives from Hall Grove staff, pupils and parents is humbling and we thank you all.

English Language Course for Au-Pairs starting in September - Windlesham

Does your au-pair wish to improve her English? A unique specially-designed course for au-pairs is starting in September at Windlesham. The course starts on 13th September and runs for 12 weeks (no lessons during half-term) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 0930 to 1130. The lessons will be in a group with a maximum of six people, so your au-pair will have the chance to make some new friends as well as receiving a lot of individual attention. The teacher is fully qualified and experienced. We will run a pre-course assessment to ensure that all au-pairs are of a similar standard to learn together. Please call 07941 936254 or email sara@mortonbusinessenglish.co.uk for further information or to book a place. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please visit www.mortonbusinessenglish.co.uk for other English Training Courses available, including English for Business.
