

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*This has been a busy week with school exams and Common Entrance. We have been pleased with the way the children settled and we are hopeful for some good results. Now the boys and girls of Year 8 can enjoy a programme of outings and activities that will keep them going until the end of term.*

*Our new building is nearing completion and will be formally opened on Sports Day when it will house a large art display that is being organised by the Art Department. Sports Day will also be an opportunity for us to showcase the classrooms and activity areas, and there will be music and a dance display. All the timings will be published next week.*

*Thank goodness for the rain! The fields and gardens were in need of a good soaking and over 40 mm has now fallen over the last week with more promised for the weekend.*

## **Summer Holiday Camp**

We are very pleased to have been introduced by a Hall Grove parent to Sports Xtra, a multi-activity sports organisation who run sports-related activity holidays and training camps for school children. Alison Black, the Regional Director, will be known to those who train at Woking Hockey Club. We are negotiating a special programme for Hall Grove families which will run from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at Hall Grove. For those parents who were relying on the camp to have been organised by Elite for the following weeks in August, there are several alternative options in the local area. More details will follow.

## **Year 8 Lord Wandsworth Candidates**

The college has very kindly organised a special induction for the Hall Grove boys and girls who are starting there in September on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Mr Lewis will take the pupils in the school minibus after the athletics and they will return at 1900. If any would like to stay the night at Hall Grove please book in the usual way with Mrs Tilley (l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk).

## **Music Department**

Miss Taylor is not well and has been advised by her doctor to have a complete rest for two weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery. Parents are asked, please, not to contact her by phone, email or text, but to address any musical enquiries through the School Office.

## **TASC - Royal Ascot Week**

As it is Royal Ascot next week, please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be very busy.

## **Panoramic Photograph - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

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

## **Upper School Speaker - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1630**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1630 we will welcome a Speaker for the Upper School - John Hoskison, a professional golfer on the European PGA Seniors Tour. The talk will involve important life lessons learned after years of competitive golf on the European Tour, the importance of knowing the rules, preparation, hard work, dedication and how to deal with life's ups and downs. It is a story which deals with overcoming the fear of failure.

If you wish to attend, please email Mr Waltho (j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk) in advance. Please note the pick-up times for this event will be different from normal: Year 6 at 1725, Year 7 at 1735 and Year 8 at 1745.

## Sports Day - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Parents are reminded that Sports Day is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. All the children are expected to attend and their families are invited to come and support. The Pre-Prep races will run before lunch. The Middle and Upper School have races both in the morning and in the afternoon. Families are encouraged to picnic in the grounds, there are lunch time displays and activities. Further details and timings will go out in the newsletter next week.

## Sports News

### Rounders

8 <sup>th</sup> June v Eagle House	1 <sup>st</sup> VII lost, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VII won
8 <sup>th</sup> June v Feltonfleet	U11 IX drew, U10 B IX won
9 <sup>th</sup> June v Feltonfleet	U9 and U8 IX matches abandoned due to rain

### Calendar Amendment

The U9 IX and U8 IX fixtures against Holme Grange on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June have been cancelled.

### Cricket

8 <sup>th</sup> June v Yateley Manor	1 <sup>st</sup> XI won, 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI won, Colts C XI won, U10 A XI lost, U10 B XI won Colts A and B XI matches abandoned due to rain
8 <sup>th</sup> June v King's House	Colts D XI won
9 <sup>th</sup> June v Parkside	U9 A XI won, U9 B and C XII lost

### Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Cricket v Eagle House	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI and Years 5/6 B to meet at Hall Grove at 1400 for home matches starting at 1430
(Please note the venue changes)	1 <sup>st</sup> XI and Years 5/6 A to meet Mr Heanley and Mr Tomlinson at Eagle House at 1400 for away matches starting at 1430

## Book Fair Success

Once again the Book Fair has been a huge success. Thanks to your continued support the Library will receive nearly £500 in free books. Mrs Bennett has received an unsigned cheque in the company name of Sentinel. If this belongs to you, please could you to call into the School Office to sign it.

## Adult & Child Golf Competition - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> June after the normal golf and tennis lessons. It is open to every pupil and his/her adult golf partner and booking forms were sent home before half-term. For further information, please contact Caroline Grant (01276 858348/07770 755584 or [caroline.windsor@tfgroup.com](mailto:caroline.windsor@tfgroup.com)). The deadline for entries is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## Golf and Tennis Association Summer BBQ - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Members of the Golf and Tennis Association are invited to their Summer BBQ on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1930. Members should have received an invitation via email and are asked to RSVP to [sarah\\_mckechnic@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah_mckechnic@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone/text her on 07545 307033 by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please advise if vegetarian.

## Groove at the Grove - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

As you are no doubt aware, 'Groove at the Grove' is back by popular demand, and this year will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. For those of you who have not been before, this is a really fun, family 'picnic and concert' event, held at school, which is highly recommended. With masses of Hall Grove families attending, it's a great opportunity socialise, bring a picnic and relax whilst the children have fun with their friends. You can come along with your picnic chairs/blanket although sometimes it's fun to join forces with friends, pitch a gazebo and bring a joint picnic. Failing that, there will be a Domino's Pizza van on site selling pizza by the slice. The music line up for this year is Glee/High School Musical, Tom Jones and Fake That, so it promises to be another fun night with lots of opportunities for the children to dance and for you to totally embarrass yourself after one Pimm's too many! Remember this event is also open to friends and families outside Hall Grove, so why not get a crowd together for the evening? You can purchase tickets online by following the link from the school website ([www.hallgrove.co.uk](http://www.hallgrove.co.uk)). By doing so, you will also be helping this year's chosen charity, Help for Heroes, which will receive all proceeds from the ticket sales. There is an early bird discount on ticket prices - all prices held at 2010 prices until the end of next week, so be sure to book up asap. Hope to see you there...

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## Waitrose/Valley End Rascals

A number of Hall Grove boys play cricket at Valley End Cricket Club. VECC also run a team called 'Rascals' who are a team of disabled young people between the ages of 8 and 18 years with a physical and/or learning disability. Specialised coaches provide regular training sessions to enable disabled players to learn and develop cricket skills and sportsmanship. They go on to play a few matches throughout the season to help them maintain their passion for the game and interact in a more competitive

environment. Waitrose have kindly agreed to feature VECC Rascals as one of its supported local charities in June so, if you happen to find yourself in Waitrose in June, please give your green token to the VECC Rascals.

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