

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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This week's Common Entrance results were very pleasing, and all of our 27 candidates with definite place offers have now had them confirmed with some good grades. Well done everyone!

Now that the Department for Education has confirmed the availability of our distinguished Guest of Honour, the timings for next Saturday's Sports Day given below are a little different to those previously announced. This will be a proud occasion for the school and we are sure that everyone will enjoy it very much indeed. Let us hope for some good weather!

The Hall Grove Annual Sports and Open Day - Saturday 25th June

Timings for Sports Day are as follows: Pre-Prep Sports at 1100; all children in Years 3 - 8 please arrive by 1150; formal opening of the new building by the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP at 1200, followed by lunch time drinks, tours of the Art Exhibition, Judo Display, classroom exhibitions, dance band, Pre-Prep ballet etc - families are encouraged to picnic in the grounds; Middle and Upper School athletics at 1400, followed by teas and prize giving.

Order of dress for competitors: Clean whites and house t-shirts.

Order of dress for parents: Smart casual (men are asked not to wear shorts please).

Leavers' Evensong - Thursday 7th July

Please note that the Leavers' Evensong is taking place on Thursday 7th July at 1630 as noted in the School Calendar, and not Tuesday 5th July as a letter to Choristers' parents stated.

Summer Holiday Camp

We are confident that the camp to be run by Sports Xtra will prove to be very popular. Plans are coming on well now and a leaflet and booking form will be circulated next week. The school will act as a guarantor of funds in order to provide parents with additional protection. Anyone who lost deposit money to Elite is asked to contact us, in writing, with a statement of the loss so we can use our influence to see there is a re-imbusement.

Newsletters

From September, we plan to send out the weekly newsletter by email to all parents via the ClarionCall service rather than it being printed and sent home in envelopes with the children. Any additional documents or letters can also be attached to the newsletter email. A few copies of the most current newsletters will be held in the School Office for collection should you require a paper copy. The electronic system of delivery should prove to be an efficient, cost effective way to deliver information to you.

Contact Information Forms

Please find enclosed a contact information form which we would ask you to check, amend if necessary and return to the School Office on Monday (20th June). To enable us to change to the new electronic newsletter distribution system, it is essential that this form is returned on time so that we can update our records prior to the end of term. Forms have not been included for those children leaving Hall Grove at the end of this term.

Yellow Medical Forms

From September, our Matrons are going to computerise all aspects of their record keeping as guidelines recommend. As a result, we have enclosed a yellow medical form(s) for you to complete on behalf of your child/children. We realise that you have already completed a form previously, but slight changes have been made. Therefore, to ensure we have the most up-to-date information from the start we would ask you kindly to complete the form(s) once again and return it/them to the School Office on Monday. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

West Surrey Athletics - Monday 20th June

The West Surrey Athletics for Girls which was cancelled on Friday has been rescheduled for Monday 20th June starting at 0930 at Bracknell. Unfortunately, the programme has been shortened and the U11 and U10 girls will not be competing, but the selected U14, U13, U12 girls will be participating. The West Surrey Athletics for Boys will be going ahead on Monday as planned.

Athletics Finals - Thursday 23rd June

The names of the children selected for the Athletics Finals (Victor and Victrix Ludorum) on Thursday 23rd June will be posted on the team sheet board on Monday.

Year 3 Garden Judging - Friday 24th June

The Year 3 gardens are going to be judged on Friday 24th June at 1530.

Pre-Prep Pirate Day - Thursday 30th June

Please can your Pre-Prep child/children come dressed in a pirate-themed outfit for the day on Thursday 30th June. We will be doing themed work outside so they will need appropriate footwear and an outdoor coat. Yo ho ho!

Sporting Talks

Over the last two weeks we have had two excellent talks from sportsmen. Toby Hessian (father of Phoebe and Tommy) spoke at Assembly about his rowing career. His achievements are considerable and include: representing Great Britain for nine years; five time world champion lightweight rower in fours and eights; first ever Junior world Champion for Great Britain in fours; five times Henley winner; twice European champion; five times National Champion; Henley Course Record Holder; World fastest time in 1991 at the Vienna World Championships and in 1994 at the Indianapolis World Championships; first ever lightweight four to break six minutes for 2000 metres. He gave a brilliant account of the Nottingham County lightweights' re-row against Harvard University at Henley in 1989, it was an inspiring story of a famous rowing triumph.

John Hoskison, former European Tour Golf professional, told the story of his career and the way he over-turned shyness and nervousness to compete in the Open at Royal Birkdale. The message was clear: everyone can learn from their mistakes. The boys and girls listened keenly and attentively.

Sports News

Rounders

15 th June v Edgeborough	U13 IX won
15 th June v Lambrook	U12/U11 IX lost

Rounders Calendar Amendment

Please be advised that the U11 IX match on Wednesday 29th June against Hawley Place is now an away fixture.

Tennis v Eagle House - Tuesday 14th June

Well done to the U13 and U11 tennis team for winning the match against Eagle House. A convincing victory and some very dominate play from all the pairs.

Cricket

15 th June v Edgeborough	1 st XI won, 2 nd XI won, Colts A XI won, Colts B XI won, Colts C XI lost
15 th June v Aldro	4 th XI lost
15 th June v Berrymede	Colts D XI lost
16 th June v Edgeborough	U9 A and C XII lost

Weekend Cricket Fixtures - Saturday 18th June

Cricket v St. John's Beaumont	U13 B XI and U10 A XI to meet at Hall Grove at 0900 for home matches starting at 0930
	U13 A XI, Colts A XI and U9 A XI to meet at St. John's Beaumont at 0900 for away matches starting at 0930

Wellington College U11 6-a-side Tournament - Sunday 19th June

Good luck to the Colts A VI who are competing in the Wellington College 6-a-side Tournament on Sunday. The squad is to meet Mr Marland at Wellington at 1030.

Cricket Calendar Addition

The Surrey Cup Semi Final v Hoe Bridge will be taking place on Friday 24th June at Hoe Bridge at 1430.

Chelsea Football Training Summer Camp

We would like to thank all those who have signed up for the football training camp we will be running at Hall Grove during the holidays. The places are filling up quickly so please return your slip as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We would like to remind you that it is open to boys and girls who will be in Years 1 to 8 in September. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Joll (g.joll@hallgrove.co.uk) or Mr Tomlinson (s.tomlinson@hallgrove.co.uk).

School Uniform Shop

During the Summer holidays the Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

Tuesday 9 th August	0900-1200	Thursday 11 th August	1400-1700
Tuesday 30 th August	0900-1200	Thursday 1 st September	1400-1700
Monday 5 th September	0900-1200		

Parents purchasing uniform for new children starting in September are asked to telephone the Uniform Shop on 01276 471039 to make an appointment to visit. During term-time, the Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays from 0815 to 0915 and on Thursdays from 1530 to 1730.

Secondhand Uniform Sale - Tuesday 5th July

There will be a secondhand uniform sale on the afternoon of Tuesday 5th July (the last Tuesday of term) from 1500 to 1730. Next week we will send home all the information you should need. We are happy to sell sports equipment that is no longer needed or fits as well as regulation school uniform, so now is the time for that clear out! We need volunteers to help run it - if you can manage 30 minutes (or ideally an hour) between 1430 and 1800 please email me at millarv@btinternet.com or let the School Office know. The more help we have the easier it is for all of us. *Vicki Millar*

Hall Grove Ski Trip - Proposed Dates: 2nd to 8th January 2012

After the success of this year's trip to Saas Fee in Switzerland, we are returning to the same venue for the 2012 ski trip. The cost will be in the region of £950 and will include five hours of tuition a day in a stunning resort. If your child would like to join the party, please contact Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) for further information.

An Evening with Virginia McKenna OBE and Jill Robinson MBE

Taking place at the Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, Farnham, GU9 7QR on Thursday 23rd June at 1930. A unique opportunity to join the two inspirational women behind the international animal conservation and welfare charities Animals Asia Foundation and Born Free Foundation. Tickets: £12.50 for the talk only or £22.50 for the talk and a post-talk reception including a welcome drink and canapés with Jill Robinson and Virginia McKenna (restricted to the first 50 guests buying tickets). For further information and to book tickets please visit www.farnhammaltings.com or telephone 01252 745444.
