

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What a wonderful occasion Sports Day proved to be. The school looked at its best, the children performed well and our guest of honour was suitably impressed. Many parents have passed on appreciative remarks and we are delighted that everything went according to plan.

The Headmaster and Mrs Graham enjoyed another special day on Wednesday as guests of the Queen at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. It was an unforgettable experience.

Summer Concert - Monday 4th July

The Summer Concert will be taking place on Monday 4th July, starting at 1900. It promises to be a memorable evening, so please do come along, if you are able to. The Hall Grove Choir, Girls' Choir and all instrumental ensembles will be taking part. The concert should last a little over an hour. Performers in Years 6, 7 and 8 will be signed in for supper and remain at school after lessons. All participating Middle School children must be returned to school and meet in the Admiral Room by 1830 wearing full school uniform with ties, but no blazers. Girls should wear their Summer dresses.

How to Remember Absolutely Everything! - Tuesday 5th July

Parents may be aware that earlier this year Andy Salmon from Thinkalink (aka Sir Linkalot) presented at the school, sowing the seed of linking amongst the children (and teachers!) with great results. They thoroughly enjoyed it and walked away having armed themselves with an innovative twist on an underused learning tool.

The book 'Think-Of-A-Link! How To Remember Absolutely Everything', published by Scholastic Children's Books, is now out on the market costing £6.99 and fits in with Scholastic's ethos which is to make learning fun, very much like their extremely successful 'Horrible Histories' titles. It contains 'links' (and cartoons, where appropriate) for all sorts of key facts like historical dates, the meaning of words, Kings and Queens, spelling, world capitals, Maths times tables, grammatical errors, French words and, of course, the first 10 'Mr Men' books! It also includes Sir Linkalot's 'Tips and Tricks' throughout the book about how to link. There are lots of links submitted by children and grown-ups with their name under the link. Even though the book is officially targeting the children, many adults have said that they have plonked an extra copy in the loo as it is that classic 'dip into for five minutes' read. It is also very much a reference book for when you need to remember a fact you have just heard. If you would like to purchase one then do please let the school know. We can then get Sir Linkalot to sign your child's book when he comes in on Tuesday 5th July.

At 1600 on Tuesday 5th July (the same day as the book-signing), Andy will give a one hour presentation to the parents about an idea he has to start a special club at Hall Grove. There will be a Q&A session at the end. All are very welcome to attend.

Pre-Prep Dance Celebration - Wednesday 6th July

This is a reminder that ALL Pre-Prep children will be performing in the Dance Celebration on Wednesday 6th July at 1800 in New Hall. We request that the children be taken to their classrooms no later than 1740.

Leavers' Evensong - Thursday 7th July

At Hall Grove we traditionally close the school year with a service of Evensong on the last afternoon of term. This year it will be taking place on Thursday 7th July at 1630 in New Hall. Every child in Years 6, 7 and 8 will attend and all parents and their guests are most welcome.

Soon after the service the Year 8 Leavers' Party will take place. Everyone is welcome to watch the cricket and rounders matches, but the drinks and barbecue are reserved for Year 8 and their families.

Prize Giving - Friday 8th July

Parents are welcome to attend the Prize Giving on Friday 8th July at 1000 in New Hall. The prizes will be presented by Mr Wayne Henderson, an Old Boy of the school and a parent of two children leaving Year 8 this term. Please park on the fields. The Prize List will be posted on the school website and a paper copy pinned up on the noticeboard under the arch on Monday.

Pirates Ahoy!

Aaargh me Mateys – a big thank you to all Pre-Prep parents for their fantastic support in dressing their children for Pirate Day. We were fortunate to have the day started with a fantastic Pirate Assembly from 1AE followed by map-making and adventure tales. The scurvy pirates then met at the outdoor classroom where Captain Dan Slape transported them aboard the Black Pearl and led them in a story about his adventures on his hunt for gold! Each year group were then given their first clues and scoured the seven seas to find their own treasure chests. Needless to say much fun was had by all!

Masterchef 2011

Congratulations to the following chefs who have gone through to next Tuesday's second stage heats:

James Thorne and Rex Henderson
William Palfreyman and Charles Buxton

Matthew Cook and Matthew Worthington
Thomas Pheasey and William Burton

Thank you to all parents who have supported the competition so far with their time, ingredients and coaching! *Miss Dowse*

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are today. TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 7th July, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy.

Autumn Term 2011 After School Clubs

After School Clubs information for next term will be sent out via email at the beginning of next term. Clubs will run from Monday 19th September until Friday 9th December, inclusive.

School Reports, Newsletter and School Invoices

School reports, a newsletter containing information relating to next term and the school invoices will be sent out to parents during the holidays.

Text Books

We would ask parents to ensure their children return any school text books that may still be at home before the end of term. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sports News

Rounders

29th June v Hawley Place
29th June v St. Neot's

U11 IX drew
Hall Grove U10 IX won against St. Neot's U10 IX
Hall Grove U10 IX lost against St. Neot's U11 IX
U9 IX and U8 IX lost

30th June v Eagle House

Cricket

29th June v Lambrook

U12 A XI won, U12 B XI won, Colts A XI drew, Colts B XI won, U10 A XI lost,
U10 B XI won, U10 C XI won

30th June v Lambrook

U9 A VIII lost

30th June v Aldro

U9 B, C and D VIII lost

A great way for the Upper School to finish their season! The U10 B team have gone through the season unbeaten which is a fantastic achievement; congratulations to them and to Mr Heanley.

St. John's Beaumont 6-a-side Tournament – Saturday 2nd July

The 6-a-side squad is to meet Mr Joll at St. John's Beaumont at 0840 for the tournament which starts at 0900. Good luck to the boys competing.

Golf News

It proved a very successful morning for Hall Grove at the Charterhouse Prep Schools Golf Competition on Tuesday. Our team comprising Alvaro Diaz de Bustamante (Year 7), Zac Jenkins (Year 6) and Xavier Schwarz (Year 5) tied in top position with Aldro School.

School Uniform Shop

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

Tuesday 9th August 0900-1200
Tuesday 30th August 0900-1200
Monday 5th September 0900-1200

Thursday 11th August 1400-1700
Thursday 1st September 1400-1700

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

The Secondhand Uniform Sale will take place on Tuesday afternoon in the marquee in front of the school from 1500 to 1730.

Groove at the Grove - Saturday 2nd July - Gates Open at 1700

It's tomorrow! As you read this, the stage, advertisers' banners and a lot of the infrastructure will have been put in place for the family evening of the year. Gates open at 1700 with James Cannon getting you in the mood with disco music from 1730. Then High School Party/Glee Club gets the real party started at 1800, Tom Jones takes to the stage at 1930 and Fake That at 2100. With James Cannon's high tempo disco, dance competitions and fun and games before, in the middle and at the end - the music is due to finish at 2230.

On sale will be Domino's pizzas for £1 a slice or £10 for a whole one, Rebellion IPA from Marlow Brewery at £3 a pint, Pimm's at £3 a pint, soft drinks, crisps and sweets, ice cream, coffee and tea, Help for Heroes wristbands, blow up saxophones, hats etc. Please, please, please everyone bring change so we don't end up having to change lots of £20 notes in exchange for 10p/20p/30p sweets. All proceeds from the evening are going to Help for Heroes so if we run out of change think of it as a donation! The forecast is gorgeous as promised so if you haven't bought your tickets yet, it's not too late. Come and buy them on the gate. £30 for adults, £5 for children 13 and under and £10 for children 14-18. See you there...

Meirion Shaw

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Loan Home Wanted for 16h Chestnut Gelding

Ted, an adorable, loveable chap who has been ridden by children and mothers of Hall Grove is looking for a loan home. He is very kind and loves attention. He has done most things in his life and is happy doing any of them. Please ring Caroline from Pony Grove on 07734 049837 for more information.

Cricket Kit For Sale

Slazenger bag, Woodworm bat, GM pad and gloves, Gray Nicholls trousers and box pants, bat oil and knocking-in equipment. All in very good condition. Cost £250 new, will sell for £65 ono. For further information, please contact Carla Bennett on 01344 620880.

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