

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Welcome back to a new school year! Once again we can report a full school and a record number of pupils, 336 in total.

We trust that parents have received their electronic copy of this newsletter and/or managed to find it on our website; we are now cutting down on the number of paper copies that are going out. Please also look out on the website for the short introductory film that we made in co-operation with the Daily Telegraph.

Staff News

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr and Mrs Sutton on their recent marriage.

Forthcoming Battisborough Field Trips

The Year 7 Battisborough trip will be departing on Monday and returning on Friday 16th September. Year 8 are having a short Geography field trip to Battisborough from Saturday 17th September (departing in the afternoon) to Tuesday 20th September.

Parents' Briefings

A reminder that Parents' Briefings will be taking place as follows:

Reception:	Monday 12 th September at 1900
Years 3, 4 and 5:	Monday 12 th September at 1900
Years 1 and 2:	Tuesday 13 th September at 1900
Year 6:	Tuesday 13 th September at 1900

The evenings will begin at 1815 with an informal social gathering in the garden alongside New Hall over drinks (indoors if wet). Parents should not bring children to school for the meetings. Individual parent-teacher consultations have been arranged for later in the Autumn term.

Twilight Sessions

Twilight sessions are available for Years 6, 7 and 8 at the end of the school day to give more flexibility to parents. The children can stay on for a supervised prep or for some outdoor play with the boarders up until 1745. There will be no additional charge and children can be booked in for sessions through the School Office.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs information was sent out this week. Club lists are in the process of being finalised and parents will be notified if a requested place is not available due to a particular club being over-subscribed. The clubs start on Monday 19th September and run until Friday 9th December, inclusive, with the exception of the Chelsea Football Club which starts on Monday 12th September (the week stated in their literature).

Reading Books

Please would all parents check that they have returned the Barrington Stoke reading books to school. Books being returned can be placed in a box under the archway. Thank you.

Music Department

All pupils who were Choristers last term will remain in the Choristers' Choir; additional Choristers will be recruited over the coming weeks. There will be three rehearsals each week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The first Choristers' rehearsal will begin at 0800 on Monday 12th September, Hall Grove Choir will commence on Wednesday 14th September at 0800, and the Girls' Choir on Thursday 15th September at 1245. Participation in Hall Grove Choir and the Girls' Choir is open to anyone wishing to join and any interested pupils should let Mr Heffer know.

Some instrumental lessons began this week, with the remainder commencing next week; please ensure children bring their instrument and all necessary paraphernalia on the correct day. All of the instrumental ensembles will start in the week commencing Monday 12th September. A full rehearsal schedule is displayed on several noticeboards around the school. These can be found outside the Clanwilliam Room, to the left of the archway and in the corridor near the staffroom.

If your child is new to the school, it would be very useful to have details of instruments they can play, any grades taken and any groups they may play in outside of school. Please contact Mrs Salmond Smith (l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk or 01276 470008) with this information or if you have any queries about music within the school.

Sports Staffing Structure

Mrs Lomas is the acting Head of Girls' Games, assisted primarily by Mrs Tilley, Mrs Maxfield and Mrs Carmichael. The girls will begin the year with netball fixtures, before switching to hockey from the end of November which continues throughout the Spring term. During the netball season, Mrs Maxfield will take the 1st VII, Mrs Carmichael the U11s, Mrs Tilley U10s, Mrs Lomas U9s and Mrs Maxfield U8s. Miss Furness and Miss Dowse will assist where required on match days.

Mr Joll is the Head of Boys' Games. Football is the main sport for boys until half term. Mr Tomlinson is the senior football coach (1st XI), and the other coaches are Mr Joll (2nd XI), Mr Marland (3rd XI) and Mr Lewis (4th XI). The U11s (Colts) are shared between Mr Tullett, Mr Adams and Mr Wilkins; the U10s between Mr Towler, Mr Heanley and Mrs Lavery; the U9s are coached by Mr Tullett and Mr Marland; the U8s by Mr Tomlinson and Mr Joll. In addition, the Chelsea coaches are working across all age groups and abilities.

If parents wish to discuss team selections and other such issues please, in the first instance, speak to the team coach and then to Mr Joll (boys) or Mrs Lomas (girls).

Please note that boys and girls are expected to be available for all weekend inter-school matches. Written permission for weekend absence from a school match must be obtained from Mr Tullett, the Director of Sport, or the Headmaster at least a week prior to the fixture. If ill on the day of a Saturday fixture please telephone the Sports Office (01276 470009) by 0900 at the very latest.

School Travel Policy - Away Matches

Please note that, whenever possible, we like players to travel with their teams to and from away fixtures. We are aware that there may be occasions when a parent would wish to take their child directly home after the match. We would ask that, for weekday matches, prior permission is obtained via the School Office. If there are timetable commitments at school following the match the players must return with their teams.

Hall Grove Football Tournament - Saturday 10th September

1st XI and Colts A teams are to meet at Hall Grove at 0830. The tournament will start at 0900 and should be finished by approximately 1230. Please note that the start time has been brought forward by half an hour from the time published in the calendar.

Four Schools Cricket Festival - Sunday 11th September

Sadly, the Cricket Festival has had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather forecast.

Calendar Addition - Wednesday 14th September

U11 A netball v St. Andrew's. It is a home fixture starting at 1430.

Mouthguard Fitting - Tuesday 20th September and Tuesday 27th September

OPRO, the dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards, will be conducting mouthguard fittings at Hall Grove on Tuesday 20th September and Tuesday 27th September. The forms, which were sent out during the holidays, need to be returned to OPRO if you wish to obtain from them a mouthguard for your child/children. Additional forms are available from the School Office. Please be aware that every child from Year 3 upwards must have a mouthguard in school, whether it be one purchased from a sports shop, one supplied and fitted by their own dentist or one supplied and fitted by OPRO.

Golf News

During the holidays, Zac Jenkins (Year 7) and Xavier Schwarz (Year 6) played in the Stowe Putter. Zac scored 51 points and won the U12 category. He finished 3rd overall in the main event just three points behind the winner and one point off 2nd place. Xavier scored 41 points and won the U11 Junior Jigger. The boys performed really well and both received a silver plate for their achievements.

Zac also recently competed in the Loretto School Scottish Boys and Girls U14 Championship in Aberdour. It is the national event in Scotland for children under the age of 14. The handicap balloted at 12.8 this year, so a really strong field. Zac won the Gibson trophy, which is awarded to the leading U12 player, and crowned the U12 champion.

2012 Ski Trip

The school trip to Saas Fee in Switzerland is being planned for early in January (provisional dates: 2nd – 8th January 2012). It is an economic way to give a child a fantastic Alpine experience. This is aimed at boys and girls in Years 5 to 8 though exceptionally we take younger children. It is enjoyable for all levels of ability including beginners, and is perfectly suited to Hall Grove pupils. The cost will be in the region of £950 and will include five hours of tuition a day. If you would like your child to join the trip, please contact Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) as soon as possible as there is limited space left and Mr Tullett needs to confirm the booking by the end of this month.

Help Create a Huge Stir - Friday 30th September

Mrs Graham will be hosting a coffee morning in the school pavilion from 0830 to 1130 on Friday 30th September as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Care. Everyone is welcome so please drop in (parking on the fields if dry weather). Any home-grown produce would be welcome for sale to increase the funds.

An Oarsman's Supper - Saturday 15th October

Hall Grove parents may like to attend an informal evening which has been arranged for Saturday 15th October at Hall Grove, in support of Bryanston School's Boat Club. We are helping raise funds for a new boat to compete in competitions and at Henley. Anyone who has an interest in this great sport will be sure to enjoy the evening. Tickets are very economically priced at just £15, and there is a cash bar and a silent auction with some great prizes including a weekend at Battsborough House for a party of 24. If interested, please contact the Hall Grove School Office (office@hallgrove.co.uk).

Independent Schools Show 2011 - Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November

Hall Grove is once again exhibiting at the show in Battersea Park at the end of half term. All families are welcome to attend (leaflets were sent home this week). It is a good way to meet a number of the senior school Heads and learn about their school's entry requirements.

School Shoes

Sunninghill's Children's Shoe Shop still has school shoes available, sizes from Child 7 to Adult 8 (Euro 26 -42). If you are not sure if your child has outgrown their school shoes, please feel free to bring them in for checking. We have a qualified shoe fitter and a fantastic range of school shoes along with wellies, fashion shoes and even snow boots! My Little Shoe Box, 29d High Street, Sunninghill - 01344 870206.

Camberley Theatre Choir

The Camberley Theatre Choir is in need of new members. They meet every Monday evening from 1930 to 2130 and the new term starts on Monday 12th September. Singing a mix of contemporary music and show tunes, it is open to singers of all abilities.

Bespoke Vacations

Free planning, sourcing and booking service for luxury family holidays, child friendly resorts, skiing and family adventure. If you are thinking about a half term holiday, skiing or winter sun, please contact Helen on 01344 881026 or at helen@bespokevacations.co.uk. Visit www.bvluxuryholidays.co.uk for further information. Also, if you get a quote for your holiday from elsewhere we will endeavour to better it!

