

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Over the Summer holidays the programme of building works continued with the fitting out of the new Upper School Library and Year 8 classrooms, the conversion of the Coach House pottery, and the rehabilitation of the main school basement. Numerous minor repairs were made around the school and there were several changes of classroom. The IT Department was busy too with the setting up of a new bank of 24 laptop computers and a great deal of maintenance to the school's network. Our thanks to all those who worked so hard; the fruits of those labours are now being enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.*

## **Hall Grove Video**

Many parents have commented on the excellent video now posted on our website. The idea is that we will update it every year or two to ensure that it gives a well-rounded view of Hall Grove life.

## **Hall Grove iPhone App**

There is now a free Hall Grove iPhone app available, which can be downloaded from the iTunes app store. The app delivers the latest news, sports (team information and fixtures), diary dates and photo galleries direct from the school website to your iPhone. The app can be downloaded from the iTunes store by searching for 'Hall Grove School'. Android, Windows Mobile and Blackberry apps are in development and we will let you know once they are available.

## **Parents' Forum - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Parents are invited to attend the forum on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Drinks will be available from 1830 and the discussion will start at 1900. The meeting will be held in the Admiral Room. This is a wide-ranging open discussion, the aim of which is to gather views and opinions from the parental body.

## **After School Clubs**

Club spaces have now been allocated. We are sorry to say that Years 3, 4 and 5 Netball and Music Theory clubs and Years 6, 7 and 8 Baker Street Irregulars and Board Games clubs cannot be offered due to insufficient demand. With the exception of those clubs (affected children's parents have already been notified), children have been successful in gaining places for activities of their choice this term. After School Clubs start from Monday and run until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Footsteps Dance Classes**

Footsteps dance classes commence on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The classes will be taking place in the Dining Hall and, for those enrolled, you are asked to collect your child after class from Miss Stein in the Dining Hall. Dance uniform, which is obligatory for all Footsteps pupils, will be available for you to purchase in the Old Library on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 1630 for the new Tap class and on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 1610 for the Friday classes.

## **Music Department**

If your child has instrumental lessons and/or they hire an instrument from a member of our peripatetic staff, please ensure that bills are paid on time.

## **Mouthguard Fitting - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

OPRO, the dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards, will be conducting mouthguard fittings at Hall Grove on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Sports News

### Netball Results

14<sup>th</sup> September v St. Andrew's                      U11 VII won, U10 VII lost

### Sir William Perkins's Netball Tournament - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

The U11 netball players should arrive at Sir William Perkins's School at 0930 for the Netball Tournament starting at 1000.

### Netball Calendar Amendment

In the fixture against Edgeborough on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September the teams that will be playing are the U9 As, U8 As and U8 Bs.

### Football Results

14<sup>th</sup> September v Crosfields                      2nd XI won, the other teams playing lost their matches

15<sup>th</sup> September v St. Andrew's                      U9 A VII drew, U9 B VII won, U9 C VII won, U9 D VII won

### Weekend Football Fixtures

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Football Triangular v Lanesborough and Edgeborough:

Colts A and Colts B XI to meet at Hall Grove at 0930 for home matches starting at 1000.

1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to meet at Hall Grove at 0900 for away matches at Stoke Park starting at 1000.

U10 A and B VII to meet at Hall Grove at 0845 for away matches at Edgeborough starting at 1000. If any U10 parents are able to help with lifts to Edgeborough, please let the Sports Office (01276 470009) know.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Charterhouse 6-a-side Football Tournament:

The squad is to meet Mr Tomlinson at Charterhouse at 1345. Group stages are expected to finish at about 1530.

### Surrey Cup Football - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Please note the additional fixture, time and opponent change from the information noted in the Calendar.**

Colts A XI are playing a home match against Rokeby on Tuesday starting at 1500 and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI are playing a home match against Downsend on Tuesday starting at 1700.

## Pony Grove

Pony Grove has spaces available for twenty minute riding lessons for Reception children. The children are collected from school and walked down to Pony Grove, where they get changed. A maximum of two Reception children can attend each day and there are spaces at the moment on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call Caroline on 07734 049837 or email her at [caroline@hadden-wight.com](mailto:caroline@hadden-wight.com) for more information.

## Golf and Tennis Association Autumn Social - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

The Golf and Tennis Association are pleased to invite members to their Autumn Social on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 1930 for drinks and canapés. Supper will then be served in the Dining Hall. Please RSVP to [sarah\\_mckechnie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah_mckechnie@yahoo.co.uk) or 07545 307033 by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Are you interested in joining the Association? We are offering prospective new members the opportunity to buy tickets at £15 per head. This will include canapés, main course and dessert with wine and soft drinks. For more information, please contact Sarah McKechnie ([sarah\\_mckechnie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah_mckechnie@yahoo.co.uk) or 07545 307033).

## Tennis Anyone?

### Tennis Lessons for Children

Children can come along on Saturday mornings for a fun-packed session in the familiar surroundings of Hall Grove. From beginners to advanced players, we can cater for all standards and all ages. Every session will include a mixture of technical and tactical work and, of course, plenty of games or matches. All our coaches are provided by Service Line Management, and all are CRB checked and LTA qualified. In the event of extremely bad weather, sessions will move indoors where the lessons will focus on drills aimed at improving tennis etiquette, fitness, hand-eye co-ordination, footwork, strategy and scoring. Sessions are open to children of all Golf and Tennis Association members.

### Adult Tennis

Two sessions are scheduled each week for Golf and Tennis Association members to practise and improve their tennis skills. A roll up is organised on the tennis courts next to the main drive on Wednesday mornings between 0900 and 1000. The 'Improvers' group lesson takes place each Thursday morning between 0900 and 1000. Craig Thompson will oversee each session. No booking necessary, just pay as you go.

**As a courtesy to the tennis players, please be sure to remove your car from the tennis courts before 0900 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings!**

For more information about the tennis lessons or to book sessions, please email Leslie Gathy at [lesliemg@btopenworld.com](mailto:lesliemg@btopenworld.com) or telephone her on 07710 112113.

## Adult Ceramics Evening Class

There are three places available on the Tuesday night Ceramic Evening Class (1930-2130). If anyone feels creatively drawn and inspired with ideas of handmade Christmas gifts etc, please email Miranda Dowse at [m.dowse@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:m.dowse@hallgrove.co.uk) or call her on 07951 572560 for further information or to book a place.

## **Forthcoming Senior School Open Days**

Downside School, Bath	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	1000 - 1400
	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	1000 - 1400
	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	1000 - 1400
Farnborough Hill	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	1330 - 1545
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	1330 - 1545
Lancing College, West Sussex	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2011	1045 (Head Master's address at 1200)
Leighton Park School, Reading	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	1000 - 1200
Pangbourne College	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2011	0900 - 1200
Queen Anne's School, Caversham	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	0930
Reed's School, Cobham	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	1030
	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	1000
	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2012	1000
	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	1030
Roedean, Brighton	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2011	1000
	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2012	1000
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	1000
Royal Grammar School, Guildford	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2011	1000 - 1230
Royal Russell School, Croydon	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	0830 - 1200
St. George's, Ascot	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2011	
	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	
	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	
The Oratory School, Woodcote	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	0930 - 1200
Worth School, West Sussex	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	0945 - 1230
	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	0945 - 1230
	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	0945 - 1230
	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	0945 - 1230
	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2012	0945 - 1230
	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	0945 - 1230

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## **Chicago Marathon**

Magda Schellekens, mum of Michael (Year 5), Carmen and Daniela (Year 2) is taking part in the 2011 Chicago Marathon on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October to raise funds for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and is asking the Hall Grove community for help to support this worthwhile cause. Any donation will be most welcome and very much appreciated. Please visit the following webpage <http://www.justgiving.com/kellymagda> if you wish to join Magda in raising money for JDRF. Thank you!

