

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Our thanks to those who supported the Parents' Forum last night. It was an excellent debate of topical issues that ranged from the school's future development plans to the possibilities for extending still further sporting opportunities and for introducing additional modern language lessons. There was a very good discussion about options for a new parental social group to be known as The Friends of Hall Grove. More news will follow.

This week has seen much sporting success, and we congratulate the Colts football team on winning an exciting match against one of the strongest teams in the South-East.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Tullett (Director of Sport) and his wife on the birth of their second child, Iwan.

Hall Grove Supper Party - Saturday 15th October

Hall Grove families and their friends are most welcome to come to the Oarsman's Supper, an event organised by the Grahams in support of Bryanston School Boat Club, The Buffaloes. An invitation has been emailed separately. It may also be downloaded from the Hall Grove website. To assist with administration you can book tickets online. Similar events have been organised in the past and they have been very popular. Do come along and enjoy an evening that, in spite of its somewhat bovine theme, promises much. You will be entertained by our guest speaker, the Hall Grove parent and rowing legend Toby Hessian, and you will be amused by the snappy wit and repartee of former Hall Grove parent, Fabian Hine. There are also some fantastic auction items including a weekend at Battisborough House for five families and some Olympic Rowing tickets. At the end of the evening there will be some dancing for those who do not need to dash home early.

Hall Grove App

The Hall Grove App is now available to download free from the iTunes store. This provides an automatic feed from the school website, delivering news, diary dates and photo galleries direct to your iPhone.

5GH Assembly - Thursday 6th October

The children in 5GH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 6th October. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Photographs - Friday 7th October

Gillman and Soame, the School Photographer, has been booked to come on Friday 7th October to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Please make sure that the children are looking smart on the day with the boys wearing their uniform shirt, tie and blazer and the girls in their Winter uniform.

Middle School Dance Celebration - Wednesday 12th October

We would like to remind parents of the forthcoming Middle School Dance Celebration taking place on Wednesday 12th October at 1800. A variety of exciting themes are being worked on including 'Grease' and Disco Dance! Costumes will really help to spruce up the show and a note detailing your child's requirements has gone in their diary via the form tutor. We stress that parents should not go to any great expense. Costumes of the simple 'homemade' variety are often the most effective and easiest to source. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Slape (d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk).

Golf and Tennis Association Autumn Social - Friday 14th October

Sadly the Golf and Tennis Association social planned for Friday 14th October will not be taking place, but your attention is drawn to an alternative evening the following night, see above.

Open Morning - Thursday 20th October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 20th October from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

Judo - Friday 21st October

Judo will not be running on Friday 21st October as Mr Fricker has a Judo commitment in Paris. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Footsteps Dance Classes - Pupil Collection

To facilitate the collection of pupils at the end of Footsteps Classes on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, all pupils will be escorted to the main driveway by Ms Stein. Parents may continue to find it easier to park before the barrier and walk down to meet their child; however we ask that parents do not enter the main building or wait outside the Dining Hall.

Music Department

The National Youth Choirs of Great Britain are currently inviting applications for auditions. They have seven choirs in their organisation and invite applicants from the ages of 11 to 18 (9 for boy trebles). Please check their website (www.nycgb.net) for further details of audition venues and requirements.

The English Brass Academy will be holding an Easter Course from 10th to 13th April 2012 at the Purcell School near Bushey in Hertfordshire. The course will be residential with day places available. It is for children aged 8 to 18, and is suitable for those who have passed their Grade 1 to those of a Grade 8 standard and beyond. Visit www.englishbrassacademy.co.uk for further details.

Golf News

Henry Gadd and Zac Jenkins (both Year 7) competed in the Wellington College U13s Prep School Golf Tournament on Sunday. It was a Medal Competition off scratch i.e. no handicap provision. Henry came joint 5th with a score of nine over par and Zac won the competition with a score of two over par. Well done to both boys.

Sports News

Netball

28th September v Edgeborough 1st VII, U11 A, U11 B, U10 A - lost
29th September v Edgeborough U9 A, U8 A, U8 B - lost

King Edward's Witley Netball Tournament - Saturday 1st October

The U11 and U10 teams are to meet at Hall Grove at 0730 for a prompt departure. The tournament starts at 0900 and the presentation is scheduled for 1230 should one or both of the teams reach the final. A ClarionCall will be sent advising of an early return time if necessary.

Football

24th September - Parkside Sevens Tournament 1st VII won the plate competition
24th September v King's House 2nd XI lost, 3rd XI drew, Colts A won, Colts B drew, U10 VII lost
27th September v Rokeby (Surrey Cup) Colts A won on penalties
28th September v Eagle House 1st XI lost, 2nd XI won, 3rd XI won, 4th XI lost, Colts A won, Colts B won, U10 A won, U10 B won
28th September v Parkside Colts C won, U10 C won, U10 D lost, U10 E won
29th September v Hoe Bridge U9 A lost, U9 B won, U9 C won, U9 D won

Weekend Football Fixtures - Saturday 1st October

Football v Lambrook U10 B to meet at Lambrook at 1300 for an away match starting at 1330.
2nd XI and Colts A to meet at Hall Grove at 1340 for home matches starting at 1400.
1st XI and U10 A to meet at Lambrook at 1330 for away matches starting at 1400.

Calendar Additions

Tuesday 4th October 1600 Football v Northcote Lodge (Surrey Cup): 1st XI (h)
Saturday 8th October 1000 National Regional Qualifications U13s 6-a-side at Crosfields School
Saturday 8th October 1000 Football v Feltonfleet: Colts A and Colts B (h)
1000 Football v Feltonfleet: 2nd XI, U10 A, U10 B (a)

Team Lists

Just a reminder that Team Lists are added to the school website the day before the relevant sports fixture. The information can be found by selecting 'Sport' from the 'News-Sport-Events' tab on the right hand side of the homepage. Directions to away matches are also available from the school website.

Sports Xtra Half-Term Holiday Camp - 24th - 28th October

Following the success of their Summer Camp, Sports Xtra, a multi-activity sports organisation who run sports-related activity holidays and training camps for school children, are offering an activity camp at Hall Grove during the first week of half-term. Booking form leaflets have been sent home with the children. Bookings can be made online at www.sports-xtra.com quoting the course reference number or by returning the completed form, together with payment, to the School Office.

Fundraising Gift Wrap Sale

As in previous years, we are participating in the Northbrook Gift Wrap sale. Leaflets have been sent home with the children which contain instructions for ordering. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase Christmas and birthday wrapping paper alongside other associated items. Please return completed order forms to the School Office before half term. All profits made will go to charity.

Hall Grove School Socials

It may be time for change - after four years of Groove at the Grove and with the social element of the Golf and Tennis Association being wound up, there is an opportunity for new ventures. Are there any enthusiastic parents anywhere within the school community who would like to organise a social function? This could be a ball/dinner dance/quiz night/Groove at the Grove etc. If you would like to be involved, please let Paula Leech (Year 3 mum and Year 2 form teacher) know as she is co-ordinating the initial discussions. She welcomes all parents from any part of the school (especially Pre-Prep and Middle School) who would like to be involved in any capacity small or large. Initially this group will meet to ascertain whether there is a desire within the school community for some sort of dinner dance this year and what other social functions the school community would support. Mrs Leech can be contacted by email at p.leech@hallgrove.co.uk or through the School Office. *Meirion Shaw*

After School Help Needed

After school help needed for Tuesdays and Wednesdays picking up my three children (Years 1, 3 and 6) from Hall Grove and overseeing evening meal/homework/activities. This may suit a student looking for extra pocket money, or I would be open to nanny share possibilities. If interested, please phone Ruth Armitage on 07590 541993

Secondhand Rose Designer Sale at Pennyhill Park Hotel - Friday 7th October

Convert your clothes into cash or grab a bargain! The event is taking place on Friday 7th October from 1000 to 1600 at Pennyhill Park Hotel and Spa, London Road, Bagshot, GU19 5EU in aid of The Children's Trust. For more information visit thechildrenstrust.org.uk/secondhandrose or contact Ela on 07963 975737 or Julia on 07814 493908.

