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Thank you very much to the many families who supported the Hall Grove Garden Party last Saturday. It was a lovely afternoon and the grounds looked most attractive with the rhododendrons and azaleas in glorious bloom. Our thanks to our neighbours at Field House and Badgers Cottage for opening their gardens too, and to the many people who helped on the day. The Year 3 plots were transformed into bright splashes of colour thanks to a ground force of parents and grandparents who took their instructions from the young designers. It was most impressive! Over £1800 was raised for the National Garden Scheme which each year distributes over £2 million to a group of worthwhile charities.

# 1KH Assembly - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

The children in 1KH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Olympic Athlete Visit and Fundraising Day - Monday 28th May

Please find attached a sponsorship form. It gives information about the activities in which the children will be taking part on 28<sup>th</sup> May when we have a visit from an Olympic hopeful. Please encourage your child to collect sponsors for the event in order to raise as much money as possible for up and coming young sportsmen and sportswomen in the UK and the charities supported by Hall Grove. The event will start at 0840 with Year 8 and run through to 1100 when our Olympic hopeful will do a presentation to the whole school. We ask that all children come to school in PE kit on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>, but please remember to pack their uniform (blazers are not required).

## Open Morning - Thursday 31st May

Our Summer Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 31st May from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents and 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.

## Diamond Jubilee Lunch - Friday 1st June

The day before half term will be an opportunity for Hall Grove to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. We are hosting a school picnic down by the lake, with a brass band, bunting, flags and balloons. Parents are welcome to attend and bring their own picnics if they so wish, and are asked to sit separately from the school on the grass slope leading down from the house. It should be a memorable occasion.

## Year 8 Visit to Houses of Parliament - Friday 1st June

We have our annual trip to Westminster on the afternoon of Friday 1st June. We appreciate that the day is not ideal for all families, but it is very difficult to get a booking and we have little choice over dates. We would like to make the most of the afternoon in London and will do a little sightseeing, returning to Hall Grove at 2000. If any Year 8 pupil is unable to go, please speak to the School Office.

## Music Department

On Tuesday, five of our talented singers visited Cranleigh School where they sang Benjamin Britten's 'Rejoice in the Lamb' alongside Cranleigh School's Chapel Choir. Max Berger, Tom Brooke, Henry Coop, Rosie Freeman and Isabel Norrey all performed and behaved exceptionally well - they were a real credit to the school.

Mrs Salmond Smith will be away at various meetings on Monday and Wednesday next week, so please note that Choristers will not take place on those days. However, Music Theory Club will run as usual.

### **Sports News**

Girls' Biathlon

14<sup>th</sup> May - The Marist Biathlon: Izzy Arnold won and the U11 team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall

Rounders

16<sup>th</sup> May v Edgeborough: 1<sup>st</sup> IX won, U11 lost, U10 drew

17<sup>th</sup> May v Edgeborough: U9 A won 17<sup>th</sup> May v Hoe Bridge: U9 B lost

U11 Hoe Bridge Rounders Tournament - Saturday 19th May at 1000

The U11 team is to meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove at 0830

Cricket

12th May v Chinthurst (Surrey Cup First Round): 1st XI won

12<sup>th</sup> May v Cumnor House: Colts A won 12<sup>th</sup> May v Parkside: 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost, U10 A lost

16<sup>th</sup> May v Hoe Bridge: 1<sup>st</sup> XI won, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI won, Colts A drew, Colts B, U10 A and B lost

17th May v Feltonfleet: U9 A lost, U9 B won

**Athletics** 

17th May v Sunningdale and Bishopsgate: Hall Grove finished 2nd overall - well done to all competitors

#### Mixed Tennis

17th May v Lambrook: U13 won, U11 won

It was wonderful to see the boys and girls playing with such maturity and passion in our first mixed doubles fixture. Well done to everyone who took part, in particular the Year 8 girls who performed magnificently (one or two might have even surprised themselves).

### Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 19th May

Cricket v Eagle House: 1st XI, Colts A and Colts C to meet at Hall Grove at 1330 for home fixture starting at 1400 (please note the later start time). 2nd XI and Colts B to meet at Eagle House at 1315 for away matches starting at 1345

Now the weather has started to improve and the fixture programme is getting back into full swing, please be aware that midweek cricket games can run on to 1800, making it difficult to predict accurately what time away matches will return.

Children are expected to be available for Saturday fixtures but, if they are unavailable, please inform Mr Joll or Mrs Lomas by email at the beginning of the relevant week.

# Ski Trip 2013 - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January

The response has been excellent for January's ski trip to Claviere, Italy. There is still some space available. Please contact Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) if you require further details or would like to reserve a place.

### Groove at the Grove - online tickets now on sale

The website for Groove at the Grove is now up and running and it is possible to buy your tickets online (www.grooveatthegrove.co.uk) and pay through 'PayPal'. Don't forget there is an Early Bird discount of £5 valid on adult tickets until Friday  $22^{nd}$  June so they can be purchased for £25 rather than £30.

# Crown and Tiara Jubilee Walk 2012 - Sunday 20th May

Sebastian's Action Trust's biggest fundraising event of the year, the Crown and Tiara Jubilee Walk, will take place on Sunday  $20^{th}$  May and should be great fun for all ages. Taking part is an easy way to help the Trust and the families with seriously-ill children they support. The walk, which is themed in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, will start at 1000 in the grounds of Trevelyan School and will take walkers through Windsor and the beautiful Crown Estate. Participants are invited to join in for a celebratory picnic at the finish! Entry is £15 for adults, £10 for children and free for under fives. Please get your friends, colleagues and family together and join the event. Online registration is now closed, but you can turn up on the day.

## Bagshot Diamond Jubilee Party - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 1400 to 1800

Enjoy the fun at Bagshot Village Square on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 1400 to 1800. There will be live music, a fashion show, maypole dancing, children's rides, face painting, charity stalls, BBQ, food and drink etc. Visit bagshotvillage.com for updates and information.

## Sunningdale Music Festival - Monday 4th June from 1400 to 2000

Music Festival and Picnic in the Park at Broomhall Recreation Ground on Monday 4th June from 1400 to 2000 (gates open at 1200) celebrating 60 years of hits. 'The Swinging Blue Jeans' will be the headline act, joined by Chip Hawkes - bass player, singer and songwriter with 'The Tremeloes'. There will be a beer tent with real ale, BBQ with lamb roast, teas and cakes, ice cream etc. Bring your own chairs or rugs. Picnics welcome. Free parking. Tickets cost £10 (£5 for 5-16 year olds) and are available from the Parish Council Office at Broomhall Recreation Ground (sunningdale.parish@rbwm.gov.uk or 01344 874268) and Waitrose. TRH The Earl and Countess of Wessex will make an appearance at the event.

