

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What a glorious week of sunshine we have enjoyed! The boys and girls have been busy with sports and outdoor activities, and there has been a lovely atmosphere in the school. However parents are advised to be aware that the sudden arrival of warm weather can cause fatigue for children and so plenty of rest is recommended. Notes on sun safety are printed below.

As announced by ClarionCall on Tuesday, we have boarding school inspectors in next week for a routine short notice visit. Children who have experienced boarding at Hall Grove (even if only for a one night 'taster') and their parents can assist the school by completing the online questionnaire before Sunday evening. Instructions are given below.

Our thanks and congratulations to the Ball Committee of the Friends of Hall Grove for a wonderful Casino Royale evening on Saturday. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

Boarding House Questionnaire

The ISI inspection team invites parents of all children who have spent at least one night in the boarding house and the children themselves to take a few moments to complete a confidential questionnaire as part of the inspection process. The questionnaire is available for you to complete online (<http://surveys.isi.net>) and needs to be completed by Sunday evening. The log in codes are as follows: parents please use IQUH-IVRC-RHRH; pupils please use BUVT-KMCN-TZAQ

The Go! Go! Go! Show

On Monday afternoon the children in Pre-Prep and Middle School were entertained by a thrilling spectacle as the school welcomed the cast of the 'The GO! GO! GO! Show' to our stage. The show is on tour ahead of a residence at The Empire, Leicester Square, in the heart of London's West End and we were treated to an exciting preview of what will be on offer. The performance was both professionally delivered and highly entertaining and the children were thoroughly captivated. The cast did a meet and greet afterwards, and pupils are likely to see them again on children's television in the near future.

Olympic Athlete Visit and Fundraising Day - Monday 28th May

Sponsorship forms were sent home last week giving information about the activities in which the children will be taking part on Monday 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 Monday morning, but please remember to pack their uniform (blazers are not required).

2PL Assembly - Wednesday 30th May

The children in 2PL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 30th May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

3JD Assembly - Thursday 31st May

The children in 3JD would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 31st May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Open Morning - Thursday 31st May

Our Summer Open Morning is taking place next Thursday 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

Next Friday, we are hosting a school picnic down by the lake with a brass band, bunting, flags and balloons to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Parents are welcome to attend, bringing 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

Our annual trip to Westminster is taking place next Friday afternoon. We plan to make the most of the afternoon in London and after our visit to the Houses of Parliament we will do a little sightseeing, returning to Hall Grove at 2000.

Photography Competition

Mr Adams is holding on to the winning children's photographs from the competition so that he can make a display. This display will be up until the end of term after which the photographs will be returned to their owners. Please let him know via email (i.adams@hallgrove.co.uk) if you would like your child's photograph returned sooner than this. Thank you.

Sun Safety at School

The school is concerned about protecting pupils from sunburn and from skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the country. As sunburn and almost all skin cancers are caused by the sun, it is possible to prevent this happening. We believe that by encouraging sun safety and teaching children about the risks of sunlight, we can prevent them burning and contribute towards preventing skin cancer.

The school would like your help and support in this matter. We will encourage children to avoid sunburn and over-exposure to the sun by:

- Seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day.
- Wearing suitable sunhats (available from the school uniform shop) - NAMED.
- Wearing clothing that protects the skin, particularly for outdoor activities and school trips.
- Using a high factor all-day sunscreen (SPF 15+) prior to coming to school.
- Re-applying their own high factor sunscreen, if necessary. Sunscreen can be kept in school, but must be kept in a named container and not shared.

Teachers and support staff on outdoor duties or in charge of school trips will remind all children to cover up in the sun and use sunscreen.

Hayfever

For those children who suffer from hayfever, please could parents either make sure their children have taken medication before they come to school or that medication is sent in, clearly named, and handed to one of the Matrons.

Scarlet Fever

There has been a case of Scarlet Fever reported in Pre-Prep. Scarlet Fever often follows a sore throat. Further symptoms include a red flushed face, feeling generally unwell, swollen glands and a rash which may be itchy. Although it is very contagious, cases are usually mild and can be treated with antibiotics. Children should be kept off school until they have had their first 24 hours of antibiotics.

Sports News

Rounders

23rd May v Feltonfleet: 1st XI lost

23rd May v Holme Grange: U10 A lost

24th May - Girls' Junior House Rounders: 1st Falcons, 2nd Hawks, 3rd Kestrels, 4th Eagles

Tennis

21st May v Yateley Manor: U13 won, U10 won

Hall Grove enjoyed fine weather and sporting competition as they took on Yateley Manor on Monday evening. Our U13 squad enjoyed a splendid victory without losing a match. Our U10 team performed magnificently and, whilst they drew on match wins, they took the overall victory in games by winning 18-15. A special mention goes to our U10 3rd pair, George Freeman and Danny Wessely (both Year 4), who only just lost in a nail-biting final match against Yateley's 1st pair - a courageous effort boys, well done!

Crickets

23rd May v Sunningdale: a clean sweep of wins! 1st XI won, 2nd XI won, 3rd XI won, 4th XI won, U10 A won, U10 B won

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 26th May

Crickets v St. John's Beaumont: 1st XI and U10 B to meet at Hall Grove at 0900 for away matches starting at 1000. 2nd XI, 3rd XI and U10 A to meet at Hall Grove at 0930 for home matches starting at 1000.

Golf Success

Congratulations to the golf team who won their match against Eagle House at Wellington 3 - 1 with one match halved.

Casino Royale Ball

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the Ball on Saturday night for making it such a resounding success. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive and it was wonderful to see everyone dressed up and having so much fun. We hope to put photographs of the evening on the school website soon. Having finalised our accounts we have come in just under budget for the event and the excess will be donated to a charity chosen by the pupils in Year 8.

Deborah Rhodes, Rachel Bray, Vana Parker, Jo Connor, Claire Wolfe, Jackie Vandenberg (The Ball Committee)

Friends of Hall Grove

After two fantastic events and the ever-popular Groove at the Grove on the horizon, we would like to arrange some dates for the Autumn term. If you would like to get involved in organising an event, assisting or if you have a particular idea to share, please join us in the Admiral Room on Thursday 14th June at 2000. Friends of Hall Grove is open to all parents of the school and we look forward to seeing you there.

Windlesham Fête - can you spare an hour?

Every year the Windlesham Fête provides fun and entertainment for the community and raises significant sums for local organisations. This is only possible with a network of volunteers who can man the various bouncy castles and inflatable challenges, provided by the fête committee, for the children to enjoy. This year, the fête team desperately needs a few more pairs of hands to help out for an hour on the afternoon of Saturday 9th June, between 1300 and 1700, on the Windlesham Field of Remembrance. If you think you can help (maybe while your children are enjoying themselves) then please contact ex Hall Grove mum Nicola Pheasey (n.pheasey@btopenworld.com). We look forward to seeing you there - the highlight of this year's packed programme will be a birds of prey display!

Mr and Mrs Wyatt (parents of Amelie in Year 3 and Kaitlyn in Year 1)

