

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Now that the first full week of term is behind us, school events will come thick and fast. Parents are advised to keep a close eye on the school fixture list and to read newsletters carefully. This week we have hosted eight of the nine parent year groups at curriculum meetings, all of which went very well. Reception parents are invited on Monday. We look forward to a busy morning of football tomorrow. Best wishes to Year 7 who are studying in Devon next week; they have a very full programme (the children must remember to take their geography exercise books and writing equipment).

This year we have been listed amongst the best prep schools in the Tatler magazine Schools Guide. We were delighted to have been included.

Email Correspondence

When emailing the School Office or any of the school staff, please do not correspond or reply using the email address generated by our emailing system operated by ClarionCall (Hall Grove School - hallgroveschool.309@myclarioncall.co.uk). Instead, use the Hall Grove email addresses (office@hallgrove.co.uk or, for specific staff members, *initial.surname@hallgrove.co.uk*). Staff initials are shown on the staff list in the printed calendar.

It is worth remembering that the quickest way to communicate with a member of staff is a written note in the diary or the Pre-Prep communication book. Teachers often do not get an opportunity to check email until after school.

Reception Parents' Briefing - Monday 17th September

The Reception Parents' Briefings will be taking place on Monday 17th September at 1900. The evenings will begin 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.

Eton College Information Evening - Tuesday 18th September

Any parent is welcome to attend this talk, and older boys may wish to come too. Eton is a school around which there is so much mis-information so come and find out for yourself what makes it special and how it would suit many Hall Grove boys. The talk starts at 1900.

Year 7 Production - The Perils of Pauline - Monday 24th September

Prepare to be astonished... Get ready to be amazed... Stand by to be astounded! Follow the adventures of our heroine Pauline in her battle against the evil 'Black Hand Gang'! The Perils of Pauline is loosely based on the American serialised melodrama from 1914. This fun melodramatic performance will take place on the evening of Monday 24th September in New Hall, starting at 1900. Parents and children from all year groups are welcome, so please do come and join us for what we hope will be a fun and light-hearted 'no frills' performance (lasting approximately thirty minutes). It is expected that Year 7 pupils will remain behind at the end of their school day and supper will be provided. Please inform the School Office if you would rather collect your child after school and return them in time for the performance.

Pre-Prep Maths Workshop for Parents - Thursday 8th November

Are you after some tips to support your child with their Maths? If so, do come to the workshop on Thursday 8th November at 1830. The Pre-Prep teachers will take you on a mathematical journey covering all the skills and strategies you need.

Upper School Trips - Friday 12th October

On Friday 12th October all of Upper School will be departing for some very exciting educational day trips: Year 6 to Warwick Castle, Year 7 (together with Year 8 Remove) to Flanders (Ypres, Sanctuary Wood and Hill 62 in particular), and Year 8 to Intech Science Centre in Winchester. More details will follow, but we are looking forward to these opportunities to enrich our curriculum studies. **Parents need to ensure that those travelling to Belgium have valid passports.**

Impetigo

There has been a case of impetigo in school. This is highly contagious and presents itself as crusty and/or sore areas on the skin. If your child has unusual 'spots', please have them checked by your doctor who may prescribe medication. Your child should not attend school for at least forty-eight hours from the start of the medication.

After School Clubs

Club spaces have now been allocated. We are sorry that Animation Club for Reception, Years 1 and 2 and Classic Comedy Cinema Club for Years 6, 7 and 8 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 14th December.

Footsteps Dance Classes

Footsteps dance classes commence on Tuesday 18th September, run by Fiona Stein. The classes will be taking place in the Dining Hall and, for those enrolled, you are asked to collect your child after their class from Miss Stein on the drive. On Tuesdays Beginners' Tap finishes at 1635 and Grade 1 Tap finishes at 1725 and on Fridays Beginners' Ballet finishes at 1610. Dance uniform, which is compulsory for all Footsteps pupils, will be available for you to purchase in Miss Gent's classroom on Friday 21st September from 1615.

Music Department

Choral Day with Ralph Allwood

On Thursday next week, we will be welcoming Ralph Allwood to Hall Grove to lead a Choral Day. Mr Allwood is a musician of immense experience, including twenty-six years as Director of Music at Eton College, and is something of a choral master. We are very fortunate to be experiencing a day of his expertise. He will be mainly working with Years 5 and 6, as well as our Choristers, culminating in a short concert with those children at 1630 in New Hall, to which everyone is warmly invited. We hope very much that as many Year 5 children as possible will be able to stay a little longer, and that parents from all year groups will be able to come to the concert and hear Mr Allwood's words of wisdom. Please visit <http://ralphallwood.com/> for more information on Mr Allwood.

Instrumental Lessons Open Week

The following week (24th - 28th September) is Open Week for our instrumental lessons. Parents are always welcome to come to their child's individual music lesson; however, for this week we are strongly encouraging it! If you would like to see for yourself the hard work that goes on in these lessons, please do come along. It is helpful if you let your child's instrumental teacher know if you are planning to come along so that they can make sure that any unforeseen timetable changes do not affect your child.

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

As these events have become so popular, there are now two per term for Years 3 - 8 as well as the introduction of a Pre-Prep concert. If your child has lessons outside school, please let Mrs Salmond Smith know if you would like them to perform. There may not be a slot if you leave it until the day before, so please give as much notice as possible. These concerts are an excellent opportunity to perform in a friendly atmosphere, and are an excellent platform for those with imminent music exams to learn how to conquer nerves. Our Informal Concert dates for this term are as follows: Pre-Prep - 14th November; Middle School - 4th October and 11th October; Upper School - 8th November and 15th November. Dates and times of the concerts can also be found in the School Calendar.

Hall Grove Football Tournament

The 1st XI, Colts A and Colts B teams competed in the fourth Hall Grove Football Tournament last Saturday. Each team played four matches and it turned out to be an extremely successful morning for Hall Grove. Colts B competed excellently against four other A teams and should be proud of their efforts. Colts A won three out of their four matches scoring plenty of goals and were only just beaten by Moulsoford. The 1st XI won two matches and drew two which was enough for Hall Grove to top the table overall and secure the winners' trophy for the first time. Congratulations to all the boys who played.

Four Schools Cricket Festival

A fantastic last day of Summer with four cricket matches played against local rivals Woodcote House, Sunningdale and Ludgrove. Hall Grove beat Woodcote House and lost to Ludgrove by one run on the last ball. Woodcote House beat Sunningdale by one wicket in the last over.

1st XV Pre-Season Touch Rugby Training

Please be advised that prospective 1st team squad members are welcome to attend pre-season training with Mr Joll after school on Wednesdays up until 1800 for the first half of term only.

Sports News

Netball

12th September v St. George's, Windsor: 1st VII drew, 2nd VII won

12th September v Bishopsgate: U11, U10 A and B lost

U11 Marist Netball Tournament – Thursday 20th September

The tournament starts at 1530 and we ask that the girls be collected from The Marist by parents at 1715.

Netball Calendar Amendment and Addition

On Wednesday 19th September, the start time of the match against The Marist has changed from 1430 to 1530.

Wednesday 26th November: Netball v Bearwood – 1st VII, 2nd VII starting at 1530 (h)

Football

12th September v Crosfields: 1st XI drew, 2nd XI won, 3rd XI won, 4th XI won, Colts C won, U10 B won, U10 C won, 5th XI, Colts A, Colts B, Colts D, U10 A, U10 D lost

13th September v St. Andrew's: U9 A won, U9 B won, U9 C lost, U9 D won, U9 E won, U9 F won

Football House Matches – Saturday 15th September

Years 3 and 4 house matches start at 0900 and Years 5, 6 and 7/8 matches start at 1100. The boys should wear their house t-shirts, but if they do not have one yet they should wear a t-shirt in their house colour.

Surrey Cup Football – Saturday 15th September

The 1st XI to meet at Hall Grove at 0830 for a home match against Downsends starting at 0900.

Charterhouse Football Tournament – Sunday 16th September

The boys playing in the Charterhouse Football Tournament on Sunday are to meet Mr Tomlinson at Charterhouse at 1310.

Football Calendar Amendment

On Thursday 20th September, the U9 A, B, C and D Football Triangular with Feltonfleet and Aldro is now an away fixture at Aldro starting at 1430.

Junior World Champion

Piers Nicholls (Year 7) and his helm Jamie Smith (Hayling Island Sailing Club) raced in a fleet of one hundred and eighty boats from fourteen nations and three continents at the RS Feva World Championships. After three days racing they were lying sixth overall when the fleet was divided into Bronze, Silver and Gold. Racing in the Gold fleet they won the first race and went on to finish third overall missing second by one point to the Irish. They were top GBR boat and top U13 to take the Junior World Champion Title. Piers continued his sailing over the Summer, travelling to Kinsale and sailing as part of the GBR Team in the Optimist Irish Nationals where he finished sixteenth overall (ninety-six boats). Piers and Jamie hope to be selected at the forthcoming qualifying events for a place in the National Squad for the RS Feva Class.

Mouthguard Fitting – Tuesday 18th September and Tuesday 25th September

OPRO, the dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards, will be conducting mouthguard fittings at Hall Grove on Tuesday 18th September and Tuesday 25th September. The forms, which were sent out during the holiday, need to be returned to OPRO if you wish to obtain a mouthguard from them 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.

Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening – Friday 5th October

A limited number of tickets for the Wine and Cheese Evening on Friday 5th October is still available. The evening will be hosted by a wine company from Spain who will introduce eight exclusive wines from small, international vineyards. These wines are not available in the shops, but can be ordered by the case on the night. The wine will be accompanied by a selection of locally produced speciality cheeses. Tickets are £20 for wine tasters and include a welcome glass of champagne. Non tasters may pay £15 for non-alcoholic wines and soft drinks. Please contact your year group's wine committee member for tickets or, ideally, pay online by bank transfer to NatWest Sunningdale Branch, account number 49849263, sort code: 60-21-04. We look forward to seeing you there.

Golf Competition – Saturday 13th October

This term's Golf Competition is open to all children and will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 13th October. It will be played in a Greensomes format; teams of two made up of a child and an adult. It is a lovely opportunity for children to play the school nine hole course in a fun competition with an adult partner of their choice. Golf lessons will take place as usual in the morning and any Hall Grove child wishing to enter in the competition is welcome regardless of whether or not they have golf lessons at school. Tee times will be allocated from 1300 onwards and there will be an entry fee per team. Please save the date; further information will be forthcoming nearer the time.

Hall Grove Olympian

Old Boy Andrew Simpson (known as 'Bart' to his friends) won a Gold medal in sailing at Beijing and a Silver at London this year. What an achievement, well done!

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