

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*The end of term is almost here, and we know that everyone will be hoping for some fine weather to bring on the Spring. It has been a demanding term in many ways, but also a very successful one with excellent results in sport, music and academia.*

*Parents are asked to take careful note of the warnings on Internet use printed below. There are clearly a number of pupils who are using social media inappropriately. We recommend that parents control its use very closely indeed.*

*We wish you all a very happy Easter holiday.*

## **Major Scholarship**

Many congratulations to Adam Wills on winning the top academic scholarship to RGS Guildford. It was a remarkable performance with straight A grades across all subjects. This scholarship follows a major Music scholarship won by Adam earlier this term. Yousuf Mirza and Harry Francis are to be congratulated for being awarded places at RGS and finishing in good positions on the entrance lists. It has been a most successful year for scholarships and the Year 8 pupils are achieving very well indeed.

## **Highly Commended**

Against very strong competition from a long list of pupils, Ajeet Dale has been highly commended by Wellington College for his sport and he has the opportunity to upgrade this accolade to a Sports Scholarship later this year if his cricket goes as well as we expect it to. Well done.

## **Online Concerns with Year 6**

A number of parents have raised significant concerns regarding the nature of communication between some children using various electronic means, for example on iPads and mobile phones, in the evenings and at weekends. The children have been spoken to quite firmly by the Headmaster, who pointed out that any electronic correspondence can always be traced back to an individual and that what begins as some thoughtless name-calling can soon become very serious and extremely hurtful to those on the receiving end. We are aware that some of the language has been totally inappropriate for children of this age and would ask parents to monitor their child's on-line activity closely and raise any concerns with the School.

## **Year 6 Poetry Evening**

The boys and girls of Year 6 are to be congratulated for an excellent evening reciting poems to their parents. There are some talented pupils in this year group and they can be proud of their performances.

## **Year 5 Design Challenge**

In their design and technology lessons, Year 5 children have been challenged to design and create a futuristic space shuttle using only recycled packaging. In most cases pupils are working in pairs and the best entries will on display at the Forbidden Planet performances. A panel will judge them and the winning design will be used as a prop in the main show itself! The closing date for submissions is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Calling All Year Groups**

We are making a giant monster for the Forbidden Planet production and require a large quantity of empty 2 litre drink bottles. Any plastic bottles will do - Coca Cola, Fanta, Sprite, water etc. Please rinse and leave the caps on (no need to remove labels). The more bottles we get, the more monstrous the consequences! Thank you for your help.

*Mr Slape*

## **Pre-Prep Vision Screening Reminder**

Please could any further vision screening consent forms be handed in on Monday.

## **After School Clubs and TASC**

Please note that the final clubs of this term are today. TASC will operate as usual until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as places are limited.

## **After School Clubs - Summer Term 2013**

Next term's club information was sent out with the newsletter last Friday and the deadline for returning forms was today. If you have missed the deadline but still wish to enrol your child/children for a club, please return your form to the School Office on Monday morning. Please be aware that the following clubs are already full: Pre-Prep - Fun Food and Ceramics; Middle School - Ceramics.

## **Chelsea Football Club**

The cost for next term's Chelsea FC Foundation after school clubs are £36 for Years 1 and 2 on Mondays and £40 for Reception, Years 3, 4 and 5 on Tuesdays.

## **Pre-Prep Spring Celebration - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

All Pre-Prep parents are invited to join the children in New Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March for their Spring Celebration. We are aiming for a 1400 start. Children may go home afterwards, but there will be supervision here to the normal time where it is required. Please remember to send in all requested props on Monday.

Once the Spring Celebration has finished, Reception parents are invited to come to their child's classroom to share their Learning Journey work. Children should bring in their white PE shorts on Monday to keep in school until the celebration day.

## **Poetry Competition Final - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The final for our Poetry Competition this year will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 0830 in New Hall.

## **Spring Concert - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The Spring Concert will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in New Hall starting at 1900. This will be a wonderful evening of music and an opportunity to witness the hard work that has taken place over this term. All pupils, parents and friends are warmly invited to attend the concert. The full list of participating ensembles is as follows: Choristers, Hall Grove Choir, Girls' Choir, Senior Recorder Ensemble, Senior Brass, Junior Brass, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Junior Strings, Woodwind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. If your child is in any of these ensembles, please ensure that they are in the Admiral Room with their instrument (if applicable) by 1840 at the latest. They may stay for supper, but please make sure you book them in as soon as possible. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please let Mrs Salmond Smith know as soon as possible (l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk). Please could all members of Girls' Choir bring black clothing with them for their performance of 'Thriller'.

## **Easter Service - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Easter Service will be taking place in New Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1030. This is always a lovely occasion with beautiful music; all parents are warmly invited to attend.

## **Exhibition Hockey Match - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Hall Grove's annual exhibition hockey match between an Invitation Team and the Hall Grove Old Boys will be played on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1145. It is a great opportunity for the pupils to watch senior hockey played at a very high standard. We would encourage parents to come and watch. The lunch served in the pavilion is for players, their families and the Staff.

## **Exhibition Netball Match - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

An exhibition netball match between the 1st VII and the Hall Grove Old Girls will be played on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1145. Parents are invited to come and watch. The lunch served in the pavilion is for players, their families and the Staff.

## **End of Term Arrangements - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

1030 Easter Service in New Hall  
1145 Exhibition Hockey Match  
1145 Exhibition Netball Match  
1200 Pre-Prep collection time  
1215 Years 3 and 4 collection time  
1230 Years 5 and 6 collection time  
1245 Years 7 and 8 collection time

Middle and Upper School year groups will be dismissed pitch-side. Bags etc will be stacked outside the school buildings. Please park before the barrier as directed.

## **School Uniform Shop**

The School Uniform Shop will be open at the following times over the Easter holidays:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April                      0800 – 1000  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April                    1530 – 1730

## Summer Uniform

Summer uniform is to be worn from the start of next term.

## Reception PGCE Student

Next term, Reception welcomes Miss Rucksana Ali, a PGCE student from Kingston University. She will be working within the Reception team to gain experience for teaching in Early Years.

## Years 6 and 7 Forbidden Planet Rehearsal - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

As previously advised, we have a big rehearsal on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (the day before Summer Term commences). Children are required to arrive at the following times:

0945        Lead Cast and Backstage Crew (the children are aware)  
1130        All additional Year 7 pupils  
1345        All Year 6 pupils

Lead cast and Year 7 pupils will require a healthy packed lunch (please do not pack sweets and fizzy drinks). In addition a drink and snack will be provided. Pupils can wear comfortable casual clothing and must not bring electrical devices. The rehearsal will finish promptly at 1630 when all pupils should be collected from the main driveway.

## Year 4 Battisborough Briefing - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

The Year 4 Battisborough Briefing for parents will be taking place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 1630 in 4TB's classroom. There will be supervision organised during the briefing for Year 4 children.

## Sporting Tours' Meetings - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Please be advised that there will be a Senior Boys' Cricket Tour Meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April and a Senior Girls' Sporting Tours Meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, both at 1800 in the Admiral Room.

## Parents' Forum - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

There will be a Parents' Forum on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 1900 in the Admiral Room. This is an opportunity to contribute views and opinions to the Headmaster and senior staff on a range of school issues, and to consider aspects of the school's future development. All parents are welcome to attend.

## Music Department

### Music Competition Concert

What a fabulous concert we had last night! Well done to all our musicians, especially those for whom this was a new experience.

### BBC Radio 4 Daily Service

The Choristers are departing for their tour to Manchester tomorrow morning. Monday's live Daily Service broadcast on Radio 4 (long wave only – LW198) at 0945 can also be heard at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01rhx2z> and Wednesday's recorded service can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01rhx3t>.

## Sports News

Another busy week of sport at Hall Grove with the highlights being the 1<sup>st</sup> VII rugby team winning the Lords Wandsworth Sevens Tournament, the girls' U12 VII hockey team coming joint winners in the Hall Grove Tournament and the fabulous set of hockey results the junior boys and girls achieved on Thursday.

This week's girls' hockey results are as follows:

U12 VII Hall Grove Hockey Tournament	joint winners
U11 VII Hall Grove Hockey Tournament	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
U9 A v Cranleigh	won     3 – 1
U9 B v Cranleigh	drew    3 – 3
U8 A v Cranleigh	won     5 – 1
U8 B v Cranleigh	drew    1 – 1

This week's boys' hockey results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Crosfields	won     6 – 0
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Crosfields	won     8 – 0
3 <sup>rd</sup> VII v Crosfields	won     7 – 0
4 <sup>th</sup> VII v Crosfields	won     6 – 0
Colts B v Crosfields	won     3 – 1
Colts C v Crosfields	won     4 – 2
U10 A v Crosfields	won     6 – 0
U10 B v Crosfields	won     7 – 0

U10 C v Crosfields	won	6 - 0
U9 A v Lambrook	lost	3 - 1
U9 A v Feltonfleet	won	3 - 1
U9 B v Lambrook	lost	5 - 1
U9 B v Feltonfleet	drew	3 - 3
U9 C v Lambrook	lost	7 - 3
U9 C v Feltonfleet	won	6 - 0
U9 D v Lambrook	lost	12 - 0
U9 D v Feltonfleet	won	4 - 1
U8 A v Feltonfleet	won	4 - 1
U8 B v Feltonfleet	won	1 - 0
U8 C v Feltonfleet	won	8 - 0
U8 D v Feltonfleet	won	4 - 1

#### Years 3 and 4 Hockey House Matches – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Hockey House Matches for Years 3 and 4 are on Saturday morning. Please remember to bring shinpads, mouthguards, a house t-shirt and plenty of warm clothing. The house t-shirt can be worn over a rugby top or fleece. Year 3 matches are due to start at 0830 and need to commence promptly – please arrive at school at 0815. Year 4 matches are due to start at 0910 – please arrive at Hall Grove no later than 0900.

#### Boys' Hockey v Moulsoford – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

U10 A and B to meet at Hall Grove promptly at 0830 for away matches starting at 1000. Return time is estimated at 1300. Colts A and Colts B to meet at Hall Grove promptly at 0830 for away matches starting at 1050. Return time is estimated at 1300. 1<sup>st</sup> VII and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII to meet at Hall Grove at 0945 for home matches starting at 1000. 3<sup>rd</sup> VII and 4<sup>th</sup> VII to meet at Hall Grove at 1040 for home matches starting at 1050.

## **Cricket Kit**

Years 4 to 8 may bring cricket bats into school next term (please make sure bats are clearly named). They will be stored as directed by the games staff. **Children are allowed to bring in cricket bags on match days only.** Please be aware that the school supplies all necessary cricket equipment so there is nothing that a child will need that is not provided; however, they may use their own kit on match days if they wish. Years 2 and 3 will not be required to bring bats or kit at any point during the term.

## **Buying the Right Cricket Bat**

Cricket bats can be expensive items and the wrong weight choice can actually mean that your child's batting regresses rather than improves over the season. If you are buying a bat over the holidays, please make sure that you are confident that any advice you are given is sound. As we all know, the quality of in-store advice from the larger sports chain stores can vary enormously. If in doubt, wait until the start of the season and consult one of several well-qualified cricket coaches that we are lucky to have on the staff here at Hall Grove.

## **Swimming**

The children will be swimming as part of the sports programme in the Summer term. All children in Years 3 to 8 must have a Hall Grove swimming costume (see uniform list). There is a letter attached for Pre-Prep parents regarding swimming lessons next term. Pre-Prep children should also wear a Hall Grove swimming costume available from the Uniform Shop.

## **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2013 vouchers which are currently being issued for every £10 spent in stores, online and at petrol filling stations. We would be grateful if you would send in any vouchers that you receive.

## **FOHG Saturday Golf and Tennis Lessons**

If you would like to enrol your child for golf and/or tennis lessons in the Summer Term, please contact Rachel Bray (rachel.bray@btinternet.com) or Leslie Gathy (lesliemg@bopenworld.com) before the end of term. Lessons will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There will be 8 lessons in the Summer term and the cost for golf or tennis lessons will be £80.00 for the hour lessons and £44.00 for the half hour lessons. Please find all the information on lessons, timings and how to enrol on the attached form.

## **Job Opportunity at Sebastian's Action Trust**

Sebastian's Action Trust is seeking a highly organised individual to contribute to the development and delivery of a cost effective fundraising strategy by offering excellent administrative support to all members of the fundraising team. The post holder will act as a first point of contact for all fundraising enquiries providing a high level of customer service, and will take responsibility for ensuring accurate and timely fundraising data entry on the in-house database. Please telephone 01344 622500 for further information if you are interested or know someone who might be.

## **Newsletter Attachments**

The following documents are attached to this week's newsletter:

- Pre-Prep Swimming Letter - Summer Term 2013
- Windlesham Easter Golf Camp
- Sunningdale Indoor Cricket School
- FOHG Saturday Golf and Tennis Lessons

### **And finally....**

The Graham family is delighted to announce the arrival of a fine litter of seven pedigree Labrador puppies born to their dog 'BB' early on Tuesday morning. If you are interested in buying a puppy please email Mr Graham ([a.graham@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:a.graham@hallgrove.co.uk)).

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### **Summer Term - Partner Dancing for Parents**

Following a very successful term of classes, Jive School are running another 'beginners course' in the Summer term. Lessons will be tailored to those with no previous experience and the course will commence on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 1930 and continuing each Thursday thereafter. Classes are great fun and make for a really enjoyable social evening out. For more details or to book please email Dan Slape at [jiveschool@hotmail.com](mailto:jiveschool@hotmail.com)

### **Craft and Vintage Market - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

West End Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane, West End will be hosting a Pop-up Craft and Vintage Market on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 1300 - 1600. There will be lots of interesting stalls with handmade items to buy and refreshments will also be available.