

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Welcome back for the Summer term! We have had a good week with some fine weather and plenty of outdoor activity for all the boys and girls. The school grounds are looking magnificent and we are now getting ready for our garden open day on May 11th (1400-1700). This is always a lovely occasion and we encourage you all to bring friends and family. Teas will be served and there will be live music. All funds raised go to charity; admission charge £5 for adults, children free.

Tomorrow's House Cricket Festival should be a fun event, we hope the weather will hold (the forecast is not great so please bring suitable clothing). We will use ClarionCall if postponement is necessary. Thanks to parental support lunchtime food and drink will be on sale at the pavilion, money raised goes to charity.

Good luck to the Under 11 Football team, playing in the National finals on Monday at St George's Park, Staffordshire. This squad has been so successful through the winter season and they will be keenly supported by their parents, their coaches and the school.

Parents' Forum - Tonight

A reminder that a Parents' Forum is to be held tonight 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.

After School Clubs

Clubs commence on Monday 29th April and run until Friday 5th July. Club spaces have been allocated, but the Pre-Prep Let's Investigate! and the Middle and Upper School Music Theory clubs will not be running due to insufficient demand. With the exception of these and the clubs where we have had to limit numbers (affected children's parents have already been notified), children have been successful in gaining places for the clubs of their choice.

Kayaking Club

Children attending this club will need to bring some old clothes they can get wet and wear under a wetsuit which will be provided by the club. Water shoes or old trainers and a towel are also advisable. Please meet at the Sports Office.

Reception PGCE Student

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.

Amendment Induction Dates for the Reception Intake September 2013

Children for the Reception Intake for September 2013 will each be invited to two Induction Mornings in June. Firstly new Reception children will come on one of two mornings, depending on which Nursery School they currently attend, either: Induction Morning 1 on Thursday 13th June for children who are not at Little Grove or Induction Morning 2 on Thursday 20th June for those children who currently attend Little Grove.

The second Induction Morning will be for **all new** Reception children and will take place on Friday 21st June (the Induction Morning for New Pupils on Tuesday 25th June will now be for new pupils to Year 1 and above, and the date of Friday 21st June relates to new Reception pupils only). Letters detailing the times and format will be sent out shortly.

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 30th April.

Return To The Forbidden Planet (Important Ticket Information)

This year's major production is just over a week away and we are delighted to invite all families to come and watch.

Our performances are on Tuesday 7th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May. Due to the anticipated popularity of this event, entry will be via ticket only, available to purchase from the 'Cash Only' Box Office (located in the cricket pavilion). Please note that tickets are limited and subject to availability. They guarantee entry only – there will be a mixture of seating and a standing area on the balcony.

The Box Office will be open only to Years 6 and 7 parents on Monday 29th April between 1700 and 1800 and parents may collect up to four tickets (per family) for either Tuesday or Thursday evening. Parents may also collect a maximum of two tickets only for the final Friday night performance, with the exception of the parents of the following children who have significant performance roles (Brooke, Duff, Norrey, Gluckstein, Freeman, Berger, Gathy, Nicholls, Bhalla, Salmond-Smith), who may collect up to six tickets.

All remaining tickets will go on general release on Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May from the Box Office which will be open between 1700 and 1800 and the same restrictions will apply. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis and, as always, we will do our very best to accommodate requests as best we can. Children are not permitted to collect tickets and we ask that, where possible, parents collect their own tickets rather than on behalf of others.

Tickets are £5 per adult (to include an interval drink). Hall Grove children do not require a ticket (if accompanied by an adult) and are asked to sit on the benches provided at the front of the Hall.

Hair and Make-up

As part of their costume, children taking part in the show will have make-up and a coloured hairspray applied. This will wash out and all children will require a shower each evening before bed. If there is any reason why your child cannot have either make-up or hair spray applied please let Mr Slape know as soon as possible.

Photographs

A professional photographer is booked to take photographs during Tuesday's dress rehearsal. It is our intention to make pictures available for parents to purchase. We may also add some photographs to the school website. If you do not want your child to be photographed please contact Mr Slape (d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk).

Supper and Collection

On the afternoon of each performance it is expected that the children performing in the show will remain at school where they will be supervised and receive supper and refreshment before they perform. At the end of each show parents should make their way to the Wessex Courtyard, from where the children will be available for collection.

Sports Caps

Red sports caps will be issued (and named) by Sports Staff to all of Year 3 and new children in Years 4 and 5.

Grey sports caps will be issued (named) to all of Year 6 and new children in Years 7 and 8.

If your child has lost their previously issued cap a new one can be provided by the Sports Staff but will be added to the school bill.

Sports News

Wednesday 24th April

Senior Girls' Rounders House match results:

1st Kestrels, 2nd Hawks, 3rd Falcons, 4th Eagles

Girls' Tennis Tournament at Queen Anne's

Please meet Mrs Lomas at Hall Grove at 0850.

Saturday 27th April

Cricket House matches:

Years 5, 7 and 8 to arrive at 0900 for a prompt 0930 start,

Year 6 to arrive at 1230 for a prompt 1300 start.

Please bring money as there will be the opportunity to purchase snacks, sweets, hot and cold drinks, Pimms and burgers from the BBQ as part of the fund raising effort for the new cricket net facility.

Trip to watch Super League Netball

The girls will be accompanied by Mrs Graham, Mrs Maxfield and Mrs Tilley to support Guildford-based Surrey Storm in a must win Super League match against Hertfordshire Mavericks on Monday 29th April. The girls will have a light supper at school prior to departing from Hall Grove at 1800 and will be ready for collection from Hall Grove at 2130.

Swimming

Due to the weather forecast swimming will now start the week commencing May 7th.

Cricket Matches

Please be aware that weekday cricket matches will frequently finish after the end of the school day. Because of the nature of the game it is never possible to predict with accuracy the length of a match. We anticipate for home matches:

1 st XI / 2 nd XI	1800
3 rd XI / 4 th XI / 5 th XI	1730
Colts A	1800
Colts B / Colts C	1700
U10 A	1700
U10 B	1645
U10 C	1630

U9 & U8 matches should finish within the school day.

For away matches please add 45 minutes to the above times. Should there be a delay a ClarionCall will be sent out advising of any changes.

Cricket Kit

Years 4 to 8 may bring cricket bats into school this 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.

Please make sure that boys wear appropriate underwear to hold a cricket box in place. Boxer shorts do not work.

Athletic Spikes

Children are permitted to wear spikes during athletics, but spikes must be kept in a separate shoe bag in school.

Windlesham United Surrey Primary League Final

Good luck to Luke Hardie, William McKechnie and Harrison Duff (Year 7 boys) who are playing football for Windlesham United in the Surrey Primary League Plate Final on Sunday.

FOHG Comedy Night

Having finalised the accounts following the Comedy Night, we are pleased to be able to donate £96 to charity. Given the nature of the evening and the time of year we thought that Comic Relief was the perfect charity to receive the extra funds. Thank you to everyone who attended the evening.

FOHG Golf Competition

Please put Saturday 15th June in your diaries for this term's golf competition.

FOHG Tennis Competition

Please put Saturday 8th June in your diaries for an exciting Family Tennis Event.

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For Sale - Clarinet

Yamaha 250 clarinet for sale. Used but in good condition. Recently serviced. Also includes a folding music stand in carry case and selection of music books. Telephone Fran Longford (Year 8) 07970717839.

Registered Pedigree Labrador Puppies

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Enquiries to: a.graham@hallgrove.co.uk