

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The excitement is building towards the end of term and the children are busy with a huge range of activities. Today's visit to Gifford's Circus was a huge success; staff and children thoroughly enjoyed it. Parents are asked to take careful note of the timings for the Shakespeare Evening next Friday.

Pre-Prep children go home at the normal time, they may return with their parents later in the evening if they would like to do so. Middle and Upper School children will stay on at school. Many will be taking part in theatre activities, and the first 'show' will start at 1700. This is a Shakespeare Miscellany; a few liberties have been taken with various texts to produce a playlet which is sure to delight all the family! Other events happen shortly afterwards. We ask that parents come before 1800 and take charge of their children, park on the fields please. The evening will close at 1930, in good time for the Year 6 party organised by parents outside school.

Year 8 will return from Devon at about 1700. We hope they will join in some of the activities before they go home at 1800 or later.

Most of the activities will take place near the Coach House and by the cabins. The short open air performance of Macbeth will be at 1845. There will be a hog roast (tickets available on the night or bought before). Do please support this evening of fun and theatre, and enjoy Shakespeare as he has never been seen before!

Sports Day - Saturday 29th June

Parents are reminded that Sports Day is tomorrow. Pre-Prep children are to come to the track to assemble into their groups at 1200 and should wear their white sports kit. Years 3 - 8 children should wear clean white kit with House T-shirts.

Adults are asked to observe the dress code for the day, 'smart casual'.

Revised Timings:

- 1130 Field Events for some Years 3 - 8 pupils.
- 1215 Pre-Prep Sports.
- 1300 Lunch drinks on the lawn for parents and staff, class displays and art exhibition open.
- 1330 Staff Lunch in Dining Hall, family picnics in the grounds.
- 1400 Pre-Prep ballet display on the lawn.
- 1415 Judo and trampette displays on the lawn.
- 1430 House Parade with Marching Band.
- 1445 Athletic competitions resume for Years 3 - 8.
- 1615 Presentation of House Cup on the athletics track.
- 1630 Teas, Hog Roast, Concert Band etc., all in the cabins area.

Gazebos

Parents are welcome to bring tents and gazebos for lunchtime picnics, and may put them up on Friday evening or early Saturday morning if they so wish. All structures should be erected on the upper field only, not on the slope leading down to the athletics track where they would impede the viewing of the track.

Hall Grove Art Exhibition - Saturday 29th June

The children of Hall Grove would like to invite you and your family to the Annual Hall Grove Art Exhibition to be held in New Hall. Each child will proudly have at least one piece of art work on display and this annual event is a super way to see the culmination of work from the Art, Ceramic and DT departments.

Sebastian's Action Trust - Christmas in July

Hog Roast after Sports Day

Mr Graham is a Patron of Sebastian's Action Trust and he is kindly hosting the post-Sports Day Hog Roast in aid of the Charity. So please, come and join in the fun after the conclusion of the races on Saturday. It is a free event but if you'd like to make a donation to the charity it would be much appreciated.

Why Christmas in July?

For families with a very sick child, every day is precious and life must be lived in the here and now. Planning ahead is challenging and for some, to be blunt, there will be no next birthday or Christmas. The support the Charity offers benefits families enormously and we work incredibly hard to meet the needs of as many families as possible, but having the UK's first purpose-built respite holiday home, the demand for this service is far greater than we alone can currently meet. We are calling for provision of more specialist respite holiday homes so families can enjoy vital time and space together. It will also seek better access to specialist support services for families forced to navigate the nightmare of childhood illness. So please support us by helping to bring the joy of 'Christmas in July' to families and children for whom the future is uncertain. Please find attached information regarding 'Christmas in July' & 'Santa Fun Run'.

Meirion Shaw

Music Department

Choristers

Friday's service of Evensong in Chichester was a great success; not only did the children behave very well, they also sang superbly. Many of the congregation were surprised to hear such a confident and beautiful sound from a Prep School choir - they certainly were impressive. Many thanks to Mrs Coop for coming along as a spare pair of hands, it was much appreciated. Next term's Evensong will be on 7th October at Gloucester Cathedral.

M:Tech

Please ensure that any outstanding slips are returned to Mrs Salmond Smith as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may register your child's place online at www.mtechonline.co.uk/signup

Concert Band and Marching Band

All children involved in these ensembles will be performing at Sports Day tomorrow, so please ensure your child's instrument is in school. Marching Band will be leading the procession on to the field at 1430, with Concert Band performing after the prize giving at approximately 1630.

Summer Concert

Please be reminded that the Summer Concert will be on Monday 8th July at 1900. All school ensembles will be performing in the concert, so if your child is a member of any ensemble they will be expected to attend. If you wish them to stay at school for supper, please ensure you book them in in the usual way.

Shakespeare Week

We have a number of interesting talks and performance taking place next week. To officially open proceedings, on Monday morning we are delighted to welcome Farah Cooper (mother of Sabreena 4TB). Mrs Cooper is one of The Globe Theatre's leading educational specialists on William Shakespeare and she will provide the perfect springboard for our week. Tuesday's assembly will feature a selection of children from Years 5 and 6 performing work on The Battle of Agincourt and excerpts from Henry V. On Wednesday, Middle School welcome a visiting Sixth-form theatre group and on Thursday we have a talk from experienced Shakespearian actor Ian Cullen (Grandfather to Sam and Lucy Sharp). Parents are very welcome to join us for any of these, which all start at 0935.

Sports News

Monday 24th June

Cranleigh Prep Schools Tennis Festival

On Monday we entered a boys and girls team in Cranleigh School's 43rd Annual tennis tournament. It was a super day which saw both of our boys doubles pairing reach the quarter-finals. This was a significant achievement given the large numbers of teams entered and the high calibre of tennis played. Our girls pairings enjoyed a number of close matches in their group tables and a special mention goes to Anna Ewens and Casey Janes who were two years younger than most of their opposition. They played some lovely tennis and battled admirably!

Claremont Fan Court Athletics Meeting

Well done to all the boys and girls from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who competed. Year 3 finished 2nd, Year 4 won, Year 5 finished 3rd and Year 6 finished 3rd. This meant that Hall Grove finished 2nd overall. This was a very pleasing result and a great way to finish the athletics season.

Surrey Cup U11 Cricket Semi-final v Shrewsbury House

The Colts team unfortunately lost this game but should be very proud of themselves on a fine season and that they got so far in this prestigious competition.

The Marist Rounders Tournament

U10s took part in The Marist Rounders tournament. The girls won four matches, drew one and lost three. They performed very well to take 3rd place.

Tuesday 25th June

Charterhouse Golf Tournament

Congratulations to the Golf team of Zac Jenkins, Alex Wessley and Xavier Schwarz who won, by some distance, the inter-prep school tournament at Charterhouse.

Wednesday 26th June

Surrey Cup U13 Final v Shrewsbury House

The 1st XI unfortunately lost this match to finish runner up. The 1st XI have had a fantastic season and we are sure they will reflect on how well they have done once they are over the disappointment of just missing out this time.

Cricket v Edgeborough

3rd XI Won

4th XI Won

Cricket v St George's

Colts A Won

Colts B Lost

Colts C Won

Rounders v Lambrook

1st IX Won

2nd IX Won

U11 IX Lost

U10 IX Won

Thursday 27th June

Cricket v Parkside

U9 A XII Lost

U9 B XII Lost

U9 C XII Won

Cricket v Staines Prep

U9/8A Won

Rounders v Lambrook

U9 A IX Lost

U9 B IX Won

U8 A IX Won

U8 B IX Won

Cricket

The St John's Leatherhead 20/20 U11 Cricket tournament on the 3rd July has been cancelled due to lack of entries.

Girls Tennis

The girls' tennis fixture v Lambrook which was cancelled this week has been rearranged to be played at Hall Grove on Wednesday 3rd July starting at 1545.

House Swimming

Please ensure that your child has their swimming costume and towel at school for house swimming competitions which will take part during their PE lessons. Wednesday 3rd July - Years 3 and 4, Thursday 4th July - Years 5, 6 and 7.

Sports Summer team photos Tuesday 9th July

Please could parents ensure their child has clean sports kit at school on this day.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that all After School Clubs finish on Friday 5th July. After School Clubs information for next term will be sent out via email at the beginning of next term and Clubs will start from Monday 16th September. TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 9th July, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy.

School Uniform Shop

During the Summer holiday the Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

Saturday 24th August 0930-1600

Friday 30th August 0900-1200

Monday 2nd September 0900-1200

There are changes to girls' sports kit for Years 3 - 8 (smart new shirts and skorts) and for boys in Years 5 - 8 (new Rugby/Football shirts). The old styles continue to be acceptable, but please buy the new styles when replacing old items.

Year 8 Honey Money Tetrathlon

A BIG thank you to the Year 8 children and their parents for supporting the Year 8 Honey Money Tetrathlon in aid of Animals Asia, it was a tiring event but all the children took part with enthusiasm and we now await the results and total amount of money raised.

Mrs Lavery

Holiday Courses & Camps

Please see attachments for holiday courses and camps available.

Windlesham Golf Academy Additional Camp Date, 19th- 23rd August

Due to demand, Windlesham Golf Academy have added an additional camp date. Please see information attached.

Tubs4Tablets

Hall Grove has registered to take part in the Flora (in partnership with Tesco) Tubs4Tablets scheme. Tokens can be found on special tubs of Flora Original and Flora Light 500g. For every 100 tokens collected, Hall Grove will receive a new Asus Memo Pad 172. There is no limit on the amount of free tablets that the school can claim. The tubs will be available from Tesco stores from 24th June and all applications for Asus tablets must be made by 27th September 2013.

Please help us claim as many as we can and return any of the special lids to the school office. Thank you

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Windlesham Golf Academy Summer Camps
- October Half-Term Netball Camp
- Sports Xtra Summer Camps
- Activate Sport
- Pre-Season Football Training
- Sports Day 2013 Schedule
- Sebastian's Action Trust 'Christmas in July'
- Sebastian's Action Trust 'Santa Fun Run'

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