

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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We have had several very successful curriculum evenings which have been very well attended by the parents of Years 1 to 8, and feed-back suggests that the information has been useful and well received. On Monday it is the turn of Reception parents to attend. Well done boys and girls for good sports results, and good luck to the senior girls for their netball tour. It has been a busy and productive week.

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. 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 often a written note in the diary or the Pre-Prep communication book. Teachers may not always get an opportunity to check emails until after school.

Curriculum Notes

By now all parents should have received Curriculum Notes for the relevant year group(s). We have also put copies of these on the website (Academic/Curriculum Guides). If you did not receive the notes please inform the School Office so they can be re-sent to you.

Reception Parents' Briefing - Monday 16th September

The Reception Parents' Briefing will be taking place on Monday 16th September at 1900. Parents should not bring children to school for the meeting. Individual parent-teacher consultations have been arranged for later in the Autumn term.

Maths Coaching for Common Entrance

If any Year 7 or 8 parent would like their child to have individual private 'top-up' maths lessons with Mr Dawson after school on a Monday, please contact the School Office.

After School Clubs

Club spaces have now been allocated. We are sorry that Manga Art and Subbuteo for Years 3, 4 and 5 and Chess and Fun Food for Years 6, 7 and 8 cannot be offered due to insufficient demand. With the exception of those clubs and clubs where we have had to limit numbers (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 13th December.

Footsteps Dance Classes

Footsteps dance classes commence on Tuesday 17th September and are 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. Beginners' Tap finishes at 1625 and Primary Tap finishes at 1715 on Tuesdays, and Beginners' Ballet finishes at 1610 on Fridays. Dance uniform, which is compulsory for all Footsteps pupils, will be available to purchase in Miss Gent's classroom on Friday 20th September from 1600. Please note payment is by cash or cheque only.

5ST Assembly - Tuesday 17th September

The children of 5ST would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 17th September. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Visiting Speakers

Whilst we already have visiting speakers and a range of trips to enhance the education of our pupils, we also welcome talks from parents. Hearing about the keen interest or professional expertise of a parent is always fascinating to the children, and often a real eye-opener. For Upper School we are looking for talks that could be either for all of the children or just for Year 8, and

especially concerning business/work. Have you been involved with start-ups, are you a lawyer, industrial chemist, medic, involved in software/hardware design, in the creative world? The list could go on... In Pre-Prep and Middle School the first point of contact should be your child's form teacher, and in Upper School please contact Mr Waltho (j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk) for further information.

Music News

Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

On Monday 16th September, Year 8 will be attending a Matinée performance by the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain at the Windsor Festival. As this is happening during the school day, no permission slips are necessary.

Choristers

Auditions are still taking place and the standard is certainly extremely high. Children will be told next week if they have been successful and should not be at all disheartened if they have not managed to secure a place this year. With over 45 children hoping to get in, and only seven spaces on offer, the decisions are going to be extremely difficult. Children who do not get in this year are encouraged to join Hall Grove Choir and/or Girls' Choir in order to improve their technique and show their commitment to being in a choir.

Instrumental and Singing Exam Results - Summer 2013

Many congratulations to the following children for a most impressive set of results:

Grade 8	Adam Wills	Recorder - Distinction
Grade 6	Adam Wills	Clarinet - Distinction
	Caitlin Gluckstein	Recorder - Distinction
	Edward Butler	Singing
Grade 5	Isabel Norrey	Singing - Distinction
	Rosie Freeman	Recorder - Distinction
	William Thorne	Saxophone
	Harry Francis	Piano
	Isabel Norrey	'Cello
Grade 4	Rosie Freeman	Flute - Distinction
	Penny Salmond Smith	French Horn
	William Wyatt	Piano
Grade 3	Abigail Rowland	Violin - Merit
	Casey Janes	Piano
Grade 2	Issy Llewellyn-Jones	Piano - Merit
	Claudia Platts	Recorder
	Archie Graham	Piano
	Alex Raeburn	'Cello
	Zara Stewart	Recorder
Grade 1	Freddie Coughlin	Piano - Merit
	Thomas Morley	Piano - Merit
	Max Tenenbaum	Piano - Merit
	Harry Coxon	Piano
	Juliana McIntosh	Piano
Prep Test	Jemima McKechnie	Piano
	Shrey Rawal	Piano
	Rosie Millar	Piano
	Henry Lawson	Piano

Hall Grove Football Tournament

Following an extremely successful pre-season training camp, the first matches of the football season were played on Saturday in our annual Hall Grove Football Tournament. The Colts A had a superb morning, winning all three of their matches and coming first. The 1st XI also showed plenty of positive signs as they won two and drew the third, narrowly missing out on first place by one goal. Special mention should be made of the Colts B team who did extremely well competing against A teams and holding their own. Hall Grove won the tournament overall with the combined results. A very pleasing start - well done boys!

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

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

1 st VII v Feltonfleet	drew	1-1
2 nd VII v Feltonfleet	lost	0-4
U11 A v Feltonfleet	won	3-0
U11 B v Feltonfleet	won	1-0
U10 A v Feltonfleet	lost	2-4

U10 B v Feltonfleet drew 1-1

Girls' Senior Hockey House Matches

The senior girls' hockey matches are always competitive and last Saturday morning was no exception. The girls played well and fought hard, and the results were as follows: Kestrels - 1st place, Hawks - 2nd place, Falcons - 3rd place, Eagles 4th place.

The Marist U11 Netball Tournament - Thursday 19th September

Parents are asked to collect from The Marist after the tournament at 1730.

Football

This week's football results are as follows:

1 st XI v Crosfields	drew	1 - 1
2 nd XI v Crosfields	lost	2 - 1
3 rd IX v Crosfields	won	5 - 2
4 th IX v Crosfields	won	5 - 0
5 th IX v Crosfields	won	4 - 1
Colts A v Crosfields	lost	6 - 4
Colts B v Crosfields	won	4 - 0
Colts C v Crosfields	won	2 - 1
Colts D v Crosfields	lost	6 - 0
U10 A v Crosfields	lost	2 - 0
U10 B v Crosfields	drew	1 - 1
U10 C v Crosfields	won	6 - 1
U10 D v Crosfields	drew	1 - 1
U10 E v Crosfields	lost	6 - 1
U9 A v St. Andrew's	won	4 - 1
U9 B v St. Andrew's	won	6 - 1
U9 C v St. Andrew's	won	8 - 0
U9 D v St. Andrew's	won	3 - 1
U9 E v St. Andrew's	won	4 - 1

Weekend Matches - Saturday 14th September

Years 4, 5 and 6 Football House Matches: children to arrive promptly please for a 0900 start.

Years 7 and 8 Football House Matches: please arrive at 1050 for a 1100 start.

Surrey Cup v Downsends: 1st XI to meet at Hall Grove at 0900 for a home match starting at 0930.

Calendar Amendments

Holme Grange do not have enough girls to field an U10 C team on Wednesday 18th September so please check the team sheets as we plan to give all the U10 girls a chance to play in either the A or B team. The U10 As are playing at home at 1430 and the U10 Bs are playing away at 1500.

U11 Cranleigh Netball Tournament will start at 1430 on Saturday 21st September rather than 1330 as originally advertised. This is due to road closures around the school at Cranleigh when the cycling tour of Britain passes by.

Please note that the 2nd XI football fixture v King's House on Saturday 21st September is being played at home at 0930 rather than away as stated in the School Calendar.

Four Schools Cricket Festival - Sunday 15th September

The Cricket Festival on Sunday has been cancelled and those affected have been notified.

Mouthguard Fitting - Tuesday 17th September and Tuesday 24th September

OPRO, the dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards, will be conducting mouthguard fittings at Hall Grove on Tuesday 17th September and Friday 27th September (a change from the published date). 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.

Cricket News

The following Hall Grove boys received awards from Bagshot Cricket Club at the end of the season:

U10 Batting Award	Ethan Gunning
U10 Bowling Award	Owen Wolfe
U10 Most Improved	Lewis Wolfe
U13 Batting Award	Eithan Hughes
U15 Batting Award	Alex Bartlett and George McKechnie (Old Boys)

Bagshot Cricket Club had a very good season - the U14s, U15s and U17s all won their leagues and the U14s went on to become the West Surrey Champions.

Anyone for Tennis?

A group of mums and dads play tennis on Wednesday mornings at 0900 on the school hard courts - it's a mixture of drills and matchplay with a coach and we split his cost depending on how many people turn up. It's a fairly good standard, but not too serious and there's no commitment - you just come and play the weeks that you can. If you would like to come and try it out next week, please do. If interested please email jve@ceresfund.com or just turn up.

Hall Grove Netball Club

The netball club trains on Monday evenings from 1930 - 2100 and is based at Hall Grove. It is open to anyone who wants to play and welcomes new members. The club was started as a fun way to get fit by a group of Hall Grove mums and is now a fully affiliated league netball club with a proper trainer (Michelle Riddy, mother of children in Years 2 and 3). You don't need to be a Hall Grove parent to play - currently about 60% of the club are school mothers/teachers. If you are looking for a new club, haven't played for a while and want to start playing again or have never played but are looking for a fun, social way to exercise, we welcome all standards so come and join us and bring your friends too. For more information, please email Caroline Windsor (Caroline.Windsor@tfigroup.com) or just come along next Monday. £5 per session for your first few sessions or £95 for the year.

Help Create a Huge Stir - Friday 27th September

Mrs Graham will be hosting a coffee morning in the school pavilion from 0830 to 1130 on Friday 27th September as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Care. Everyone is welcome so please drop in (parking on the fields if dry weather). Any home-grown produce would be welcome for sale to increase the funds.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Lacrosse Camp Information
- Netball Camp Information

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The Three Peakers have Peaked!

Last weekend Alison Walker, Caroline Hadden-Wight, Caroline Grant, Vicki Millar, Jill Goss, Fiona Myers, Fiona Arnold, Jo Rowland and Nicola Norrey scaled Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within 48 hours to raise funds for ICAN. ICAN is a charity that funds Meath School in Ottershaw which directly supports children with severe and complex speech, language and communication needs. We would like to say a big thank you to all those who have supported us and for those who would still like to donate please go to www.virginmoneygiving.com/ThreePeakers.

Pools and Spas Direct of Windlesham

It looks like Summer is now behind us and as any pool owner knows it is that inevitable time of year to get your pool ready for the Winter. Pools and Spas Direct of Windlesham offer a close-down service. Please contact us at The Windlesham Garden Centre (01344 873323) or visit www.poolsandspasdirect.co.uk if we can be of assistance.

