

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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It can be an anxious time for parents when they begin the process of considering options beyond Hall Grove. Advice is given at the parents' evenings, and through the year we organise some special talks to introduce parents to some of the many alternatives that they may not have considered. We will once again host a Senior Schools Fair on Wednesday 16th October in New Hall from 1800 to 2000. More details will be given later. Parents are also reminded that the Headmaster is always happy to meet them individually to advise on school choices. In the meantime do look out for senior school open days, a number of which are listed below.

Contact Details

Should your email address, mobile phone number or any contact details change during the school term, please ensure that you inform the School Office as soon as possible. School records and ClarionCall will then be updated to ensure that you continue to receive all correspondence from the school.

Gillman and Soame - Individual/Sibling Portraits/Sports Team Photos

In future, Gillman and Soame will be sending photograph proofs out directly to home addresses rather than via school bags with the children. We hope this will prove a more efficient service for you and remove the chance of order forms being mislaid. The Individual and Sibling Photographs are due to be taken on Friday 4th October.

5PC Assembly - Tuesday 24th September

The children of 5PC would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 24th September. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Headlice

There has been a case of headlice reported in Middle School. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation.

Chickenpox

There has been a case of chickenpox reported in Middle School. A child remains infectious until all the spots have crusted over, and must be absent from school during this time. Chickenpox is highly contagious and the incubation period is ten to twenty-one days.

Photographs

If you take any photographs of school activities such as matches or performances that you feel deserve a wider audience, we would be grateful if you could email them to Mr Tyrer (p.tyrer@hallgrove.co.uk) so that, if suitable, they can be uploaded to the school website

Music Department

Instrumental Lessons Open Week commencing Monday 23rd September

After a successful trial last year, we have decided to repeat the popular Open Week where you are encouraged to sit in on your child's Instrumental Lesson. Please report to the School Office in good time. If you are unsure of the time of your child's lesson next week, please refer to the noticeboard or ask your child's instrumental teacher directly. Last-minute changes to lesson times do occasionally happen, so it would be most helpful to your child's teacher if you were to let them know if you are coming. This is a good opportunity to find out a bit more about what goes on during lessons, and you are welcome to ask for advice on how you can help them to make progress.

Choristers' Assembly

Please note that the Choristers' Assembly will be on Thursday 3rd October at 0835. All parents are welcome to attend.

Informal Concerts

We have a couple of Middle School Informal Concerts on Thursday 3rd and 10th October. These concerts are an opportunity for soloists of any level to perform in a friendly environment. If your child learns an instrument outside school and they wish to perform, please email Mrs Salmond Smith (l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk); if your child has lessons in school, please approach their instrumental teacher directly.

St. George's Ascot Singing Day

With so many children in the school interested in singing, it is well worth considering going to this engaging event hosted by St. George's Ascot. The Singing Day takes place on Saturday 12th October and is open to boys and girls in Years 5, 6 and 7. For further information and a booking form, please email Mrs Salmond Smith.

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

Sadly the girls' games results do not reflect their hard work on the pitch. U11 A visited Wellington College on Wednesday for a Hockey Tournament – two wins, one draw and three losses meant they missed a semi-final place on goal difference.

The rest of this week's girls' hockey results were as follows:

U11 B v Holme Grange	lost	3 – 0
U10 A v Holme Grange	lost	4 – 1
U10 B v Holme Grange	lost	1 – 0

Netball

1st and 2nd VIs Netball Tour to Condover Hall, Shropshire: congratulations to the 1st VII for a fantastic performance, losing only one match all weekend and finishing 3rd with the bronze medal. The 2nd VII also played well over the weekend and were finalists of the plate competition, returning to Hall Grove with a silver medal. Well done to all the girls who participated, it was a wonderful weekend of netball and outdoor activities.

Saturday 21st September – U11 A Netball at Cranleigh: the start time of this tournament has changed from 1330 to 1430 due to road closures around the school at Cranleigh when the cycling tour of Britain passes by. Any parents attending the tournament are requested to arrive after 1415. Girls are to meet at Hall Grove at 1245 to leave by 1300. Arrival back at Hall Grove should be at approximately 1730.

Tuesday 24th September – U10 A Netball Tournament at The Marist: the tournament is expected to start at 1530 and finish at 1730/1745. We are expected to return to school by minibus at 1800. Please collect your daughter from Hall Grove.

Football

This week's football results are as follows:

1 st XI v Hoe Bridge	lost	1 – 0
3 rd XI v Hoe Bridge	lost	1 – 0
Colts A v Hoe Bridge	won	1 – 0
Colts B v Hoe Bridge	won	1 – 0
Colts C v Hoe Bridge	drew	1 – 1
Colts D v Hoe Bridge	won	1 – 0
U10 A v Hoe Bridge	lost	2 – 1
U10 B v Hoe Bridge	drew	1 – 1
U10 C v Hoe Bridge	won	2 – 1
U10 D v Hoe Bridge	won	2 – 1
U10 E v Hoe Bridge	drew	0 – 0
U9 A v Feltonfleet	won	2 – 0
U9 A v Aldro	won	4 – 0
U9 B v Feltonfleet	won	1 – 0
U9 B v Aldro	won	3 – 0
U9 C v Feltonfleet	won	5 – 0
U9 C v Aldro	won	1 – 0
U9 D v Feltonfleet	won	1 – 0
U9 D v Aldro	won	1 – 0

Weekend Fixtures – Saturday 21st September

Football v King's House: 1st XI, Colts A, Colts B to meet at Hall Grove at 0815 for away matches that start at 0930. 2nd XI, 3rd XI, U10 A to meet at Hall Grove at 0900 for home matches starting at 0930. U10 B to meet at Hall Grove at 0955 for a home match starting at 1010.

Parkside Football Tournament: 7-a-side team to meet Mr Tomlinson at Parkside School at 1300.

Mouthguard Fitting – Friday 27th September

OPRO, the dental organisation that specialises in mouthguards, will be conducting further mouthguard fittings at Hall Grove on 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 or you can order online (www.opro.com). 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.

Forthcoming Open Days for Senior Schools

Canford School	Saturday 5 th October 2013	Open Morning (0930 - 1300)
Farnborough Hill	Friday 4 th October 2013 Wednesday 13 th November 2013	Open Afternoon Open Afternoon
Lancing College	Saturday 5 th October 2013	Open Morning at 1045
Luckley House School	Saturday 12 th October 2013 Thursday 17 th October 2013 Tuesday 18 th March 2014 Thursday 8 th May 2014	Open Morning Open Morning Open Morning Open Morning
King Edward's Witley	Thursday 10 th October 2013 Saturday 9 th November 2013	Open Morning Open Morning
Pangbourne College	Saturday 28 th September 2013	Open Morning (0900 - 1200)
Reed's School	Saturday 9 th November 2013 Saturday 1 st March 2014 Saturday 10 th May 2014	Open Morning (1000 - 1200) Open Morning (1000 - 1200) Open Morning (1030 - 1230)
RGS	Saturday 5 th October 2013	Open Morning (1000 - 1230)
Royal Alexandra and Albert School	Saturday 28 th September 2013 Saturday 5 th October 2013	Open Morning (0900 - 1030) Open Morning (0900 - 1030)
St. George's Ascot	Saturday 5 th October 2013	Open Morning at 1000
St. George's Weybridge	Saturday 28 th September 2013	Open Morning (0930 - 1230)
The Marist Senior School	Thursday 26 th September 2013 Wednesday 2 nd October 2013	Open Evening (1630 - 1930) Open Morning (0915 - 1100)

Anyone for Tennis?

The hard courts are open to parents for tennis coaching sessions from 0900 to 1000 on Wednesdays (intermediate/advanced), Thursdays (intermediate) and Fridays (beginners). The cost of the coaching is split between the number of players who turn up, with a small additional fee for court hire. Interest in tennis for parents has increased rapidly and a third morning is now being offered to beginners on Fridays so please get in touch with Kellie on kellie@limehouseuk.com if you would like to join in. The Wednesday group play to a fairly good standard, but not too serious, so come along if you like playing mixed doubles and tie breaks! Contact jve@ceresfund.com if interested 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 next Friday 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 and/or homemade cakes would be welcome for sale to increase the funds.

Newsletter Attachments

The following document is attached to this week's newsletter:

- Bagshot Community Library Poster
