

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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We were very pleased to have been included once again in the Tatler Schools Guide, and for those who have not seen our most recent entry we have sent a copy home. These publications are written somewhat 'tongue in cheek', and whilst they should be read with that in mind there is a certain element of truth in each of the school profiles. We hope parents enjoy reading the magazine.

Parents in the Upper School have also been given a complimentary copy of Attain, the prep school magazine.

School Drive and Turning Circle

Please note that for safety reasons, cars are not permitted to come beyond the turning circle during pick-up and drop-off times. There are often groups of pupils behind the wooden barriers at the top of the drive and cars must not turn into this area to park, drop-off or collect children. Parking for parents is available before the electric barrier. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Dawson's Lessons

Mr Dawson now has a full list of pupils for his Monday evening extra Maths tutorials. This term he will be teaching pupils in pairs. Timings will go out by email to those who have booked, and any additional pupils will have to go on a waiting list. The lessons will start on Monday 7th October.

4DL Assembly - Tuesday 1st October

The children of 4DL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 1st October. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents' Meeting for Sport and Musical Tours - Thursday 3rd October

Parents from Year 4 and above are invited to join us for a glass of wine prior to the Sport and Musical Tours' meeting on Thursday evening at 1900 in the Admiral Room. At the meeting, staff will give an overview of the tours being planned for 2014 and 2015.

Individual and Sibling Portraits - Friday 4th October

Gillman and Soame, the School Photographer, has been booked to come on Friday 4th October to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Please make sure that the children are looking smart on the day with the boys wearing their uniform shirt, tie and blazer and the girls in their Winter uniform.

Pre-Prep Parent Interviews - Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th October

The Pre-Prep teachers would like to invite you to parent/teacher interviews taking place on Tuesday 8th October and Thursday 10th October. The purpose of these interviews is to provide you with an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, who will be able to give you an insight into how your child has settled into their new class and their progress so far. There will be class lists of available interview times placed on the notice board on the left-hand side of the archway (under the clock). Please write your name against a time convenient to you. If you are unable to make an appointment on the allocated days, please see your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time and date.

Hall Grove Open Morning - Thursday 17th October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 17th October from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair - Friday 18th October

This is a family fun afternoon based loosely on the theme 'farming and countryside'. We aim to celebrate the British rural way of life, its people and activities. Amongst other attractions there are stalls selling farm produce, demonstrations of gun dogs at work, sheep shearing, falconry, a gymkhana, a small petting farm and a dog show. This year we are pleased to have the support of Bentley Surrey, part of the H R Owen group who are sponsoring the falconry and displaying some of the finest models from the Bentley range.

Photograph Albums

Several photograph albums have been added to the school website, including the Year 7 Battisborough Trip, sports matches and the Senior Girls' Netball Tour to Condover Hall. To view, visit the website and click on view latest gallery at the bottom of the page. The password to buy photographs via the Purchase Photos link is 'admiral'.

Music Department

Choristers

On Saturday, 23 of our Choristers sang at a wedding at St. Lawrence Church, Chobham. Immediately before the ceremony, everyone cheered on the cyclists in the Round Britain Cycle Race as they zoomed past the church! Once the sporting excitement was over, the choristers returned to the church ready to perform to the congregation. Congratulations to Andy and Laura - it was a super day!

Please be reminded that the Choristers' Assembly will be on Thursday 3rd October at 0835, and that they are singing Evensong at Gloucester Cathedral on Monday 7th October at 1730. You are warmly invited to attend these events.

Bradfield College String Day

On Tuesday, a small group of children participated in a String Day at Bradfield College. The children learnt an enormous amount being mixed in with violinists and cellists up to Grade VI standard. Picking up the varied rhythms of Ragtime and a Rumba was challenging and fun and they gained practice in the use of percussion instruments to 'feel the beat'. They also had a swim in the college pool, were very well fed, bumped into enthusiastic past pupils who were delighted to speak to them and then performed magnificently in the concert. A great day overall.

Middle School Informal Concert

There will be a Middle School Informal Concert in New Hall at 1245 on Thursday 3rd October. Do please come and support our musicians as they hone their performance skills in a friendly environment.

Sports News

Netball

Cranleigh Netball Tournament: the U11 As won two and lost two and were placed 4th overall in the tournament.

The Marist Netball Tournament: the U10 As were placed 3rd in the tournament and they only conceded one goal all afternoon which cost them a place in the final.

Weekend Netball Tournament - Saturday 28th November

Bishopsgate Netball Tournament: U11s to meet at Hall Grove at 0830 for the tournament starting at 1000.

Girls' Hockey

Highfield, Liphook Girls' Hockey Tournament: the 1st VII team finished 3rd overall and the 2nd VII were placed 8th.

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

U11 A v Highfield, Maidenhead	drew	0 - 0
U10 A v Highfield, Maidenhead	won	1 - 0
U9 A v Hoe Bridge	lost	4 - 3
U9 B v Hoe Bridge	lost	4 - 3

Football

Parkside 7 a-side Football Tournament: last Saturday's tournament at Parkside was a great success for a young 1st VII squad. With many of the more senior players away at Battisborough, there were seven Year 7s (who had already played matches in the morning) in the squad of nine. The boys finished third in a tough group and went through to the plate quarter-final where they beat Milbourne Lodge on penalties after dominating the match. A semi-final victory over Shrewsbury House 'B' found the boys against Hoe Bridge in the final. Another comprehensive performance saw a golden goal victory and the boys deserved their success for an excellent afternoon. Well done to the whole squad and a special mention goes to Jamie Hart, who was superb throughout.

This week's football results are as follows:

1 st XI v King's House	lost	3 - 1
1 st XI v Eagle House	won	9 - 0
2 nd XI v King's House	lost	7 - 0
2 nd XI v Eagle House	won	3 - 2
3 rd XI v King's House	lost	7 - 1
3 rd XI v Eagle House	won	3 - 0
4 th XI v Eagle House	won	4 - 0
Colts A v King's House	won	4 - 0

Colts A v Eagle House	won	5 - 3
Colts B v King's House	won	2 - 0
Colts B v Eagle House	won	2 - 0
Colts C v Eagle House	won	1 - 0
Colts D v Eagle House	won	3 - 2
U10 A v King's House	lost	3 - 2
U10 A v Eagle House	lost	1 - 0
U10 B v King's House	drew	1 - 1
U10 B v Eagle House	lost	2 - 0
U10 C v Eagle House	won	2 - 0
U10 D v Eagle House	won	1 - 0
U9 A v Hoe Bridge	won	3 - 1
U9 B v Hoe Bridge	drew	2 - 2
U9 C v Hoe Bridge	won	1 - 0
U9 D v Hoe Bridge	won	3 - 0
U9 E v Hoe Bridge	won	4 - 1

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 28th September

Football v Rokeby: Colts A and B to meet at Hall Grove at 0830 for away matches starting at 1000. U9 A and U9 B to meet at Hall Grove at 0940 for home matches starting at 1000.

Regional 6-a-side Qualifier - Saturday 5th October

The 1st VI have their regional qualifier heats at Elstree on Saturday 5th October starting at 1330. Please could those boys selected meet Mr Tomlinson at Elstree School at 1300 on the day. The postcode is RG7 5TD.

The Colts A have their regional qualifier on Saturday 5th October at Cumnor House School in Sussex. The heats start at 1030 and the minibus will be leaving Hall Grove at 0800. The postcode is RH17 7HT.

London Irish Rugby Camp - 28th to 30th October at Hall Grove

This is an excellent opportunity for your son or daughter to enjoy a high quality three day training camp under the instruction of the London Irish coaches. More information on how to book online can be found on the attached flyer.

Sports Team Calendar

All of our sports fixture lists can be downloaded using iCal to popular calendar programmes, such as Apple iCalendar, Microsoft Outlook and Google Calendar

- from the school home page of the website, select Sport from the menubar
- select 'Sports & Teams, Fixtures & Results' from menu on left
- select appropriate sport and team eg 1st XI Football
- select 'Download to Your Calendar'

Once the calendar has been downloaded and synchronised, it will automatically update with any changes.

Cricket News

The following Hall Grove pupils received awards at the Chobham Cricket Club 2013 Awards on Sunday:

U12 Best Bowler	Tommy Hessian
U12 Most Improved Player	Troy Walker
U9 Coaches Award	Freddie Coughlin

Fundraising Gift Wrap Sale

As in previous years, we are participating in the Northbrook Gift Wrap sale. Leaflets have been sent home with the children today that contain instructions for ordering. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase Christmas and birthday wrapping paper alongside other associated items. Please return completed order forms, together with payment, to the School Office before half term. All profits made will go to charity.

FOHG Golf Greensomes Tournament - Saturday 12th October

Don't forget to sign up for this term's Golf Greensomes Competition, Saturday 12th October from 1330. Open to all Hall Grove children and their adult partner, with trophies for the winners and prizes for the runners-up in the age categories. Just £15 per player with goody bag and drinks in the pavilion. See the attached form for all the details. Email rachel.bray@btinternet.com for any further information and please make sure to have your forms back by Monday 7th October.

Annual Gift Fair - Saturday 9th November, 1000 - 1300

This year we are celebrating the 10th Gift Fair in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust and we are planning to make it better than ever. We have changed the start time to 1000 (please note the change of time from that published in the school calendar) which fits in better with house rugby matches.

We have got some ideas for things we would like to do, but we need some willing helpers in order to be able to do them. Firstly we need year reps to coordinate their year group stalls. Secondly we would like a small group of Pre-Prep parents to help

organise and run a Pre-Prep Fun Run for the children. Thirdly we need someone to coordinate a secondhand uniform sale and finally, if you know anyone who would like a stall in New Hall selling their wares, we would like to hear from them. Other ideas would be gratefully received!

For New Hall stalls please contact Joan Courage on joancourage@uwclub.net and all other helpers, please contact B Brash on chrisandb@hotmail.com or call B on 07527 624962/01276 859436. *Friends of Hall Grove*

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who helped, baked, served, bought, donated, consumed and joined in the merry gathering in the pavilion and staffroom this morning. We have raised a magnificent £1000 which will be gratefully received by Macmillan.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- London Irish Rugby Camp information
- FOHG Greensome Tournament information
- Fireworks Night flyer

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Save the Date: Fireworks Night - Friday 8th November

There will be a Fireworks Night at the Windlesham Field of Remembrance on Friday 8th November. See attached flyer.

