

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What a lovely day to finish the week! Our grounds are beginning to dry out and the signs of Spring make a huge difference for everyone.

As we approach the last three weeks of term we are beginning to enter quite a hectic phase with a number of key events on the horizon. Next week we look forward to our Instrumental Competition. There are close to 200 individual entries, and three busy days filled with performances ranging from near beginners to Grade 8 level. Parents and friends are of course most welcome to come.

Staff Changes: 2014/5

We will be very sorry to say farewell to a number of staff at the end of the year:

From the Upper School, Mrs Vernon-Smith (Biology, PSHE) who will be moving down to Cornwall to join her husband; Mr Salmond Smith (RS, Geography) who is returning to headship having been appointed as Headmaster of the Junior School of Wellington College, Shanghai; Mrs Cooper (French) who has decided that after four years teaching at Hall Grove she is ready for new challenges.

From the Middle School, Miss Bangert (Year 4) who has decided to explore other avenues outside teaching.

From the Pre-Prep, Mrs Oates (Year 2 Teaching Assistant) leaves us at the end of this term in order to return to work as a surgery assistant at Frimley Park Hospital. She joined the school in 1997.

Scholarship News

Congratulations to Isabel Norrey for winning a scholarship for her very strong all round performance at St. Mary's Ascot against stiff competition. Margaux Gathy also did well, winning a place and special commendation for excellence in Latin and English.

Music Department

The Instrumental Competition starts in earnest next week, and we have sent out timetables for all children concerned. Due to some clashes, we have today sent out a revised timetable to accommodate necessary changes. The competition will take place on the New Hall stage, and you are most welcome to attend. For many children this is an important chance to perform before an audience and to receive positive and constructive feedback from an experienced musician from one of the senior schools that we frequently send children on to.

There is a Winners' Concert on Friday 21st March in which you will be able to hear many of the star performances.

We look forward to hearing all of the children in the week to come, and trust there will be many households with the pleasant sounds of frantic practice happening over the next seven days!

1SH Assembly - Wednesday 12th March

The children of 1SH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 12th March. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

2PL Assembly - Wednesday 19th March

The children of 2PL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 19th March. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pre-Prep Spring Celebration - Tuesday 25th March

Pre-Prep children would like to invite their parents to their Spring Celebration on Tuesday 25th March at 1330 in New Hall.

Following this, the Reception parents are invited to the Reception classrooms to look at the children's Learning Journeys.

Contact Details

If your contact details (telephone, mobile, address, email address) have changed recently, please ensure that the School Office is updated as soon as possible. There have been a few incidents recently when we have been unable to contact parents or guardians, as the information that we hold is out of date. If your child is also regularly collected by a friend/nanny etc, please ensure that we also have their details on record.

Sports News

Girls' Games

This week's girls' results are as follows:

1 st VII v Bradfield U14 A	lost 26 - 9
U11 A v Oratory	won 22 - 5
U11 B Hockey Tournament	3 rd Place

IAPS Regional Netball Finals - Thursday 6th March

The U11 A team travelled to High Wycombe Netball Centre to take part in the IAPS regional netball finals. Their first match was the toughest of the day when they faced the current Buckinghamshire County Champions and lost 10-3. They went on to win the next five games in a row, scoring 22 goals with only 5 goals scored against them. The final game saw them face Godstowe. They needed to win or draw to qualify in second place but lost the game 3-5. They then faced The Manor of Oxfordshire who beat them 6-4. They finished 12th out of 48 schools - a fantastic achievement. All of the girls worked hard and represented the school proudly. Thank you also to parents for your support.

Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Wednesday 12th March: The U10 Bishopsgate Tournament timings are 1400 -1600.

Friday 14th March: The U9 Bishopsgate Tournament timings are 1400 -1600. Girls may be collected from Bishopsgate.

Friday 14th March: Years 4, 5 and 6 cross-country at The Marist is from 1530 - 1800. Girls may be collected from The Marist.

Saturday 22nd March: U10 A netball team has been invited to the St. George's Weybridge Netball Tournament which starts at 0915 and is expected to finish at 1345.

Boys' Hockey

IAPS U13 Hockey Tournament at Tonbridge

On Monday the U13 boys' team headed to Tonbridge School for the IAPS hockey regional tournament. In wet and windy conditions the squad performed admirably. They played some good hockey in their group games and won 3 out of 4 games, topping the group. This set up a quarter final against Marlborough House, with the winner progressing to the National Finals at Millfield. The boys played their best hockey of the tournament in what was a pulsating game that ended in a stalemate and penalty shuffles. Just like the U11s, who played the same school with the same result, it wasn't to be and they narrowly missed out on a place at the finals. Despite this the boys, and in particular their captain, Piers Nicholls, can be very proud of themselves, finishing 7th out of 26 schools.

Parkside U9 Hockey Tournament

On Tuesday the U9s took part in the annual Parkside Hockey Tournament at Surbiton Hockey Club. They represented the school admirably and came through a tough group, winning 3 games and drawing 2. Unfortunately they missed out on a place in the final on goal difference, so played Eagle House in the 3rd and 4th place play off, which they won 1-0. Well done to all of them - Mr Marland was delighted with the hockey they played.

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

1 st XI v Lambrook	lost 1 - 3
2 nd XI v Lambrook	lost 0 - 2
3 rd XI v Lambrook	won 1 - 0
4 th XI v Lambrook	lost 0 - 3
Colts A v Lambrook	drew 1 - 1
Colts B v Lambrook	lost 0 - 6
Colts C v Lambrook	lost 0 - 6
Colts D v Lambrook	lost 0 - 3
U10 A v Lambrook	lost 0 - 5
U10 B v Lambrook	lost 2 - 4
U10 C v Lambrook	won 2 - 1
U10 D v Lambrook	lost 0 - 2
U9 A v Cranleigh	won 2 - 0
U9 B v Cranleigh	won 12 - 1
U9 C v Cranleigh	lost 1 - 3
U9 D v Cranleigh	won 3 - 0

Boys' Calendar Reminders

Saturday 8th March: Feltonfleet U13 Rugby Sevens Tournament - the team are to meet Mr Tullett at Hall Grove at 0830. The first match is at 1000.

The Hall Grove U10s Hockey Tournament team are to arrive at 0930.

Chelsea Football Club Easter Training Camp

Details are now available for the Chelsea Easter Football Camp held at Hall Grove from 7th to 11th April. Please see the flyer and forms attached.

Windlesham Golf Academy - Easter Golf Camps Plus Additional Date

Please see attached details and form for Easter Camps. Please return forms together with payment to the Hall Grove School Office. **Please note an additional date has been added for week commencing 31st March. (Please also note the flyer should read 31st March - 4th April rather than 31st April - 4th April).**

Camberley Rugby Club

Please see attachment with information about Camberley Rugby Clubs open day.

Proposed Easter Tennis Camp

We have been approached by Premier Tennis who are keen to deliver a camp in the Easter holidays at Hall Grove. They have a wealth of experience running camps and offer a very exciting programme and high quality coaching (the camp culminates in a 'Davis Cup' style competition!). The proposed dates are Monday 14th – Thursday 17th April. We will release further details next week.

Ceramics Evening Class Exhibition

For one week only you are invited to come and admire recent adult work from the evening classes. Many of the ladies only started in January! The exhibition is in the cabinet beside Mr Graham's office.

Wine for the Masked Ball - Saturday 22nd March

It is possible to pre-order wine for your table at the Masked Ball. Please see the attached Wine List where you will find a wide selection. All the information you need is on the form but please make sure you deal directly with Ascot Racecourse. You will need to quote your table number when ordering, so please email hgmaskedball@gmail.com and we will provide you with it. Please make sure you have ordered your wine by end of today latest. You will still be able to buy wine on the night but why wait?
Masked Ball Committee

Save the Date - Saturday 5th July - Hall Grove Family Fun Day 1500 – 2000

Hall Grove will host a Circus Mini Big Top as well as an array of exciting fairground attractions. Fun for all ages and an event not to be missed. More details to follow soon.

Lost and Found

A set of 'letter box' keys has been found and handed into the School Office.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Chelsea Football Easter Soccer School Information
- HG Masked Ball Pre-order Wine List
- Windlesham Golf Academy - Easter Golf Camps
- Windlesham Golf Academy - Easter Golf Camps - Additional Date
- Camberley Rugby Club - Try Rugby

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100km London 2 Brighton Challenge for the Down's Syndrome Association

Mrs Humberstone (mother of Andy in 5ST and Jessica in 7DS) is currently training to walk the 100km challenge on 24th - 25th May in order to raise funds for the Down's Syndrome Association. If you would like to sponsor Mrs Humberstone please visit her JustGiving page (<http://www.justgiving.com/denise-humberstone>).

In addition, Mrs Humberstone has completed an iMovie project featuring slides of her daughter Kathleen from birth to promote awareness and shift perspective on Down's Syndrome.

The iMovie has been posted on YouTube (<http://youtu.be/o3zzGDHMiYM>).

Part Time Book Keeper Vacancy

Required for Windlesham-based software company, 2-3 days per week, but hours can be flexible. For more details please contact Mark Creasey (mark.creasey@ienterprises.com, 07768 241607).

