

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Our thanks to all those parents who completed the on-line survey. We had a tremendous response from over two thirds of our families providing us with data that will be of huge value as we plan future developments. Amongst the comments were some excellent suggestions and some constructive criticism which we will consider carefully over the coming months. We will share our key findings at the Parents' Forum later this term on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.*

## **Boys' Sports Calendar Amendments - 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Colts A Cricket**

Please note that the Surrey Cup 1<sup>st</sup> XI match against Barrow Hills has been rearranged for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 1400. The match is being played at Barrow Hills. The Colts A match against Aberdour has been rearranged for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 1400. The match is being played at Aberdour School.

## **7IT Assembly - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

The children of 7IT would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **5PC Assembly - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

The children of 5PC would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Year 7 Musical 'Guys and Dolls' - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Our performance evenings are Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Doors open at 1830 and the show will start at 1900. All are welcome and it is not necessary to purchase tickets on this occasion. Seating is 'first come first served' and the run time is approximately one hour. It's a lovely opportunity to invite grandparents and you are very welcome to join us on both evenings.

Rehearsals and evening arrangements: Thank you to all parents for their support with rehearsals last weekend. We have made good progress and hope to deliver a brilliant show. All other rehearsals are now within the children's school day, including a dress rehearsal on Wednesday morning and a matinee for the school on Thursday. Please send costumes in advance (these should remain in school for the duration). A small amount of make-up may be applied to your child. If this is a problem please email Mrs Langley ([d.langley@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:d.langley@hallgrove.co.uk)). On the evening of the performances it is expected that the performers will remain in school where they will receive supper and refreshments before the show. Siblings and all other children should arrive in the company of their parents. They are invited to sit on the benches at the front of the hall (particularly if regular seating becomes limited). At the end of the production the performers will return backstage to get changed before making their way to the Wessex Courtyard for collection. We hope you enjoy the show!

[d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk)

## **NGS Garden Opening - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

This is an event on behalf of the National Garden Scheme, a charity that supports several good causes. The school grounds and gardens will be open for viewing from 1400 to 1700 as well as some private areas within the school estate. There are a variety of trails and walks, including the historic ice house in the garden of Field House, a woodland walk and the boating lake. The entry charge is £5 per adult, children free. Teas, live music and a selection of plants will be on sale. This is always a lovely event, do please tell your friends and come and support it.

## **Bird Ringing at Hall Grove**

On arriving at school on Monday, the children were greeted with an unusual sight; the gardens near the cabins were traversed with netting and adults charged around, cupping small feathery creatures carefully in their hands as we welcomed Michèle Levaque-Shaw (BTO Ringing Scheme) and William Hayward (University of Oxford) to the school.

Michèle, William and I spent an exciting morning with the children ringing and ID tagging some of the birds that live and breed around Hall Grove. Not only were we impressed with the variety of species caught, but also the enthusiasm and knowledge of the children. The environment around Hall Grove is quite unlike anywhere I have ringed before and it was fantastic to work alongside the avid naturalists in Years 6, 7 and 8 who all shared our concern about the welfare of the birds.

*Highlights include 4 blue tits, 1 great tit, 2 dunnocks, 1 greater spotted woodpecker, 1 jay, 1 stock dove, 1 collared dove, 2 green finch and a very exciting blackcap which was already ringed. We are going to find out where this bird was ringed originally.*

Mr McLeod

## **FOHG Coffee Morning**

What a wonderful turnout we had this morning. A big thank you to the Year 1 parents for supplying the cakes and to Mrs Angel for presenting her Stella and Dot jewellery range. Please note the next FOHG evening meeting will take place in the Admiral Room on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 1930. All are welcome.

## **Open Morning - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

An Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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.

## **Hall Grove Family Fun Day – 5<sup>th</sup> July**

We are delighted to announce further details for the Hall Grove Family Fun Day on 5<sup>th</sup> July. The day has something for everyone to enjoy and we feel certain this will be an experience you won't want to miss. Early next week your children will come home with promotional flyers and booking forms. To ensure that this information reaches you, we have also attached these documents to our newsletter. Join us for what promises to be a fun-filled, memorable afternoon. Please note tickets are non-refundable.

## **Music Department**

Earlier this week the children in Years 3 - 8 heard two of our instrumental teachers, Mrs Jennaway (recorders and voice) and Mrs Burt (flute, an addition to our staff in September) demonstrating some of what it is possible to achieve musically. A number of children have consequently expressed an interest in learning flute or recorder and we will be getting in touch with relevant parents with further details shortly. In the coming weeks we have more of our instrumental teachers playing in assemblies and offering taster lessons - already confirmed are clarinet, saxophone, violin, viola, drums and 'cello, and more is still to follow. If your child expresses an interest in learning an instrument please get in touch ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)) and we will do what we can to arrange this, subject to demand and waiting lists.

### **Concert Band**

During the NGS Garden Opening our Concert Band will be performing a number of pieces, which they are currently working hard on. A big thank you to all the parents and children supporting / attending our extra rehearsals. We look forward to a good audience on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### **St Anne's Mens Group Evening**

A small number of our senior musicians have been selected to represent Hall Grove music when we host St Anne's Mens Group on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. We will shortly be getting in touch with relevant parents with further details.

## **South Africa Cricket Tour 2015**

A cricket tour, open to all boys currently in Years 6 and 7, is being organised for next February. The trip offers a wonderful opportunity to play sport to a very high level in a fascinating country, visit some key tourist attractions (including Table Mountain and Robben Island) and above all interact with and form friendships with children on the other side of the world. The cost is expected to be in the region of £1950, which includes everything. The trip is planning to leave around 13<sup>th</sup> February and return by 20<sup>th</sup>. Please email firm interest to Mr Lewis at [t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk)

## **Sports News**

### Boys' Sport

#### Cricket:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

v Feltonfleet

1<sup>st</sup> XI drawn

2<sup>nd</sup> XI tied

Under 10 A tied

Under 10 B won

Under 10 C won

### Boys' Calendar Reminders

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Cricket v Woodcote

1<sup>st</sup> XI to meet at Hall Grove at 1330 for a 1400 start

2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Colts A to meet at Woodcote at 1330 for a 1400 start

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Eagle House Athletics: Please note this competition starts at 1600. Selected athletes will be late back to school.  
Tottenham Hotspur Football Camp: Tottenham Hotspur are running a football camp at LVS School on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 1000 – 1600. Please see flyer attached.

#### Girls' Games

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – The Marist Biathlon

The U11 and U10 girls thoroughly enjoyed their experience competing in The Marist biathlon. Well done to all who participated.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Rounders

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Edgeborough	lost	8.5 – 9
U11 A v Edgeborough	won	14 – 5
U11 B v The Marist	won	11 – 3
U11 C v The Marist	won	10 – 9.5
U10 A v Edgeborough	lost	6.5 – 14
U10 B v Edgeborough	lost	8.5 – 9

#### Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Queen Anne's Rounders' Tournament: Estimated return time to Hall Grove 1730. Girls may be collected from Queen Anne's at 1600. Please advise Mrs Maxfield on [k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk) in advance if you intend to collect your child direct from Queen Anne's.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Biathlon: Start time 1330, estimated time of completion 1530. Girls may be collected from The Marist at 1530. Please advise Mrs Maxfield on [k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk) in advance if you intend to collect your children direct from The Marist.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Eagle House Athletics: Please note this competition starts at 1600. Selected athletes will be late back to school.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Please note that the U11 B and U10 A will now be an away fixture. The 1<sup>st</sup> IX and U11 A will now be a home fixture.

#### Sainsbury's School Vouchers

Please continue collecting these and handing them into school as soon as possible.

### **FOHG Saturday Golf - calling all Year 2 golfers**

We still have space in the Year 2 golf group on Saturdays, 1100 – 1200, and the weather is looking good! We can accept up to six children for this class. If you would like to sign your child up, please get in touch with Rachel Bray by email or phone: [rachel\\_bray@icloud.com](mailto:rachel_bray@icloud.com) / 07880 748 686.

### **Rookie Life Guard Award**

Congratulations to Fraser Robertson who achieved a bronze Rookie Life Guard Award last weekend. Well done.

### **One Day Event at Bisley and Sandown Chase Pony Club**

Congratulations to Helen Vrancken who completed her first One Day Event at Bisley and Sandown Chase Pony Club on Leo from Pony Grove.

### **Newsletter Attachments**

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

- Hall Grove Family Fun Day Flyer
- Hall Grove Family Fun Day Booking Form
- Chelsea Football Club After School Club Form
- Windlesham Golf Academy After School Club Form
- Crown & Tiara Walk
- Golf & Tennis Lesson Form Summer 2014
- Tottenham Hotspur Football Camp Flyer

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### **Golf Club Membership**

Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club are actively looking for new members. They have new categories available, including weekend and joint memberships at very reasonable prices. It is a lovely 18 hole course that will certainly challenge your short game. Visitors are also welcome. For more information call 01344 620507 or email [golf@sunningdaleladies.co.uk](mailto:golf@sunningdaleladies.co.uk).

### **Crown and Tiara Walk - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

To register for the walk please visit: [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/crownandtira](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/crownandtira) or for more information please ring 01344 622500.

## **Unwanted Hall Grove Uniform**

Mrs Graham would happily take any old school uniform, especially kilts and rugby tops, as she can make use of the materials in craft sessions.