

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*What a lovely spell of sunny weather we have enjoyed. It certainly lifts the spirits.*

*Please support our Glyndebourne evening on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets from the school office available next week. Bring friends and family, but not children. Relax with drinks and a picnic (or buy from a bar), enjoy the gardens and listen to a light programme of classical music. Dress informal.*

## **Parents' Forum - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

There will be a Parents' Forum on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 1900 in the Admiral Room. This is an opportunity to contribute views and opinions to the Headmaster and senior staff on a range of school issues, and to consider aspects of the school's future development. There will be a discussion about the results of the recent questionnaire. All parents are welcome to attend.

## **Termly Fees 2014/2015**

The new termly fees for the academic year 2014/2015 are now on the school website. There has been a general increase of just under 3% with a larger increase for boarding fees to reflect better the cost of running this department. As always we strive to run the school as economically as possible.

## **Trial of Biometric Registration**

We are considering the trial of a new fingerprint 'biometric' registration system that would operate during lunch in the dining room after half term. Due to the many lessons, activities and events that run during the normal school day, this proposed system will help to make school registration at lunch time more efficient for both pupils and staff. We have reviewed several registration systems, including the use of ID cards, but, after consideration and consultation, feel that this registration system will best fit Hall Grove. Indeed, many schools are turning to this technology for pupil registration. Should the trial be successful, this technology will be implemented from September 2014 for children in Years 3 and up. Pre-Prep will not take part in the trial or scheme should it be adopted from September 2014. The 'biometric' identification system uses the finger and its image to uniquely identify each student. Each student has his or her fingerprint registered, which will then be translated to a unique identification code, which is entered into the system. The image of the fingerprint is not recorded or stored and all data is held securely. A ClarionCall will be sent out next week with more information on the trial, technology and include an online permission form for you to complete for your child to take part in this trial.

## **2AE Assembly - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (please note amended start time)**

The children of 2AE would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 0900. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall no earlier than 0845 and by 0855. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **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.

## **FOHG Family Fun Day Tennis Tournament - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

The FOHG are once again organising a family doubles tournament on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The event is open to all Hall Grove Middle and Upper School children. Their doubles partner can be a parent, relative, friend or older sibling (13+). Further information and a registration form are attached to this week's newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Wow, the response to the Family Fun Day in July has been amazing. Thank you to everyone who has already handed in their forms. You have been allocated the show time you have requested. The response has been so good that a couple of the show times are very nearly full, so if you have a preference for a particular showtime, please hand in your form ASAP to avoid

disappointment. Five hours of entertainment plus food for less than a ticket to a premiership football game and you get to spend it with your friends and family; what more could you want for a Saturday afternoon in July? Please remember there is a no refund policy on tickets and that all children attending must have a responsible adult in charge of them on the day.

## 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)  
There will be a meeting to discuss the potential trip on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 1900 in the Admiral Room.

## Tennis News

Our tennis season has got off to a super start and following in the girls' footsteps, our first boys' results are equally impressive. Playing at home our U12 squad won an impressive 8 out of 9 matches, and congratulations should go to Manu Prasad and Pierre Gathy who were on blisteringly good form. Our U13 squad enjoyed a 'triangular' contest, taking on the The Oratory School and Papplewick. Matches were often closer than the scores suggest but we won 8 out of 9 matches against Papplewick and all matches against The Oratory School (although several were cut short due to heavy rain). Our teams have set the bar high we and look forward to next week's fixture against Sunningdale School.

Enthusiasm to play tennis has been quite overwhelming this week. Our evening clubs are full and it's been so nice to see proper competitive matches being contested at morning and lunch breaks. The U13 singles and doubles knock-out tournaments were launched this week. These are being played internally and this year Mrs Lomas and Mr Slape are running separate draws for the boys and girls. The U11 tournaments will open next week and we wish all competitors the best of luck.

## Year 7 Girls Uniform - Important Information

Could all girls moving into Year 7 please visit the Uniform Shop **before** half term to be measured for their new skirt and blouse, as all garments need to be ordered. This also applies to any current Year 7 girl requiring a new skirt. *Helyna Quartermaine*

## School Website Updates

The following photograph albums have been added to the school website:

- Year 4 Battsborough Trip
- Golf v Sunningdale School
- Break time in the sun
- Reception in the Outdoor Classroom
- Year 7 present Guys and Dolls
- Upper School Canoe Club

The following drama and assembly videos have also been added (link under Parents tab):

- Year 7 'Guys and Dolls' Performance
- Year 4 Battsborough Assembly Presentation
- School 'Flash Mob' (End of Spring Term Assembly)

## Music Department

For those who braved the variable weather last weekend at our NGS Garden Opening there were some real musical treats to be had - our visiting brass quintet played three fantastic sets and our own Concert Band played two sets with a really thrilling sound and energy, not usually heard from a group of such young players. Many thanks for the support of parents, family and friends, and a big thank you to all the children who played or helped in any other capacity.

This week many of the children have been treated to musical assemblies given by Miss Frith (violin and viola), Mr Branch (saxophone and clarinet) and Mr Kibble ('cello). If as a result your child has come home interested in learning any of these instruments (or any others) please contact Miss Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)) who will give further details and be able to arrange taster lessons.

## Sports News

Golf v Sunningdale School

The golf team played some great golf at the Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club led by their captains, Jack Humpish and Charlie Brennen, who won their match comfortably 4 up. The second pair, Rhett Wooldridge and Archie Graham, won their match 2 up. They worked extremely well as a team and deserved their victory. The final pair, Freddie Brennen and Luca Allera, also won their match. They got off to a quick start and held on to win 1 up. Well done getting out of the bunker boys! It was a perfect afternoon with stunning weather and a beautiful golf course. Well done Hall Grove.

### Girls' Games

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Congratulations to Izzy Arnold and Neve Macdonald at the IAPS National Swimming Finals. The competition took place at the K2 Swimming Centre in Crawley. Both girls swam well in their respective heats, both achieving

personal bests to qualify for the final. Izzy swam in the 50m freestyle finishing 7<sup>th</sup> and Neve swam in the 25m butterfly finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and winning the bronze medal. Well done to both girls for their fine achievements.

#### Rounders

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> IX v Feltonfleet | won  | 17 - 10.5  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> IX v Feltonfleet | lost | 12 - 18    |
| U10 A v Feltonfleet              | lost | 18.5 - 23  |
| U10 B v Feltonfleet              | won  | 14.5 - 12  |
| U9 A v Feltonfleet               | won  | 24 - 18.5  |
| U9 B v Feltonfleet               | won  | 12.5 - 9.5 |

#### Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Selected U11 girls' rounders team, please meet Mrs Hawkins at Hoe Bridge School at 0930.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Please note the times and venues published in the school calendar are correct.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Additional fixture for the U9 A rounders team playing Notre Dame at Hall Grove at 1430.

Swimming hats and costumes - Parents are reminded that girls in Years 2, 3 and 4 swim weekly and do require swim hats. These can be purchased from the Uniform Shop along with the school swimming costume.

#### Boys' Sport

##### Tennis v Papplewick

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> pair U13 | won |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> pair U12 | won |

##### Cricket

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Hoe Bridge  | lost |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Hoe Bridge  | won  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v Hoe Bridge  | lost |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> XI v Hoe Bridge  | won  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> XI v Feltonfleet | lost |
| U10 A v Hoe Bridge               | won  |
| U10 B v Hoe Bridge               | lost |
| U9 A v Feltonfleet               | won  |
| U9 B v Feltonfleet               | won  |
| U9 C v Feltonfleet               | won  |

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Cricket v Eagle House - 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at Hall Grove. Please arrive at Hall Grove by 1330.  
- Colts A and U10 A at Eagle House. Please arrive at Hall Grove at 1240 to travel by mini bus.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 1630 Surrey Cup 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Downsends away.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - 1400 Surrey Cup Colts A XI v Aberdour away.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Please note there are no U10 A and B matches v Feltonfleet on this day, they have been moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> July and an U10 C team has been added.

#### Surrey Sports Park Half Term Camps

Please visit <http://www.surreysportspark.co.uk/book> for more information on a variety of camps running at the sports park.

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.

#### Sainsbury's School Vouchers

The response collecting these vouchers has been fantastic. Just one last push for them to be handed into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **Bagshot Cricket Club**

Bagshot Cricket Club run a very successful Colts section from U8 to U17. For more information please see attached flyer or contact Graham Searle 01276 682995 or email [gwsearle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gwsearle@yahoo.co.uk)

## **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
- FOHG Family Tennis Tournament
- Golf & Tennis Lesson Form Summer 2014
- Tottenham Hotspur Football Camp Flyer
- Bagshot Cricket Club

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## **Mums' Golf Day - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Lucy Wessely is organising a Mums' Golf Day at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - coffee at 0900, then 18 holes of golf followed by sandwiches/wraps, tea and cake. Please email Lucy if you are interested in playing ([wessely@sky.com](mailto:wessely@sky.com)).