

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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It was disappointing that last Saturday's Sports Day had to finish early because of wet weather, but we were pleased that we were able to run so much of the programme and the day went off very well indeed. The many classroom displays and the art exhibition were of a very high standard.

We hope the Family Fun Day tomorrow is a great success and we record our thanks to the Friends of Hall Grove for organising it, particularly to the following group of parents: Jo Conner, Julie Coxon, Karyn Macdonald, Nicola Morley, Amanda Pyne, Lindsay Vetch. They have worked incredibly hard and all is set for a super day.

Sandra's Service

We hope many parents will attend a short thanksgiving service in the school hall next Thursday at 1000. Children attending should please wear uniform. We anticipate a big turn out but there will be standing space at the back of the hall. Very young children should not come, and all those pupils who do attend should expect to sit on the floor at the front of the hall separate to their parents. Please be seated by 0950. Refreshments for adults will be served after the service.

The Book of Condolence remains open at the school office.

Hall Grove Family Fun Day - Saturday 5th July

Roll up, roll up!!!! We are really looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow and are doing our best to work with the weather! Please plan your day using the programme provided and your booked circus show times. Remember to wear your wristbands and bring your food vouchers; also note that additional refreshments can be bought. There are also sweets, candy floss and make your own smoothies available at additional cost, along with the licensed bar. All parking is on the upper field and you must display your car park pass to gain entry. Again we stress that entry can only be given to ticket holders so please do not turn up if you do not have tickets. Many thanks to everyone for their support - please stay to help us tidy up if you can spare a few minutes at the end, it would be most appreciated.

Summer Concert - Monday 7th July

All of our ensembles have been rehearsing hard and will be performing on Monday evening at 1900. All parents, friends and family are most welcome and we are delighted to have Year 2 parents as well (see paragraph underneath for further details). There is no need to reserve tickets. The doors will open at 1830, ready for a 1900 start. Performers should make their way to the Clanwilliam Room for 1830. If you wish your child to remain at school after the end of the school day please book them into supper in the usual fashion with the school office. Blazers and jumpers are not required.

Year 2 children will be singing in the Summer Concert. Please bring them to the benches at the front of New Hall at 1845. Children are free to go home with their parents straight after their performance or may stay, with their parents, for the remainder of the concert - this will also give children and parents a taste of some of the musical delights to come as they move higher up the school. Thank you.

Monday Rehearsal Schedule (all in New Hall)

0800 Choristers

0930 Year 2

1030 Junior Strings

1330 Jazz Ensemble

1500 Woodwind Ensemble

1630 String Ensemble

0950 Hall Grove Choir

1100 Percussion Ensemble

1400 Junior Brass

1530 Senior Recorders

1010 Girls Choir

1245 Senior Brass

1430 Concert Band

1600 Junior Recorders

Evensong - Tuesday 8th July

It is our custom to finish the school year with a formal service of Evensong in New Hall, which all Years 6 – 8 children attend. Choristers will be leading the hymns and singing settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis together with an anthem. The service should last no more than 45 minutes, after which Years 3 – 5 Choristers may be collected. Parents are welcome.

Prize Giving - Wednesday 9th July

Parents are welcome to attend Prize Giving on Wednesday at 1000 in New Hall. As is traditional the prizes will be presented by a Year 8 parent, this year Mrs Gluckstein. Parking will be available on the fields. The Prize List has been sent out with this newsletter and a paper copy is pinned up on the noticeboard under the arch. All Year 8 leavers will be called to the stage to receive their Common Entrance certificates and Leavers Medals.

Athletics Medals and Age Group Cups

These will be awarded at Assembly on Tuesday morning.

End of Term Arrangements - Wednesday 9th July

Term ends on Wednesday 9th July. The collection times are as follows:

1115	Pre-Prep
1130	Years 3 and 4
1145	Years 5 and 6
1200	Years 7 and 8

Music Department

A big thank you to all musicians and parents for the music during this school year – informal concerts, Evensongs, workshops, more formal concerts, visits to other schools etc – none of this would be possible without practice, commitment and parental involvement and support. A big thank you too to our team of peripatetic staff, who work very hard to give our children the best possible start to their musical lives.

Instruments

All instruments should go home at the beginning of next week for the Summer holidays, after the Summer Concert at the latest. Could parents please check that all instruments are clearly labelled and that the right accessories (bows, pull-throughs, reeds etc) are in the cases. We currently have one child whose violin has probably been taken in error and two missing bows that we would like returned.

Sports News

Golf

On Monday Hall Grove took part in The Independent Schools Golf Association Junior Schools Cup at The Shire, London. The team consisted of Jack Humpish, Felix Connolly and William Stevens. The course, which was designed by the late Seve, was immaculate and very tough, with lots of water and heavy rough. The boys did brilliantly with Jack and William coming 2nd in their respective age groups and Felix never gave up and gained a great deal of experience. Hall Grove's next golf fixture is The Stowe Putter, which is being played during the Summer holidays. Good luck to Jack Humpish, Charlie Brennen and Danny Wessely who are taking part.

National Athletics Finals

Anya Froggatt ran National Prep School U12 1500m on Wednesday at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. She came 4th in her race and overall 13th place out of 22. Danny Wessely came 14th out of 24 athletes in the 800m at the IAPS National Finals. It was an amazing track and a great experience for them both.

Girls' Games

Rounders

U12 IV v Dolphin	won 21.5 – 20
U11 A v Hoe Bridge	lost 13 – 2
U11 B v Hoe Bridge	lost 18 – 8
U11 C v Hoe Bridge	won 19.5 – 5.5
U10 A v The Marist Tournament	won 11.5 – 6.5

Rounders House Matches

Year 3:	4 th Falcon, 3 rd Kestrel, 2 nd Eagles, 1 st Hawks
Year 4:	4 th Hawks, 3 rd Kestrel, 2 nd Falcon, 1 st Eagles

Boys Games

Cricket

U10 A v Feltonfleet	won
U10 B v Feltonfleet	won
U10 C v Feltonfleet	lost

Reminders

OPRO will be fitting mouth guards on Monday 8th September for girls and Friday 13th September for boys. Please note girls will need temporary mouth guards prior to their fitting in order to take part in Hockey lessons and matches.

Golf Lessons

Mr Gold is offering golf lessons at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club for Hall Grove pupils during the Summer holidays. Please contact him on 07886 907161 for more details.

School Reports, Newsletters, School Invoices and the Autumn Term Calendar

School reports, a newsletter containing information relating to next term and school invoices will be sent out to parents during the holidays. School insurance information will also be sent to parents during the Summer holidays by ClarionCall. A provisional copy of the Autumn Term Calendar will be available on the school website from the last day of term.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that all After School Clubs finish today. Information for next term's clubs will be sent out via email for on-line bookings at the beginning of next term and clubs will start from Monday 15th September. TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 8th July, inclusive. Please remember to pre-book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy.

Yellow Medical Forms

Please can all remaining yellow medical forms be returned as soon as possible. If you would like a duplicate, please collect one from the Front Office. Thank you.

School Uniform Shop - Summer Opening Times

During the Summer holiday the Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

Tuesday 12 th August	0900 - 1200
Saturday 30 th August	0930 - 1600
Monday 1 st September	0930 - 1600

Adult Partner Dance Classes for Parents

New Complete Beginners Course this Autumn

Mr Slape is pleased to offer a brand new beginners course of partner dance classes next term on a Thursday evening, starting at 1930. This course is for complete beginners (it will be assumed that all those attending will have no prior experience) so classes will be achievable and fun for everyone. He has space for around five new couples so please contact him as soon as possible for a full list of dates and details, or to book your place. Classes are enormous fun and a super social night out. They are a great opportunity to set aside some time with your partner and to learn something new. d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk

LAMDA Speech and Drama Sessions

For the attention of parents with children entering Year 6 next year.

We introduced LAMDA this year and a number of Year 6 pupils have enjoyed lessons on a weekly basis, typically in groups of three. Classes are billed separately and run in a similar way to our individual music lessons (charges are also comparable). Under the watchful eye of Mrs Brown (who has many years' experience as a LAMDA teacher) most pupils have worked towards their first exams this year and gained a great deal from the sessions. Classes currently take place on a Tuesday (within the normal school day) and rotate on a carousel to avoid children missing the same lesson each week. We will plan next term's timetable during the Summer holiday, so if you would like your child to attend in the Autumn we ask that you communicate your firm interest to Mr Slape as soon as possible, and no later than Friday 11th July (d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk). If you have any questions about the content of the sessions or what they involve please contact Mrs Brown directly via email: jenny@jjb-drama-studios.co.uk

Reading Book & Text Book Amnesty

Please can all reading books be returned to school by the end of term. In particular, can children check for any Barrington Stoke books that belong to school. These should be returned to form teachers or the Upper School Library as soon as possible. In addition we would ask that all text books of children leaving the school have been returned to the relevant teacher. Thank you.

Sainsbury School Vouchers

Thank you for the 12,130 vouchers collected from Sainsbury's. We have put in a good order for sports equipment for next term.

Newsletter Attachments/Website Downloads

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

- The Prize List
- Autumn Golf and Tennis Lessons Autumn 2014

The following documents are available on the school website:

- Chelsea Football Summer Camp
- Windlesham Golf Academy 2014 Summer Golf Camps and Advanced Coaching Days
- Bagshot Cricket Club
- National Preparatory School Orchestras Courses

- Holy Trinity Church Summer Club
- Pleiades Leisure Summer Camps 2014
- Sebastian's Action Trust Swinley Forest Run

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Bollywood Curry Night - Friday 10th October

FOHG are arranging an evening of Authentic Bollywood. Great food, music, dancing and fun with friends new and old. Further details to follow.

FOHG - Golf and Tennis Lessons - Autumn 2014

Information and a booking form are attached to this week's newsletter regarding Saturday morning golf and tennis lessons available next term.

Swinley Forest 5km & 10km Run – Sunday 14th September

Join Sebastian's Action Trust in their first Swinley Forest Run. You can choose to either take on the 5k or 10k challenge for the local children's charity in the scenic grounds of Swinley Forest in Bracknell. The run is targeted at all standards, with chip timing available on the day too. All members of the family are encouraged to take part, whether running, jogging, walking or cheering on loved ones at our designated viewing points. All proceeds from the run will continue to provide practical and emotional support to seriously-ill and life-limited children. For further details and to register, please click on the link: www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/swinleyrun (flyer attached).

English Language Course for Au-Pairs - September 2014 in Windlesham

The course runs for ten weeks at 0930-1130 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 16th September. The total cost is £320. The maximum number in the group is six, so participants will have the chance to make some new friends but still receive lots of individual attention. There is a pre-course Language Assessment to ensure that all participants are of a similar standard (usually around Upper Intermediate). The teacher is fully qualified and experienced. For further information, please call 07941 936254 or e-mail sara@mortonbusinessenglish.co.uk