

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Our thanks to parents for their excellent attendance at the information evenings and for the very positive feed-back afterwards. These meetings are most helpful for the teaching staff and they provide a great opportunity for the school to present its aims and objectives. It is gratifying to know that parents appreciate the chance to meet the teachers early in the school year.

This week we were excited to open our new Junior Library. This will become a valuable additional resource for the Pre-Prep and for Years 3 and 4. Our thanks to Miss Hitchcox for steering the project from inception to such a successful conclusion.

6HT Class Assembly – Thursday 24th September

The children of 6HT would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25th September

Please join us in the Pavilion for a lovely social gathering over tea, coffee and cakes. Home-grown produce and home-made cakes are welcome for sale. Everyone is welcome from 0800 drop-off until 1130-ish.

Catriona Graham

Years 3, 4 and 5 Parents' Briefings - Change of Times

Years 3, 4 and 5 Parents' Briefings take place on Monday 21st September. To help the evening flow more easily, we have decided to stagger timings as follows:

- Years 4 & 5 Parents Arrive New Hall (drinks) at 1815, Parents' Briefing 1830 – 1930
- Year 3 Parents Arrive New Hall (drinks) at 1945, Parents Briefing 2000 – 2045

After brief introductions and presentations from the staff there will be an opportunity to visit the classrooms. We apologise for the change of times.

Rural Life Museum, Year 4 – Friday 9th October

The Year 4 trip to the Rural Life Museum will take place on Friday 9th October. Children are encouraged to dress in Victorian attire and they should bring their own packed lunch. Timings for the trip will be within the normal school day. Further information will be sent out via Clarion.

After School Club – General Information

Footsteps Dance Classes

Footsteps dance classes commence on Tuesday 22nd September run by Fiona Stein. The classes will be taking place in the Dining Hall and, for those enrolled, you are asked to collect your child after their class from Miss Stein on the drive.

Finishing times:

Tuesday:	Beginners' Tap	1625
	Pre-Primary Tap	1715
Thursday:	Beginners' Ballet	1610

All Reception parents please note children are to be collected from the drive by the main school building, not The Barn.

Dance uniform, which is compulsory for all Footsteps pupils, will be available for you to purchase in 1GM, Miss Moore's class room, on Wednesday 23rd September from 1600. Please note payment is by cash or cheque only. If you wish to pre-order dance shoes in advance please email Miss Stein on Fiona@footsteps.biz.

Music

What a busy first 10 days we've had. Most ensembles and instrumental lessons have started, lots and lots of taster lessons for pupils interest in learning new instruments have been arranged, and the children have been musically buzzing! Could all instruments that come into school please be clearly named (a label on the handle is best, where this is possible) to prevent any confusion or distress.

Well done to all those who auditioned for Choristers this past week; we had more children striving for the limited number of places than ever before, and we heard lots of promising vocal talent. For all those who missed the auditions or were unsuccessful, we would strongly urge that they join one of our other choirs, for vocal training, enjoyment and experience. This will also help us to assess commitment if and when Chorister vacancies occur.

We are still waiting for a few replies to letters sent out to successful new Chorister parents – could we please ask that a reply is sent to Miss Post with a decision about our French tour by Monday evening.

Our first Informal Concert of the new school year is next Friday, 1245 on the New Hall stage, for any and all pianists. All parents and friends are most welcome for what is always an enjoyable, relaxed occasion and a chance to perform pieces that may still be being learnt in front of an appreciative audience. We welcome children who learn outside school who would like to perform at these concerts – please get in touch with Miss Post by Tuesday 1200 if your child is in this position and would like to play.

Bradfield Orchestral Day – could those who have been invited on this please ensure that reply slips are returned to Miss Post by Monday lunchtime.

Sports News

Can parents please ensure that all boys and girls in Years 3 – 8 have their school water bottle, with their child's name on it, at school. This is particularly important on match days.

Girls' Games

The Year 5 girls were invited for lunch, a tour and a hockey master class this week, and what a day they had, with many returning to say how much fun they had! They were thrilled to come across old girl Chanel van der Merwe who has settled there remarkably well. Mr Marland is planning a similar trip for the Year 5 boys in Spring 2016.

The 1st and 2nd VII hockey teams played against strong and skilful Daneshill girls, who all play at club level too. It should be noted that we do recommend our girls and boys join local sports clubs to build up their skill level at a particular sport they enjoy.

The U11s all played in fixtures with some superb individual performances across the board. India Underwood scored an impressive goal with a powerful shot from a short corner, both Beatrice Brockman and Sarah Vandenberg stood out for effort and determination and Grace Harvie had an outstanding match. Well done ladies!

Girls' Games Notices

1st VII Hockey to meet at Hall Grove at 0800 for the Daneshill Hockey tournament. Return time is 12 noon.

Mrs Maxfield will be running half-term netball camps at Lightwater Leisure Centre, numbers will be strictly limited. To register interest please e mail k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk

Years 3 – 4 Monday 26th October, 1000 – 1500

Years 5 – 8 Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October, 1000 – 1500

The England netball team are playing Australia at the Copper Box Arena, London 1930 on Friday 22nd January, and Mrs Maxfield is planning to arrange a coach and tickets to the event; this will be initially open to children from Years 6-8 and parents are most welcome to join us. To register your interest in the event please e mail k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk

Boys' Games

Athletics/Cross-country training – Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

This optional activity will commence on Thursday 1st October. Meet Mr Tullett at 0730 on the playing field. Training will last for half an hour before the children change into school uniform and go to their form rooms. Children do not need to sign up they can just turn up on the day. There is no charge for this activity. They should arrive at school in games kit – please beware, trainers will get muddy.

Reeds Prep Schools Golf Tournament

Daniel Taviansky, Will Stevens and Patrik Wall played in The Reeds Prep School Golf Tournament at Burhill Golf Club on Thursday and performed brilliantly. They fought off some tough competition from Daneshill, Shrewsbury House and Reeds as well as others. Hall Grove took home three trophies, as they won the overall team event, picking up a very nice trophy; Daniel Tavianski won a trophy for the best individual score of the day and Mr Gold won the teachers event, despite tough competition from another ex-PGA professional. Well done boys, a cracking start to the year!

Hall Grove Four Schools Cricket

On Sunday, the 1st XI cricket team welcomed Ludgrove, Sunningdale and Woodcote for the Four Schools Cricket Competition. The weather stayed fair and Hall Grove played Woodcote in on the semi-final. The team finished on 166-5, with Freeman and Ethan Gunning retiring on 50 not out. The bowlers then performed superbly, bowling out Woodcote for 39. Special mention should be made of Luca Allera for his 5 wickets for 3 runs and Shrey Rawal who took 3 for 2.

This meant a final against Ludgrove. They won the toss and scored 123, immediately putting pressure on the 1st XI. Freddie Brennen was the last man out for a well-constructed 21 and Rocky Chapman chipped in with 18. An excellent day of cricket and a fitting way to finish the season. Well played boys.

Hall Grove Football Tournament

The 1st XI and Colts A enjoyed a successful Hall Grove Football Tournament with plenty of matches being played against a variety of opposition. This was a great chance early in the season for the teams to get some valuable match practice. The 1st XI did particularly well, winning all their matches and going on to win the tournament. Elliot Sleep and Thomas Morley scored four and three goals respectively. A great start to the season.

U13 Surrey cup football

On Tuesday, the 1st XI had an excellent win in the Preliminary round of the Surrey Cup against King's House, winning 3-1. They have drawn Cumnor House in the next round and will play on Monday 28th September at 1530 at Hall Grove.

Football v Feltonfleet and Aldro

The Under 8 and Under 9s enjoyed their first competitive fixtures of the season on Thursday and all acquitted themselves admirably in a triangular set of fixtures against Feltonfleet and Aldro. Although results didn't all go Hall Grove's way, the boys enjoyed playing plenty of football against two different opposition.

Football v Hoe Bridge

A good start to the football season with 8 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses against Hoe Bridge. Special mention to the Under 11s teams who won all their games.

Boys' Games Notices

Under 11 IAPS Regional Qualifying Tournament at Rokeby School

The Colts A IAPS Football Tournament on Friday 25th September is NOT at Rokeby School, but is being played at Rokeby Sports Ground – KT4 7QB. Their first fixture is at 1320

Football v Eagle House

Please note the change of time for the Colts C and D who are now playing at 1500. There are also fixtures for the Under 10 D and E teams at 1500 at Hall Grove.

1st VII are to meet Mr Tomlinson at Parkside at 1245 for the Parkside tournament.

The 2nd XI and Colts A are to meet at Woodcote at 1400 for their matches at 1430

Year 3 Football House Matches – Postponed

As per the ClarionCall, the Year 3 house matches will be played later this term. Instead, the boys will play an internal tournament.

The Year 4 house matches are going ahead as normal. Can all boys please ensure they have their house t-shirt at school on Monday. The school will have bibs for those that do not have theirs yet.

Congratulations and Good Luck

Congratulations to Lottie Hill (Year 5) and Chloe Hill (Year 7) for their phenomenal achievements during the Summer holidays at various horse shows. Lottie came 4th at the Royal International Horse Show, whilst Chloe came 3rd in dressage at The Pony Clubs Southern Mini Championships, beating her 5th place last year. Good luck to Lottie who will be competing at the Cherif National Championships next week.

Children ‘Off-Games’

Children who are off games due to mild illness or injury will be expected to remain in school on match days, be this home or away, except under exceptional circumstances.

Collection from home or away matches

Children may be collected after a home or away match with the prior permission from the Sports Department. However, please note that children will not be able to take their school or games bag with them to an away match due to lack of space on the mini-bus.

Polo

A reminder that there is an excellent Polo Club run out of school for beginners or for experienced riders. Details from the School Office.

Hall Grove School Half-Term Camp

London Irish Rugby Camps

Ages 6 – 16 years, male and female are all welcome. Work on your core skills; any ability, any experience; learn new skills and improve the ones you have. A flyer is attached to the Newsletter.

Venue: Hall Grove School

Date: Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th October.

Time: 0930 – 1530

Cost: £89.00 for 3 days

To book a place please visit www.london-irish.com or call 01932 750 132

Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 15th October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 15th 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.

Forthcoming Battisborough Trips

Year 7 Monday 21st – Friday 25th September 2015

Year 5 Monday 7th – Friday 11th March 2016

Year 4 Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th April 2016

Year 6 Monday 16th – Friday 20th May 2016

Year 8 Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July 2016 (optional)

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

A Taste of Mexico! – Friday 9th October, 1930 in New Hall

Hall Grove invites you to come and join the fiesta! A special night of fun and food with a Mexican flavour! Tickets are £20 per person which includes all food and entertainment. This is an adults/parents only evening. Please bring your own drinks. Dress code smart casual (sombros are welcome!)

FOHG Saturday Morning Golf and Tennis Club

12th September – 10th October, 7th November – 5th December (10 sessions)

Information and a booking form have been posted on the school website regarding Saturday Morning Golf and Tennis lessons available for Reception – Year 5. Email: FOHGtennisgolf@gmail.com

FOHG Spring Ball 2016 – Save the Date!

With Winter creeping up on us it is difficult to think ahead to Spring next year! However, to add some light and warmth, we are pleased to say planning is already under way for the FOHG Spring Ball. Please save the date - Saturday 19th March 2016!

Open Mornings

Old Swinford Hospital, Stourbridge	Saturday 19 th September, 3 rd & 8 th October	01384 817325
The Oratory School	Saturday 19 th September	01491 683 500
Queen Anne's Caversham	Saturday 19 th September	0118 918 7300
St John's School, Leatherhead	25 th & 26 th September	01372 373000
Hampton School	Saturday 26 th September	020 8979 5526
Tudor Hall, Banbury	Saturday 26 th September	01295 756276
Clayesmore, Dorset	Saturday 26 th September	01747 812122
Farnborough Hill	Friday 2 nd October	01252 529811
Leighton Park School, Reading	Saturday 3 rd October	0118 987 9600
St George's, Ascot	Saturday 3 rd October	01344 629900
Tonbridge School	Saturday 3 rd October	01732 304297
Lancing College, West Sussex	Saturday 3 rd October	01273 465805
RGS, Guildford	Saturday 3 rd October	01483 880600
Pangbourne	Saturday 3 rd October	0118 984 2101
Luckley House	Saturday 10 th October	0118 974 3221
King Edward's, Witley	Thursday 15 th October	01428 686700
Luckley House Year 6 Taster Day	Tuesday 10 th November	0118 973 3221
Farnborough Hill	Wednesday 18 th November	01252 529811

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- Bagshot Football Club
- FOHG Saturday Morning Golf and Tennis Club
- Luckley House Open Morning
- Luckley House Taster Day
- London Irish Rugby Camps

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Fundraising Gift Wrap Sale - Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure

Leaflets were sent home last week with the children containing 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.

Little Grove Pre-School

Little Grove has availability for children aged 2 to 5 years. Please call 01276 473434 and ask for Mrs Henderson-Williams or Mrs Stewart to enquire about the spaces available.

Giggles Indoor Play - Exciting new indoor play in Bagshot.

(Formally known as Jakes Indoor Play).

We are delighted to announce that Giggles Indoor Play will be opening its doors on Sunday 20th September at 0930 - 1830. Giggles Indoor Play has over 5,000 square feet of adventure soft play plus the newly refurbished café serving an exciting new menu. We will be announcing our Halloween party in the next couple of weeks. The website is due to go live from Sunday - www.gigglesindoorplay.co.uk

Found

- Two large keys on a yellow 'shed' key ring.

- Royal Academy of Dance Grade One examination broach/medal.
Please contact the School Office to reclaim.