

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Year 7 have returned this evening from a week of outdoor pursuits and field studies in Devon. They had a very healthy time, outdoors all day every day, and other than a short amount of World Cup rugby there was not a TV screen or a computer game in sight! Highlights included South Battsborough Farm at milking time, a canoe expedition on the River Dart, camp fires, den building, rivers and dams on the beach, endless games of tennis and football in the grounds and a scamper up a tor on Dartmoor. They will sleep well tonight!

TASC – The After School Care

To enable us to accommodate more children in TASC adequately, it is imperative that you give a collection time when booking in your child with the School Office. Bookings for TASC should be made in advance wherever possible and at the latest by 1400 on the day required. You need to cancel any pre-booked TASC sessions by 1200 on the day of the booking or you will be charged for that session. Additional charges will be added to your bill if you are late to pick up your child on a regular basis. As the children are younger, there is a limit to the number of places we can offer, particularly for those children in the Early Years so it may not be possible to accommodate a booking requested at the last minute. Thank you.

School Security

All items (games kit, books, musical instruments etc) brought into school by parents outside the normal drop-off and collection times should be left at the School Office. Whenever children need to see parents or be collected, this should always be at the Front Office to ensure children are supervised.

Individual and Sibling Portraits – Friday 2nd October

Gilman and Soame, the School Photographer, has been booked to come on Friday 2nd October to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Please make sure that the children are looking smart on the day with the boys wearing their uniform shirt, tie and blazer and the girls in their Winter uniform.

Class Assemblies

The children of 5GH, 7MW and 4KF 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.

5GH Assembly Tuesday 6th October
7MW Assembly Thursday 8th October
4KF Assembly Tuesday 13th October

Reminder: 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.

Music

Practice Club

1630 - 1830 Monday to Friday children are able to practise their instruments in one of our practice rooms with supervised specialist help (Mr Waltho, Mr Heffer or Miss Post). This is open to all children, but is particularly for those preparing for an instrumental exam or looking to compete for a senior school award at some point with any musical component. We all know how hard it can be for a child to find the motivation at the end of a long school day, after tea, homework, a bit of down-time and so on, so we would like to support instrumental improvement here at school, before children come home. If you would like to book your child in for a half-hour slot (a maximum at the moment of two slots during the week, all subject to availability) please contact Lizzie Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk). Children will need to be collected from the Music area so that we are able to give our full attention to the next group of children.

Instrumental Lessons 'Open Week'

Parents are always encouraged to take an active part in their child's learning of an instrument - we will always offer ideas for support where we can. Next week, as per our School Calendar, we particularly welcome any parents who wish to observe their child's instrumental lesson. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please contact Lizzie Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) for details of when and where the lessons are. We politely remind parents that they will need to sign in and out via the Front Office.

Performances

Today we had the first of our Informal Concerts - for pianists right across the school, of all levels and experience. We heard children from Pre-Prep through to Year 8, from beginners through to seasoned performers, and all displayed a real *joie de vivre* in their playing - they clearly enjoyed the experience. We look forward to more Informal Concerts as the term progresses.

Next Tuesday a number of our more experienced instrumentalists will be spending a day at Bradfield College, performing as part of a larger orchestra - all those involved have already been notified.

Choristers will be singing Evensong at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 10th October at 1700 - all parents and family are most welcome, not just Chorister parents, for what should be a spiritually and musically moving experience.

Our Concert Band will be performing, as in previous years, during Grandparents' Afternoon and our Country Fair on Friday 16th October (exact timings to be finalised).

Sports News

Could we remind all parents that children should all have their own water bottle which they bring to matches. They do not need Lucozade or other energy drinks during games.

Years 7 & 8 NFL Trip

We are delighted that the Years 7 and 8 boys and girls have been invited next Friday afternoon to London Irish's training ground in Sunbury for a tour of the facilities and to have a training session with the New York Jets NFL team. They are in London and keen to coach some local children, which we are all really excited about. This will take place on Friday afternoon and there will be minimal disruption to games sessions.

Old Sky Equipment in Exchange for Sports Kit

Sky are currently running a promotion that involves the recycling of old Sky boxes in exchange for sports equipment for schools. If, at home, you have any unwanted Sky boxes, instead of throwing them away please bring them into school for the attention of Mr Cottrell. The deadline for collection is Tuesday 29th September and Hall Grove can then benefit from sports equipment. Thank you!

Girls' Games

Well done to all the girls who played in a tough block fixture v Eagle House. The 1st and 2nd VII played some good hockey and continue to make real improvements week on week. Emily Thorne, Ella King and Antonia Gathy were especially impressive in the 1st VII. Pippa Marlow scored both goals for the 2nd VII and Emily Greenhill played well too. Darcey Atherton had a great game in goal for the U11s and Florence Coughlin displayed some great spatial awareness and stick skills; the team was unlucky to lose.

The U9s had their first competitive hockey match against Hoe Bridge, and the girls had a good afternoon, showing some competent hockey skills. Gisella Bernabo was a great captain who led by example for effort and was rewarded

with two goals. Isabella Birkett-Eyles played well and showed discipline, holding her place on the wing and working hard in attack and defence.

Girls' Games Notices

The 1st and 2nd team should meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove 0815 on Saturday 26th September for a hockey fixture v Tormead at Surrey Sports Park.

There is an additional hockey fixture on Wednesday 30th September:
U11 C v Holme Grange (h) at 1515.

Mrs Maxfield will be running half-term netball camps at Lightwater Leisure Centre, numbers will be strictly limited. To register interest please email 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 at 1930 on Friday 22nd January, and Mrs Maxfield is planning to arrange a coach and tickets to the event. This will initially be open to children from Years 6 - 8 and parents are most welcome to join us. To register your interest in the event please email Mrs Maxfield (k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk).

Boys' Games

The Under 9s had a feast of fixtures this week playing both Lambrook and Hoe Bridge. It is great to see them making real improvements on the pitch - well done!

The senior teams played Eagle House, with the 1st XI enjoying a good win. Edward Wyatt showed excellent leadership as captain of the 2nd team. The U11 and Under 10s all enjoyed close games and special mention must be made of Jai Edwards, who scored all 4 of his team's goals in their win.

Boys' Games Notices

Football v Yateley Manor

The Colts E fixture is now being played at 1500 at Yateley Manor and the U10 D fixture is now at 1500 at Hall Grove.

Football v Feltonfleet

Please note the changes to fixtures on Saturday 3rd October: fixtures for the 2nd XI and U10 B teams have been added. The 2nd XI, Under 10 A and B fixtures are all at Feltonfleet at 1000. The Colts A fixture has been cancelled, instead they will now play their next round of the Surrey Cup v Cranmore at Hall Grove at 0930 on the same day.

Half-Term Camps

Reminder: Hall Grove 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

Hockey Camps at Bradfield College

Dates: Friday 30th October and Thursday 17th December.

Time: 0930 - 1600

Cost: £40 per day

Boys & Girls aged 8 - 14.

To book a place please contact Jessica Brooker 07971 073270 or email bradfieldhockeycamps@yahoo.co.uk. Flyer attached to our website.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: Forthcoming Battisborough Trips

Year 5	Monday 7 th - Friday 11 th March 2016
Year 4	Tuesday 26 th - Friday 29 th April 2016
Year 6	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th May 2016
Year 8	Monday 27 th June - Friday 1 st July 2016 (optional)

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

Reminder: 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!)

Reminder: 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

Reminder: 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!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who helped, baked, served, bought, donated, consumed and joined in the merry gathering in the pavilion and staff room this morning. We have raised just under £800 which will be gratefully received by Macmillan.

Open Mornings

St John's School, Leatherhead	Saturday 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
- Bradfield Hockey Camps

Reminder: Fundraising Gift Wrap Sale - Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure

Leaflets have been sent home 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.

Hall Grove Adult Netball

We are a friendly group of adults (16+) who play netball for fun and fitness. We train every Tuesday from 1930 - 2045 on the court next to TASC or on the astro courts. We are looking for new players to join us - all levels of fitness and experience welcome. Many of our players have not played since schooldays but it's really easy to pick up again and everyone enjoys the team spirit. Come along and try it out! Contact Michelle Riddy (current Hall Grove parent) 07887 793292 or Caroline Grant 07852 482828, email caroline.windsor@tfigroup.com; Like our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/hallgrovenetball;

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Leaflets will be sent home next week with your child. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School office by Friday 6th November. Please include a donation (recommended donation is £3.00 per box), which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. Cheques should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Alternatively, you can pay online which makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Please visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to make your donation.