

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What a week of glorious weather! The children have been able to spend a lot of time outside in the gardens, in the woods and on the sports pitches. It may be rather different next week, let us hope it holds for a sunny weekend.

We are now running up to the half term holiday in just two weeks time, and we would like parents to be aware of the Harvest Fair (details below). It is always a great day.

Upper School Speaker – Monday 5th October 1600

We are delighted to welcome Andy Torbet, an underwater explorer, extreme diver, climber and adventurer, to Hall Grove on Monday in New Hall at 1600. Parents and younger children are very welcome to join what is sure to be a fascinating talk.

Reminder: 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

Upper School Expedition Day – Friday 9th October

Having already enjoyed a week in Devon and an outing to Hampton Court Palace, Year 7 will be staying in lessons next Friday and will enjoy further outings later in the year.

Year 8 will be visiting London and taking in some of the capital's best known sites, whereas Year 6 will be visiting Warwick Castle. Both trips will take place during the school day – please email Mr Lewis (regarding the Year 8 trip) or Mr Toulson (regarding the Year 6 trip) if you have any questions.

Open Morning

A reminder of the 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.

Harvest Service – Friday 16th October

We are holding a special Harvest Festival Assembly at 0835 on Friday 16th October and all parents are welcome to attend. If you are able to come, please be in New Hall by 0830. Those children who would like to bring in any tinned, packet or home-made produce (e.g. fruit, vegetables, chutney, jam, cakes etc.) should take it to New Hall from 0815 on Friday morning. The gifts will be donated to elderly people living in Bagshot.

Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair – Friday 16th October

These arrangements are provisional and will be confirmed next week.

1330 - 1400: Grandparents arrive, parking on the fields, coffee served at the cricket pavilion

1400:	Polo demonstration on the lower rugby pitch
1420:	Gymkhana
1440:	Working dog demonstration
1500:	Stalls open on the school drive, Hall Grove Concert Band playing
1600:	Refreshments available
1700:	Fair closes

Please bring lots of money to spend as we are raising funds for a project in Africa. As in previous years, there will be a good range of produce and products to buy, including (we think!) fresh meat from South Battisborough Farm, local honey and home-made sausages, wooden toys, 'recycled uniform' teddy bears, candles, home-made chutneys, flowers, outdoor sculptures and many other products for home and garden. There are also stalls run by the children. As well as the working dog demonstration there will be plenty of wildlife with the ever popular petting farm (sheep, ducks, goats etc) and a display of birds of prey.

Please note that whilst we particularly wish to entertain the pupils' grandparents or other senior guests, parents may also attend the Fair but are asked to come after 1500 unless they are directly involved in one of the exhibitions.

Important: all guests are reminded that this is an outdoor event; in previous years we have been unfortunate enough to have experienced very poor weather. Please dress for the conditions (coats and boots may well be required) and be aware that access may be difficult across muddy fields.

The Fair closes at approximately 1700, but children are free to leave before that. They should 'sign out' with their class teachers once they are in the care of their guests or their parents.

After School Clubs and TASC

No clubs, other than Judo, are running on Friday 16th October due to the Country Fair and Grandparents' Afternoon. Judo will still run for those children available on the day. TASC will operate as usual.

School Photographs

The recent whole-school photograph (June 2015) is still available for any parents who would like to order copies. Please use the following link www.gsimagebank.co.uk/hallgrove/?t=hallgrove2015 Alternatively, we have proof/order forms at Reception if you would like to collect one.

Music

Bradfield College Pyramid Orchestral Day

A group of some of our more experienced musicians (but still including children from Years 3 and 4!) went to Bradfield College this week for a Pyramid Orchestral Day, where they had the opportunity to perform as part of a large orchestra. They were a credit to the school for their behaviour and manners and also, importantly, for the standard of their musicianship and hard work throughout a long and tiring day. It culminated in a short performance which was much appreciated by a select audience, including the new Headmaster of Bradfield College, who sang the children's praise.

Music Practice Club

It is pleasing to see the take-up for supervised half hour Music Practice sessions after school each day, but we have had a few children who have simply turned up without being booked in with Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk); whilst their enthusiasm and commitment is pleasing to see, it is actually difficult to accommodate any extra children when we may have already allocated all of our practice rooms (up to 8) for those booked in. We still have a few free slots - more often the later ones, but please check with Miss Post. There is no charge for this as we consider it a very important part of any musician's education and development, but we do in return expect commitment and notice if for any reason a child cannot attend - this may free up an additional slot for somebody else.

Music Ensembles

A revised Music Rehearsal Schedule can be found on the school website. In order to put all ensembles (including some recent additions) in the best spaces for rehearsal, we have had to reschedule a few times.

Sports News

Years 7 & 8 Play American Football!

The Years 7 & 8 boys and girls had a brilliant time at the London Irish training ground, where they enjoyed a tour of the facilities and then took part in a training session organised by the New York Jets players and coaches. The team are

in London ahead of an NFL match at Wembley v Miami Dolphins on Sunday 4th October. It really was a fantastic trip and one the children were hugely fortunate to have been involved with. They took part in American Football drills and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Girls' Games

The girls played 15 tough hockey matches this week. Despite this they won 11 matches and had some particularly strong wins against Eagle House and Holme Grange. Notable performances were from Issy Llewellyn-Jones in goal for the 3rd team, Yasmin van der Zijl who scored a magnificent goal, Scarlett Young and Lily-Mae Turner who worked tirelessly for the U10s, Poppy Peries and Lara Kenefick who both were un-passable defenders and finally our U8s who played their first match and made their coach Ms Stern very proud.

Girls' Games Notices

The Under 11 C team will now be participating in the Under 11 C team tournament on Wednesday 7th October at 1400.

Congratulations to a very talented Katie Walker who, after being assessed, has been invited to trial for Surrey Netball and Hockey County Academies. We wish her the best of luck with the final stages of the selection process which will be held later in the month.

With less than two weeks until the senior girls depart on their netball tour to Barbados the itinerary and packing list will be sent out on Monday and also be available on our new learning platform, FROG.

Saturday 3rd October

1st VII Hockey team are to meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove for a 1200 departure, estimated return time is 1600. U11 A and B teams are to meet at Hall Grove at 0830, estimated return time is 1130.

Thursday 8th October

The U8 A & B girls hockey teams will be participating in a triangular against Eagle House and Edgeborough at Birch Hill Hockey, Bracknell and not Eagle House as published.

Boys' Games

The boys involved a very successful afternoon on the football pitches v Yateley Manor with 10 wins out of 11 - an excellent achievement.

The 1st XI had a fantastic victory in the 1st round of the Surrey Cup this week. Our opponents were Cumnor House who were extremely talented and really gave us a run for our money! The match ebbed and flowed and there was plenty to play for with the score 1-1 at half time. Our opponents scored early in the second period but three goals in quick succession gave us the advantage with 10 minutes left. It was backs against the wall to finish the game but the boys held strong and recorded a fantastic 4-3 win. The team continue to perform extremely well, winning 8 of their 9 matches to date. The quarter final is being played away at Danes Hill on Tuesday 13th October at 1645.

The Under 8s and Under 9s enjoyed a great afternoon of football yesterday v Eagle House. All the games were even and it was brilliant to see all the boys making progress.

U11 IAPS Football Qualifying Tournament at Rokeby

On Friday 25th September the Colts A team travelled to Rokeby to take part in a qualifying tournament for the national prep schools tournament. The team performed outstandingly well in a very tough group (the other schools were Twyford, Sherborne, Shrewsbury House, Notting Hill Prep and The Mall School). Our boys won all five matches, scoring at least two in every match. As impressively, we conceded just a single goal. By a quirk, Hall Grove drew Shrewsbury House in our quarter-final match. The team battled back after going behind and the match ended 1-1. Sadly, a protracted penalty shootout ended with a cruel result. Nonetheless, every player in the team should feel very proud of their play and their conduct. May they have better luck this weekend in the next round of the Surrey Cup! **Team** - Linus Bray (Captain), Josh Symons (Vice-captain), Nicholas Wall, Toby Rofe, Oliver Griffith, Ben Turnor, James Crane, Archie Rhodes, Callum Kinner and Adam Humpish.

Boys' Games Notices

Football v Feltonfleet - Saturday 3rd October

1000 – 1st XI are at home v Feltonfleet, please meet at Hall Grove at 0940. The 2nd XI and Under 10 A and B teams are away at 1000, please meet at Hall Grove at 0900.

U11 Surrey Cup

The U11 Surrey Cup v Cranmore is at home, please meet at Hall Grove at 0900.

Basketball v Yateley

Good luck to the Under 11 basketball team for their fixture on Monday v Yateley. Tip off is 1640, the projected return time to Hall Grove is 1830.

Football v Edgeborough - Wednesday 7th October

U10 B and C matches are now at 1500, and not at 1430 as in the calendar.

'Strictly' Hall Grove

Mr Slape is delighted to offer parents a short five week course in partner dancing on the following Thursdays: 8th and 15th October, 5th, 12th and 26th November. Complete beginners are very welcome and if you've talked about giving it a go but never got round to it, a short run of lessons is the perfect taster opportunity. No previous dance experience is required and above all you will enjoy a fun and social evening out with your partner (there is no fancy footwork or 'high energy bouncing around!'). The beginners group will start at 1945, running for approximately 45 minutes. Advanced booking is essential; for more information please email Mr Slape (jiveschool@hotmail.com).

Half-Term Camps

2nd 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

Reminder: 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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - update

We raised an amazing £1029 which will be gratefully received by Macmillan (with three quarters gift aided). Thank you once again to all who contributed to such a successful morning.

Open Mornings

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
- London Irish Rugby Camps

- Bradfield Hockey Camps
- Glorious Gift Fair

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Urgent Reminder: Fundraising Gift Wrap Sale - Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure

If you wish to place an order this year, **please return completed order forms, together with payment, to the School Office before half term.**

Reminder: Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Leaflets have been sent home this 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.

Glorious Gift Fair Supporting Sebastian's Action Trust – Saturday 10th October

The 'Glorious Gift Fair' is being held at Cordes Hall, Sunninghill on Saturday 10th October, 1000 - 1500. Free raffle ticket, free tea and coffee, great gift stalls. Please print the attached flyer to give you and a friend free entry and a free raffle ticket.

Riding for the Disabled

Quest, the local Riding for the Disabled group, is holding its annual Sponsored Ride on Sunday October 18th. This is one of the biggest and most important events for Quest, raising valuable money to help support and maintain the group. We are looking for anyone who might be able to spare a couple of hours to help. No horse knowledge is necessary. The event is based on Chobham Common and run by myself (Caroline Hadden-Wight) and Caroline Grant. We also run a tombola, clear round jumping and Handy Pony and catering is on site. Please get in contact if you can offer a couple of hours on the day / can offer a tombola prize / would like a leaflet or entry form. Contact Caroline on carolinehaddenwight@me.com or 07734 049837.

Alternatively come along on the day.....even just buying a tombola ticket and a coffee will help.