

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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We have engaged the services of a professional security firm to help on the drive at peak times. Most parents have found that this has been helpful and the traffic certainly seems to be moving more steadily now. Whilst the personnel from Knights Security report that the majority of Hall Grove parents are polite and co-operative, it seems that one or two are repeatedly difficult and obstructive. This is not an easy job at the best of times and carries considerable responsibility. We would ask for everyone to show patience and understanding please.

Today we had two wonderful visitors in school, Spud and Yam, who led some musical and story-telling activities with the children. They combined culturally diverse rhythms from Ireland and the Caribbean and were quite brilliant.

Tonight we look forward to a change of scene in New Hall as parents and staff prepare to enjoy a Mexican evening. Our thanks to the Friends of Hall Grove for organising it.

Parking Notice

Please note that parking is not permitted directly outside Little Grove **at any time** where there are double yellow lines, the yellow box junction or directly outside the gate. There have been two incidents reported this week of dangerous driving and parking near Little Grove putting children at risk.

In addition, we would like to remind you that, for safety reasons, cars are not permitted to come beyond the turning circle during pick-up and drop-off times. There are often groups of pupils behind the wooden barriers at the top of the drive and cars must not turn into this area to park, drop-off or collect children. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reminder: Class Assembly

The children of 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.

Senior Schools Fair

Our Senior Schools Fair will be held on Wednesday 14th October in New Hall at 1900. Schools attending are:

Bradfield College
Charterhouse
Holme Grange
Lord Wandsworth College
Luckley House School
Pangbourne College
Reddam House (ex Bearwood College)
Sir William Perkins's
St. Edward's Oxford

St. George's Ascot
Warminster School
Wellington College

At 1930 each school representative will speak briefly about their school. The evening will close at 2030

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 either sold on the food stand at the afternoon charity fair or donated to elderly people living in Bagshot.

We have a visiting speaker at the Harvest Assembly, Colonel John Hunt, who will be telling us about a remarkable charitable project he has set up in Zambia. Funds we raise at the Country Fair will be divided between Colonel Hunt's charity and Water Aid. Parents are encouraged to come to the Assembly to see his slides and hear about his work.

Reminder: Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair – Friday 16th October

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 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.

Reminder: 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.

Lost Property

Please note that all named lost property will always be returned to the child's peg or bag, however Matrons do have a box with unnamed property. We always do our best to search for lost items and Matrons, together with the Sports Department, carry out 'spot checks' of bags and the changing rooms regularly.

Head Lice

There has been a case of head lice reported in Lower School. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation.

Music

Year 3 Music Evening

As per the School Calendar, we are having a Year 3 Music Evening. The confirmed date for this is Wednesday 11th November, at 1900 in New Hall. All Year 3 children will be delighting the audience with a few folk songs from around the British Isles and we will have an opportunity to introduce what we have on offer musically here at Hall Grove. Some of our instrumental teachers ('peris') will also be there to introduce themselves and their instruments,

perhaps giving the audience a brief musical interlude as well. We will be sending out a more detailed email to Year 3 parents in the next few days.

Concert Band

Our Concert Band will be performing at Grandparents' Afternoon at 1500. As many parents already know, they are well worth a listen. It is a real pleasure to conduct a group of musicians who make such a splendid noise, worthy of performers several years older than them!

Informal Piano Concert II - 6th November

Our next informal lunchtime concert will be on Friday 6th November, 1245 in New Hall. Our own piano teachers will put forward children they believe are ready, but we would also like to hear from any parents whose children learn outside school and would like to perform at this concert. Please contact Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) for further information.

Sports News

Girls' Games

All the senior girls played in a fixture with St Mary's Ascot on Tuesday and we had some encouraging results with 2 draws and 1 win. On Wednesday the senior girls travelled to Cranleigh Prep School; despite the wet afternoon the seniors had another tough fixture and again they coped admirably, always working hard and looking for ways to improve their game with focus and speed - they have had a tremendous five weeks of hockey under the guidance of Mr Marland. Emily Thorne was particularly good for the 1st VII as their goal keeper making some outstanding saves. The 2nd VII worked tirelessly with both Emily Myers making some hard tackles and Grace Millar making some fearless saves.

We hosted some small schools hockey tournaments this week to give the girls some much needed tournament exposure. As a preparatory school we feel it is vital that as many girls as possible get the exposure of different competitions and we are delighted that eight of our girls' hockey teams had the opportunity to play against different schools on both Wednesday and Thursday. The U11s all played fixtures against Edgeborough and Crosfields, and the U11 A & B teams had a closely contested match against each other with the A team beating the B team by a whisker 1-0. The U11 A team were placed 2nd in their festival and the U10 A team played a triangular, displaying remarkable tenacity and skills to win their festival.

On Thursday the junior girls were given the opportunity to test their skills against Eagle House, Edgeborough and Crosfields; the U9 A & B teams thoroughly deserved to win gold medals in both of their festivals. To add to the excitement the U8s played a triangular where the A team won 1 and lost 1 and the B team drew both of their matches. The excitement of the fixture was topped off with their trip on the minibus!

Girls' Games Notices

The U12 girls are to meet at Woking Hockey Club at Goldsworth Park on Saturday at 0940 for their fixture at 1000 v Gordon's School.

The U10 A hockey team should meet at Hall Grove on Saturday at 0800 to travel to Daneshill for their tournament. The expected return time is 1200.

The 3rd team fixture v Bearwood (Wednesday 14th) has been cancelled by Bearwood. The team will now compete in the Pangbourne Prep Schools hockey tournament.

The U12 A netball team should meet Ms Stearn on Saturday 17th October at St Mary's Ascot at 0900 for a triangular fixture.

Boys' Games

Several fixtures were played last Saturday v Feltonfleet, The 1st XI and 2nd XI enjoyed great games, with the 1st team winning narrowly and Feltonfleet scoring a last minute penalty against the 2nd XI to draw the game. The Under 10s enjoyed two close games too.

The Colts A were unlucky to lose 2-1 against Cranmore in their Surrey Cup game. They play Barfield on Monday 12th October at 1530 in the Plate Competition.

The boys enjoyed another successful afternoon in their block fixture v Edgeborough. It was great to see all the Years 5 - 8 boys involved in a match. There were three sets of hat tricks for the various Under 11 teams - well done Oliver Barnett, James Crane and Adam Humpish!

The Under 9s played both Yateley Manor and Edgeborough this week and enjoyed some good football. Special mention must be made of Yuvraj Deshpande who scored a first half hat-trick against Edgeborough with a football boot that was split in two!

On Monday 5th October the U11 boys played their first ever basketball fixture against Yateley Manor who are the current national champions! The game was a fantastic opportunity to train and play with top basketballers who have access to a GB coach (who was very generous in his praise for our boys as they start out in a new sport). The game was a little one-sided, as to be expected, but everyone had a lot of fun and boys left with a real passion for the game.

Hall Grove Rugby Camp

On the school website (under Parents / Newsletter / Form Downloads) is a London Irish Rugby Camp flyer. Our continued partnership with London Irish means they are assisting us in delivering our Pre-Season Training Camp under the leadership of Mr Cottrell, who is now Head of Rugby at Hall Grove and formerly Head of Development at London Irish. The camps will run from Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th October and are open for Years 1 - 8, any ability, any age, boys and girls are all welcome! We encourage everyone to come along and play Rugby.

Charges are as follows:

1 day: £39

2 days: £59

3 days: £89

To register, please follow the information on the flyer.

Boys' Games Notices

The 1st round of the U11 Surrey Cup Plate will be played on Monday 12th October at home v Barfield School, kick off is 1530.

The 1st XI play against Danes Hill in their Surrey Cup quarter-final away, on Tuesday 13th October at 1645.

The boys selected for the 1st VI to play in the IAPS Football Regional Qualifying tournament are to meet Mr Tomlinson at Elstree School at 1325.

Year 5 and 6 boys are playing their football house matches on Wednesday - please ensure that all children have house t-shirts at school.

The Under 10 team playing at the St George's Tournament are to meet Mr Wheeler at Hall Grove at 0800. The estimated return time is 1300.

U9s selected for the Edgeborough tournament are to meet at Hall Grove at 0900. The estimated return time at Hall Grove is 1315.

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

FOHG Golf and Tennis Club

Tennis and golf lessons on Saturday morning have started really well. Our first newsletter is available on the school website, featuring blogs from our golf pros from The Berkshire and the coaches from Jet Tennis at Bagshot Tennis Club. It also includes the first achievement awards. We only have spaces available for Year 4 and above for golf and tennis at 1200; please contact Sheila and Fiona on fohgtennishgolf@gmail.com for more information.

FOHG Golf Competition

Budding golfers please come along and join in the Texas Scrabble competition on Saturday 7th November from 1300 at Hall Grove. Open to all children at Hall Grove.

Categories:

Reception and Year 1

Year 2 & Year 3

Year 4 and above

Cost: £15.00 (includes golf goody bag and drink)

Email us on fohgtennishgolf@gmail.com to reserve your space along with your name and age group then Harry & Sam will sort out our teams.

FOHG Spring Ball 2016

We are on track to deliver a fabulous, elegant Spring Ball. Please save the date - Saturday 19th March 2016.

2nd 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.

Open Mornings

Luckley House	Saturday 10 th October	0118 974 3221
King Edward's, Witley	Thursday 15 th October	01428 686700
Holme Grange School	Friday 16 th October	0118 978 1566
Luckley House Year 6 Taster Day	Tuesday 10 th November	0118 973 3221
Farnborough Hill	Wednesday 18 th November	01252 529811

Half-Term Camps

Ultimate Activity Camps

Activity day camps for 4 - 14 year olds.

Venue: LVS, Ascot

Activities include swimming, zorbing and tennis right through to archery, art and cookery. A new experience every day. Please see flyer on the website for further details or contact 0844 870 7077 – www.ultimateactivity.co.uk

Chelsea FC Foundation Soccer School

Chelsea FC Foundation is running a Soccer School at LVS in October half-term. Please see the flyer on the website for details.

Surrey Heath Museum School Holiday Activities - FREE

'Creepy Crafts' for 2-12 year olds.

29th – 31st October. Drop-in between 1100 and 1630

Flyer on the website.

Explore Activity Centre – The Quays, Mytchett

A week of land-based activities including fire-lighting, shelter-building, low ropes course, camp fire cooking, orienteering, team games and much more. Our new website has just gone live, allowing parents to book their children onto the camp directly through the website (www.exploreactivitycentre.co.uk). Please see flyer on the website for more details.

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- Bagshot Football Club
- London Irish Rugby Camps
- Bradfield Hockey Camps
- FOHG Golf and Tennis Club Newsletter
- Chelsea FC Foundation Soccer School
- Explore Activity Centre

FINAL WEEK - 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.

2nd Reminder: Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

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.

Reminder: 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.