

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*What a great day it's been! So much enthusiasm and activity, with that lovely mix of humour, eccentricity and informality that Hall Grove seems to do so well. The children worked hard at their stalls, and a thumping total of nearly £5,000 was made for our charities, Zoe Zambia and Water Aid. The displays were as popular as ever with Polo, working gun dogs, ponies, racing pigeons, a dog show, some farm animals, delicious teas and an excellent school band. Our thanks to everyone for great support, a lovely way to finish an action-packed first half of term.*

*After the holiday the Winter starts with dark evenings and colder weather. Another season that the children can enjoy in a very different way. We wish all our families a happy, restful break.*

## Grade Sheets and CATs Results

Grade Sheets (Years 3 – 8), including CATs results (Years 4 – 8), were sent home with the children today. As a guide, a grade of C3 for a subject should be taken as a child who is doing well generally, although there is room for improvement from time to time. Study tutors and form teachers have explained the descriptors to children and it may be a valuable exercise to go through these with your child. If you have any queries, please get in touch with your child's form teacher or study tutor. A detailed report on each child's CATs results has been sent out via email, giving information on the principles and purposes of these and on your child's strengths.

## Potential Scholarship Candidates

Year 8 parents in particular are asked to be aware of the looming scholarship deadlines at various senior schools. Anyone considering entering their child for an award is asked to discuss this with Mr Lewis (01276 470007) if they have not already done so. The general practice is for parents to complete the relevant forms and leave them with Mr Lewis who will collate the various references and information before passing them on to senior schools.

## Half Term

Whilst we have school exams after half term, we do not want to encourage the belief that the children must be preparing for their exams over the two weeks of half term. We have four weeks after half term – quite a lot of time to go over the first six weeks of work and cover additional topics. A little reading every day, the chance to go out and explore the local area, perhaps a visit to a museum, art gallery, local place of interest – all of these would be good for encouraging young inquiring minds. After the half-term break we will, closer to the time, send out exam timetables and Revision Notes (Years 4 – 8).

## Open Morning

The Autumn Open Morning was very well attended with lots of families visiting the school (36 in total) eager to register their children on our waiting list. The feedback from the visitors was entirely positive and Hall Grove gave a very good account of itself. Our thanks to all the boys and girls of Years 7 and 8 who acted as guides.

## Remembrance Service – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

This special Assembly is always much enjoyed by parents. It begins at 1030 in New Hall.

## **Pre-Prep Workshop – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

The Pre-Prep teachers would like to invite you to the Pre-Prep (Pre-School to Year 2) workshop on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>. It will start in New Hall at 1830 and last for approximately an hour. The three themes this year will be Behaviour for Learning, Developing a Growth Mindset and Problem Solving. We look forward to seeing you there and will send out an email after half term to ask for an indication of how many of you are able to attend.

## **Junior Library**

Over the last half term, our Junior Library has gradually taken shape and we are finally ready to open our doors to the children after half term. We have really appreciated all the wonderful comments that we have received during this project and have enjoyed seeing at the door the excited little faces of the children, keen and eager to start using it! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Year 2 parents who have dedicated so much of their spare time to get this project off the ground, in particular: Suzie Brown, Claire Warren, Elisabeth Klotz, Ana Goringe, Lorraine Penney, Kiran Sawhney, Fatima Norat, Joanne Darke, Rachel Stacey and Birgit Saul. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

*Katie Hitchcox*

## **Tennis Nets**

The school has invested in two new rollaway nets for the hard area. We ask parents to take extra care and not park too close to them. It is most important that young children are properly supervised at all times on the hard area and that these nets are not in any way interfered with.

## **Music**

A big well done to the musicians in our Concert Band, who performed a varied and engaging set at our Grandparents' Afternoon today. Many were the compliments we received for the high level of musicianship.

Another big well done to our Choristers too – their singing at Evensong at Portsmouth Cathedral last Saturday was measured, respectful and polished, and garnered much praise from the congregation and the clergy. The cathedral clergy have said they would be delighted to welcome us back.

## **Sports News**

### **Judo**

Well done to Henry Sturm who won gold at the Surrey Championship Judo Tournament in Redhill for the under 30K weight. He was up against stiff competition from clubs such as Camberley Judo Club so he did very well to win 4 out of 4 bouts to win gold. This is the culmination of hours of Judo practice every week.

### **Golf**

Mr Gold writes:

*“On Wednesday, Hall Grove took part in the Junior Schools Golf Cup held at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club. 18 schools competed and Hall Grove had their pairing of Rocky Chapman and Daniel Taviarsky. The boys started nervously but quickly got into their groove and hit some brilliant shots. However, some poor decisions were made and shots frittered away. I think the transition from a dry, Summer course to a now damp, wet one threw them a bit. That said, they never gave up and worked well as a team, supporting each other to the end.”*

The boys came 8<sup>th</sup> and it was all good experience for next year. Well done Rocky and Daniel!

### **Girls' Games**

With us heading for our final weeks of hockey the girls have been kept busy with lots of fixtures; the U12s played against Gordon's on Saturday and lost 3 – 4 in a thrilling match. Chloe Hill played superbly and Eleanor Mears set up a spectacular goal for Lucia Jackson to get on the end of a cross and smash it into the back of the net.

On Wednesday, the senior girls travelled to Pangbourne College to participate in the prep schools tournament. They had a good afternoon of hockey, competing against some strong teams and did Hall Grove proud. The U11 A team was invited to compete in the Hoe Bridge tournament at Woking Hockey Club and worked hard, coming 5<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile at Hall Grove we hosted 5 matches against various opposition teams: U11 B, U10 A and B v Hoe Bridge, with all three teams winning. The U10 C and D teams played Claremont and enjoyed really close matches. On Thursday all of our U9s played against St George's Weybridge, a school with a very strong hockey pedigree; this gave the Hall Grove girls lots of small-sided games match play opportunity.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

Good luck to the senior girls who departed on their netball tour to the Caribbean yesterday, we look forward to the sports tour assembly on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

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

The U11 IAPS hockey tournament is being held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November not 3<sup>rd</sup> November as previously published.

### **Boys' Games**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team had one of their finest victories in recent memory on Tuesday evening away at Danes Hill School. The match was the Surrey Cup Quarter-Final and despite confidence being high having had such a successful season, the boys were very much aware that our opponents would be one of the best sides in the competition. After a fantastic warm up, the game started and we were on the back foot from the first whistle. Danes Hill looked comfortable on the ball and their early dominance was rewarded with a goal 5 minutes in. This however spurred the boys on and they gradually worked themselves back into the game. Elliot Sleep scored with an excellent finish just before half time to level things up and the belief and confidence really started to show. The second half was an even affair and the two teams couldn't be broken after 60 minutes. With the light fading and the boys out on their feet, we went into 10 minutes of extra time which seemed to fly by. There were very few chances and Mr Tomlinson had just started to write his penalty takers down when a well worked move found Max Moffatt on the corner of the box and he drilled a wonderful finish into the far top corner to spark mass celebrations. The boys saw out the last few minutes and the delight was there for everyone to see on the final whistle. The boys were immense and showed unbelievable fight, determination and resolve. Massive congratulations to everyone involved and thanks to Mr Gold who ran the line excellently.

The Surrey Cup Semi-Final is scheduled for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November v Aldro, at Hall Grove at 1530.

The Colts A football team played Barfield in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Surrey Cup plate football competition. They had a good win, beating them 3-0 and now await their opponent for the quarter-final.

The senior teams played Ludgrove, with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI losing following some tired legs after the Surrey Cup match. The 2nds narrowly lost 3-4, the 3rds and 4ths suffered heavy losses.

The Years 5 and 6 teams enjoyed their afternoon of football house matches. All boys took part and the results are as follows:

#### **Colts A house football**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Falcons
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hawks
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eagles & Kestrels

#### **U10 house football**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Eagles
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hawks
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Falcons
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels

### **Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)**

#### **FOHG Coffee Morning in the Pavilion – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Please note that our next coffee morning will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 0810 in the Pavilion. The morning is set to take on a mini-Christmas market feel with items from the Stella and Dot range for sale, hand-crafted Christmas decorations by Lizzie Makes and delicious cakes and sweet treats created by Loving Homemade. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Mexican Night**

Last Friday the school hall was filled with bright colours, maracas and tequila! Parents enjoyed a light meal followed by much dancing and fun. A big thank you to Alex Watson, Debra Barr and Kate Dyson for all their efforts in putting together such a fantastic evening.

If you left the fiesta feeling full of enthusiasm, why not volunteer to lead or join a team tasked with putting together a family event for the Summer Term? Please contact [p.leech@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:p.leech@hallgrove.co.uk) for further information.

**REMINDER: FOHG Golf Competition – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Budding golfers please come along and join in the Texas Scrabble competition on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 [fohgtenniscgolf@gmail.com](mailto:fohgtenniscgolf@gmail.com) to reserve your space along with your name and age group then Harry & Sam will sort out our teams.

**REMINDER: FOHG Spring Ball 2016**

We are on track to deliver a fabulous, elegant Spring Ball. Please save the date – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**Half Term Camps****Pony Grove**

Own a pony Day, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 10 til 4 pm, £60 per child.

Halloween Ride and Games Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 4-6 pm £20 per child.

All children welcome, no experience necessary. Call Caroline Hadden-Wight to book or for further details 07734 049837 or email Caroline at [carolinehaddenwight@me.com](mailto:carolinehaddenwight@me.com)

**REMINDER: 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](http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk)

**REMINDER: 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.

**REMINDER: Surrey Heath Museum School Holiday Activities – FREE**

‘Creepy Crafts’ for 2-12 year olds.

29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October. Drop-in between 1100 and 1630

Flyer on the website.

**REMINDER: 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](http://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

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**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) to make your donation.

### **For Sale**

Canterbury Rugby Boots Size 6, worn once and then found to be too small. Price £35.00. Please contact Mrs Tracey Deane (parent of boys in Year 3 and Year 5) on 07769712133 or [traceydeane@btinternet.com](mailto:traceydeane@btinternet.com).