

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What a pleasure to begin the new term with a nice sunny day! The children were able to enjoy outdoor play and we had good cricket and rounders matches in the afternoon.

The Queen's birthday was acknowledged at an Assembly on Thursday which recalled her young life and glorious reign, and we sang the National Anthem. There are more events planned with a special Street Party for the children on the 13th May, and the Garden Opening on May 14th will have a Royal theme.

The week finished with an exciting 'Questiontime' session with Michael Gove when he engaged with senior pupils about the European Leave campaign. We are hoping to arrange another meeting to put the other case.

Bagshot Celebrates the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration – Saturday 23rd April

Bagshot will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday on Saturday 23rd April, 1400 - 1700. There will be a St George's Day Parade with Bagshot Scouting and Guides groups followed by a nostalgic street party. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

NGS Garden Opening – Saturday 14th May

This is an event on behalf of the National Garden Scheme, a charity that supports several good causes. The school grounds and gardens will be open for viewing from 1400 to 1700. There are a variety of trails and walks, including the historic ice house in the garden of Field House, a woodland walk and the boating lake. The entry charge is £5 per adult, children free. Teas, live music and a selection of plants will be on sale. This is always a lovely event, do please tell your friends and come and support it. It is also an opportunity for extended family, grandparents, aunts and uncles, to see Hall Grove.

Our Concert Band and a number of individual musicians will perform throughout the afternoon. Exact timings are to be confirmed, and we would ask children involved to be in school uniform, ready to set up, at 1350 (location to be determined). We hope that all visitors will have a chance to listen to our children at some point in the afternoon.

Ex-pupil on Songs of Praise with St George's College Chamber Choir this Sunday

Ex-pupil, Marcus Dickson, will be appearing as part of St George's College Chamber Choir, in the BBC Songs of Praise, Senior School Choir of the Year Competition 2016 this Sunday 24th April. If you didn't see them in the semi-finals episode already (Sunday 10th April) you can watch that by [clicking here](#); the finals programme will be aired on Sunday 24th April at 1540 on BBC1.

Tennis Tour

Following a very successful Tennis Tour the boys and girls look forward to sharing some of their special moments in the Sports Assembly on Tuesday 26th April in New Hall at 0835.

3AD Assembly – Thursday 5th May

The children of 3AD would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 5th May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Open Morning – Thursday 26th May

An Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 26th May from 0930 – 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.

3rd Reminder: After School Clubs – Summer Term

All Hall Grove and externally run After School Clubs will start in the week commencing Monday 25th April.

3rd Reminder: Pre-Prep Sports Day – Friday 24th June

Pre-Prep Sports Day will be from 1000 to 1200 on Friday 24th June. Parents will be encouraged to picnic afterwards. More details will be given nearer the time.

Matron's Notes

Hay Fever

For those children who suffer from hay fever, please could parents either make sure their children have taken medication before they come to school or that medication is sent in, clearly named, and handed to one of the Matrons.

Water Bottles

Please could all Middle and Upper School children have a named water bottle in school for match days.

Aerosol Deodorants

While older children may keep a small roll-on deodorant in their games bag, aerosols are strictly forbidden.

Parking on the Tennis Courts

When parking on the double tennis courts (next to TASC), please ensure that all cars are removed by 0850 each morning to enable the courts to be prepared and used for tennis lessons.

London to Brighton

Hall Grove are delighted to be supporting the British Heart Foundation by cycling the London to Brighton course in June this year. 12 members of staff and a number of ex-pupils have bravely signed up to ride in support of this charity.

The British Heart Foundation carries out vital work in highlighting the need to make heart health such a key focus as well as funding research and initiatives to improve health across the country. Through the generous donation of CPR 'dummies' the British Heart Foundation has enabled our own matrons to provide vital first aid training to our Year 8 students.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity, so it's the most efficient way to donate – saving time and cutting costs for the charity. Please follow this link to the JustGiving site to support our staff in raising money for this worthy cause:

[Hall Grove Just Giving Page](#)

Mr Marland would be very grateful if any of the parent body would be kind enough to lend him a road bike for the next two months as his penny-farthing is out of action!

The intrepid cyclists training hard and looking for your support are:

staff - Mr Tullett, Mr Lewis, Mr Slape, Miss Moore, Miss Gent, Mrs Langley, Mr Allams, Mr Toulson, Mr McLeod
ex-pupils - Jamie Parnell, David Parnell, Harry Quartermaine, Fraser Graham

Breakfast, Boarding, Supper & TASC Reminder

Please remember to re-book breakfast, boarding, supper and TASC requirements for this term. For breakfast, boarding and supper bookings please email Mrs Tilley l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk with a copy to office@hallgrove.co.uk. For TASC bookings please contact the Front Office on 01276 473059 or email office@hallgrove.co.uk

Absence

Should your child be absent from school due to illness, general appointments or holiday please ensure you inform the School Office as soon as possible so we may log the information on the school system. Holiday Authorisation Forms can be found on the school website.

Music

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

We are looking forward to hearing our musicians over the course of this term in our popular lunchtime informal concerts. These provide an opportunity for children to perform in front of an audience, and this can be an invaluable experience leading up to exams. Informal Concerts will be held on the following dates (NB Please note two changes of date to those printed in the school calendar):

Friday 6th May 1245 Informal Piano Concert I

Friday 27th May 1245 Informal Piano Concert II

Thursday 9th June 1245 Informal Vocal and Percussion Concert (**Changed from 13th May**)

Friday 17th June 1245 Informal Strings Concert

Thursday 23rd June 1245 Informal Brass & Woodwind (**Changed from 24th June**)

If your child learns an instrument outside school they are more than welcome to play in these concerts. Please email Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) if you would like them to participate at least a week in advance of the performance.

Music Practice Club

Practice Club is available once again, starting Monday and running through to the penultimate week of term (to Friday 1st July). Bookings need to be made for each new school term – if your child has been booked last term you will need to re-book for this term, and of course we're very happy to help any children in their practice, subject to room availability. 30 minute supervised practice sessions are available Monday – Friday from 1630 to 1830. Please contact Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) to make a booking.

Music Exams

Following the success of holding the Associated Board exams here at Hall Grove last term, we will be doing the same this term. Exams will be held on the afternoon of Friday 1st July, and all day on Saturday 2nd July. Individual music teachers will book the exam through Miss Post, and parents will be charged for the exams in the end of term school bill.

There were some fantastic results last term – congratulations to all the children who took exams both at Hall Grove and externally. Please do let Miss Post know of any results if your child learns outside school and bring in their certificate for presentation in assembly. The following results were achieved last term:

	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Result</i>
Fred Beer	Piano	1	Pass
Gisella Bernabo	Descant Recorder	2	Pass
Sophia Brennen	Descant Recorder	2	Merit
Katie Coleman	Singing	2	Pass
Rory Coleman	Violin	1	Merit
James Crane	Piano	2	Pass
Jack Dale	Piano	3	Pass
Max Dale	Classical Guitar	Initial	Merit (Trinity Board)
Billie Deighton	Singing	2	Pass
Oscar Fry	Piano	2	Distinction
Archie Graham	Piano	4	Pass
Isobel Greenhill	Piano	Prep	Pass

Jessica Gunning	Singing	4	Pass
Oliver Hudson	Piano	4	Distinction
Lucia Jackson	Singing	5	Pass
Lucia Jackson	Flute	3	Pass
Cole Lam	Clarinet	4	Distinction
Cole Lam	Singing	2	Pass
Camilla Lawson	Piano	2	Pass
Indiana Leech	Flute	1	Distinction
Zoe Legge	Singing	3	Merit
Dawie Lindeque	Piano	3	Pass
Marco Lindeque	Piano	Prep	Pass
Ave-Mae Martell	Piano	Prep	Pass
Racis Mogul	Violin	1	Pass
Thomas Morley	Piano	3	Pass
Jeeya Obhrai	Singing	3	Pass
Abby Parker	Descant Recorder	2	Merit
Matthew Raeburn	Piano	2	Merit
Tara Rijal	Drums	3	Distinction
Mara Saltzman	Singing	1	Merit
Joshua Symons	Treble Recorder	3	Pass
Daniel Taviansky	Piano	3	Pass
Ben Tenenbaum	Classical Guitar	Initial	Merit (Trinity Board)
Tabitha Tonkin	Violin	1	Merit
Madeleine Uphill	Singing	Prep	Pass
Jasmine Wyles	Piano	2	Pass

Ensembles Concert

Our Summer Concert will be held on Monday 4th July at 1900 in the New Hall. If your child is in any of the ensembles listed below, they will be performing in the concert. Children will be expected to return home before the concert and brought back into school by 1840 to the Admiral Room.

Ensembles performing: Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Senior Brass, Junior Brass, Choristers, Hall Grove Choir, Girls' Choir, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Recorder Ensemble, Guitar Trio and Woodwind Ensemble.

Sports News

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Pre-Prep Sports Day will take place on Friday 24th June and run from 1000 to 1200. Parents are invited to stay for a picnic lunch on the grounds later.

Sports day for Years 3 - 8 will take place on Saturday 25th June. The timings are as follows:

1000 - 1130 Years 3 and 4 open events and Years 5 and 6 Athletics Finals.

1130 - 1300 Years 7 & 8 open events and Years 3 and 4 Athletics Finals

1300 - 1430 Picnic lunch and entertainment

1430 - 1600 Years 5 & 6 open events and Years 7 & 8 Athletics Finals

1600 - 1630 Last events and presentation for those competing in the Athletics Finals.

Swimming

Formal swimming lessons will start from Pre-school to Year 5, in the week commencing 9th May, weather permitting. Swimming for Years 6 to 8 will happen during their games sessions; please could all pupils in Years 3 - 8 have swimming kit (as per the school uniform list) at school in their games bags from 9th May.

Judo National School Championships

During the Easter Holidays, Henry Sturm represented Hall Grove School at the National Schools championships in Sheffield. Henry won a joint bronze medal in what is the highest level school judo competition in Great Britain. There were over 750 competitors taking part over two days. Well done Henry, you did Hall Grove proud.

Golf

Both Ellie Monk and James Brash played at Hoe Bridge Golf Club in the holidays. This competition was open to all children in the UK between the ages of 9 and 10 and they both won their events! This great achievement has qualified them both to play in The Junior World Golf Championship in California during the Summer holidays. Well done to both of them on brilliant performances.

Early Morning Tennis Training

Keen tennis players from Years 6, 7 and 8 (boys and girls) are invited to join Mr Slape at the astro on a Wednesday morning. Sessions will run from 0735 to 0805 starting next Wednesday, running until half-term. Pupils are asked to go straight to the astro and not visit the main school unless they have pre-booked into breakfast club. Appropriate tennis clothing and footwear should be worn; the children are welcome to bring their water bottle and a healthy snack as required. In the event of bad weather training will not take place.

Girls' Games

The girls had a thoroughly enjoyable block fixture against Edgeborough on Wednesday with some of them showing off the skills they learnt from the rounders and cricket camp. We had two wins and two losses and players of the day voted by the opposition were:

Katie Walker, Jessica Gunning, Yasmin van der Zijl and Hope Wood – batting

Antonia Gathy, Scarlett Creasey, Gabriella Brinn-Johnson and Lily-Mae Turner – fielding.

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 30th April – St Mary's Ascot Girls Athletics

This has been cancelled by St Mary's Ascot.

Boys' Games

Cricket v Sunningdale

On our first day back at school, six teams played cricket against Sunningdale on a gorgeous Spring afternoon.

It was a mixed bag of results but a great opportunity for the senior boys to get straight into matches. The 1st, 2nd and 4th XI teams all lost, but with some good individual performances from Jack Armitage, Patrik Wall and Pierre Gathy in the 2nd XI.

The Colts teams fared better, with all three teams winning; special mention to Shrey Rawal, Adam Humpish and Andrew Paling for solid individual performances.

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 23rd April - Cricket v Parkside

The Under 10 A and B teams are to meet at Hall Grove at 0940 for matches that start at 1000.

Saturday 23rd April - Cricket Training

There is cricket training for Years 7 & 8 at Hall Grove starting at 0900, and should finish by 1130. All boys are expected to attend.

Wednesday 27th April - Cricket v Feltonfleet

Unfortunately, the matches due to take place at Valley End Cricket Club and Effingham Cricket Club for the Colts C, 3rd XI and 4th XI have been cancelled due to the pitch conditions. The boys will have a training session instead.

Cricket bags

Please note that boys in Years 5 – 8 are allowed to bring in their own cricket equipment for match days only. Any cricket kit should be left under the shelter behind the pavilion and must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please do not feel you need to buy your child any extra kit, the school provides all the necessary protective equipment and bats for matches.

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

Golf & Tennis

There are spaces available on the Saturday FOHG Golf & Tennis. If any of your children would be interested please email fohgtennishgolf@gmail.com for further information. Thank you.

Fiona & Sheila

0900 - 1030	Year 2/3	2 spaces	Golf & tennis
1030 - 1115	Year 2/3	2 spaces	Golf & tennis
1030	Year 4	1 space	Tennis
1115	Year 4	1 space	Golf

1200	Year 4 & above	3 spaces	Golf
1200	Year 4 & above	2 spaces	Tennis

FOHG Classic Cars and Fabulous Frocks Ball

It was a magical evening, with beautiful dresses and classic cars dotted everywhere. Walking into the drinks reception and seeing our school portrayed on the various screens and listening to the saxophonists playing gently in the background was a great way to start the evening.

Our thanks must go to Mercedes-Benz World who transformed their showroom into an elegant venue with superb food and wonderful service. The night was highlighted with various forms of entertainment from the saxophonists, the photographer taking pictures on the podium, Wonderland's fantastic offerings for auction, the DJ and the fabulous Jersey Boys!

Thank you to everyone for attending and for your generous contributions; we raised over £7,000 which will be distributed to our 3 causes - Right to Play, Sparks and Hall Grove Golf.

Ball Photos

Any photographs not collected from the FOHG Ball last term can now be purchased by using the following link to the photos online:

<http://www.fotografica-events.co.uk/v/photos/86819rnt?ppp=0>

Senior School Open Mornings

Farnborough Hill	29 th April, 7 th May	01252 529811
King Edward's, Witley	14 th May, 23 rd June	01428 682850
Tonbridge School	7 th May	01732 304297
Leighton Park School, Reading	10 th May, 14 th June	0118 987 9600
(Taster Day for Years 6 & 7 Seeking Year 9 Entry)	23 rd June	
Reed's School, Cobham	7 th May, 10 th September, 12 th November	01932 869001
Warminster School	7 th May	01985 210160
Queen Anne's School	7 th May	0118 918 7300
The Marist Senior School	11 th May	01344 624291

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- HM the Queen's 90th Birthday
- Feed Your Family Right
- Night at the Museum

Adult partner dance evenings – Complete beginners welcome!

Mr Slape is running a short course of five dance evenings this term on the following Thursdays: April 28th, May 5th, May 12th, May 26th, June 9th. He has at least two new couples joining a group who are enormous fun and very welcoming. Please email d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk for more details or to book your place. The evenings are great fun and a super social night out. Complete beginners are welcome from 1930 so don't miss the opportunity!

'Feed Your Family Right' Programme

Just a few spaces left on the next programme "Feed Your Family Right" which starts next Wednesday, 27th April 2016, in Virginia Water. Magda Schellekens (mum of Carmen and Daniela in Year 6), a Nutritionist and Health Coach, is running the programme for busy parents eager to nourish their growing family with healthy and delicious meals and to learn HOW to get the family on-board to eat healthily.

Previous participants say: "Go for it! You and your family will benefit from becoming aware of what you are putting into your bellies and the effect that has." "It was a fantastic programme; very informative and worth going to".

"Thank you for the great experience! I am now more motivated in gradually changing my family's eating habits". "The programme has made a big difference to the way I shop".

For more information, please find attached flyer or click: <http://www.healthyforlonger.com/whats-on/>

If interested, contact Magda on magda@healthyforlonger.com or 07970 192428.

Museums at Night - Friday 13th May

Come along to celebrate Museums at Night at the Chertsey Museum on Friday 13th May, 1730 - 2130. For further details please see attached flyer, call 01932 565764 or click www.chertseymuseum.org.uk

2nd Reminder: Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016 vouchers which are currently being issued for every £10 spent in stores, online and at fuel stations. We would be grateful if you would send in any vouchers that you receive.

Mums Golf Lessons at The Berkshire

A few spaces have become available in the 1000 group on a Monday at The Berkshire starting Monday 25th April. If you are interested please call or email B' on 07527 624962 / chrisandb@hotmail.com

Wanted – Sports Kit for South Africa

Wanted - used girls/boys football boots, trainers and football kit to send to South Africa to support a local football coach and club in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. The coach has set up a football club for children aged 5 - 16 but many of the younger children have no kit and play barefoot or in flip flops. Unfortunately parents are unable to provide the kit for them as they are extremely poor and live in the local township.

The Freeman Family (parents to George in Year 8) will take any donations with them when they visit in October. In addition Rotary Woking is looking into other ways of transporting kit. It would be helpful if the kit is reasonably clean. Please tie boots together or place in a plastic bag.

A bin/box will be left under the shelter next to the cricket pavilion and will be emptied frequently.

Thank you in advance for your help.