

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Last term we were able to announce twelve senior school scholarships from Year 8 pupils. This week we heard that this success has been crowned with two more prestigious awards: Henry Coop won a King's Scholarship at Eton, and William Chen won an Exhibition at Westminster.*

*This is a great result for the hard work of the two boys and their teachers, and helps secure Hall Grove's reputation amongst the leading prep schools of the country. It is certainly a cause for celebration, well done.*

*We have two big events next week; a special birthday celebration for the Queen and our own Open Gardens afternoon. Details are given below.*

## **HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

All pupils received an exciting invitation today, giving news of how we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with a patriotic picnic. Please refer to the invitation attached to this newsletter for full details of what the children need to bring. Please note that each child will need to provide their own packed lunch and drink but no fizzy drinks, sweets or items containing nuts are permitted. We will be making a collection in aid of The Prince's Trust on the day and would like each child to bring in a £1 donation to this worthwhile cause.

Please also note that this is an event for pupils only and we regret that we are unable to invite parents on this occasion.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: NGS Garden Opening – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

At this time of year our grounds and gardens look magnificent, with azaleas and rhododendrons in bloom and carpets of bluebells. The Year 3 boys and girls will next week be planting up their own gardens ready for the National Garden Scheme opening on Saturday afternoon.

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 (all for the NGS charities) 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.

## **2017 Ski Trip – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

A couple of spaces are now available on our 2017 Ski Trip to Austria. For further details and to register please contact Mr Tullett ([i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk)).

## **Pre-Prep Summer School Uniform**

Please ensure that all Pre-Prep children bring in the following uniform during the Summer Term:

- Swimming costume / trunks
- Named towel
- Sunhat

## **Class Assemblies**

All parents are welcome to attend their child's Class Assembly.

- 4DL Assembly Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.
- 1CA Assembly Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0855.
- 5GH Assembly Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.
- 7LS Assembly Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.
- 7IT Assembly Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.

## **A Message for Year 4**

Please start bringing into class old newspapers which will be used for the Outdoor Morning on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. Also please note that for the 'Ancient Egyptian Day', on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, the children are invited to dress-up in Egyptian costume.

## **Matron's Notes**

### **Sun Safety at School**

As the warmer weather approaches we would like to remind parents to apply sun cream to their children before school and ensure that they have a School sun cap with them. We recommend that children in Years 3 - 8 keep a small named bottle of sun cream in their sports bag. Sun cream will be provided by school for all Pre-Prep children and will be applied by staff. Pre-Prep parents will receive a consent form via e-mail.

### **Reminder: 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.

## **The School Grounds Reminder**

The school grounds are not available for parents and families to use for exercise or recreation other than by arrangement. Dogs are not permitted on the pitches and should be on the lead at all times. We would, however, encourage parents and visitors not to bring dogs to school.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Open Morning – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

An Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: London to Brighton**

Hall Grove is 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. Please follow this link to the JustGiving site to support our staff in raising money for this worthy cause:

[Hall Grove Just Giving Page](#)

## **Music**

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

Today we had the first of our Summer Term lunchtime concerts – pianists ranging from Years 2 to 8, beginners to music scholars. It was a delightful way to spend half-an-hour, listening to some of our musicians. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

we have the second of our lunchtime concerts, pianists once more, again at 1245 in New Hall. After half-term we have further concerts for many more of our musicians. Friends and family are always most welcome.

### **Associated Board Exams**

We will once more be hosting Associated Board exams this term; our confirmed dates are July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and we have today completed our final entries. The schedule for these exams will be emailed to relevant parents next week. Please let us know if there are any clashes or problems as soon as possible, or if you have any questions.

### **Half-term Concert – Philippa Davies and Friends**

We are delighted to be hosting a concert on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June (the final Sunday of half-term week) at 1900. We have been very fortunate to secure some absolutely first-class international and renowned musicians – Philippa Davies and Friends. Full details of the programme, performers and how to secure tickets (£10 per adult, £5 per child) will shortly be available through the Music Office and on our website. This is particularly recommended for any flautists – please spread the word with family and friends.

### **Concert Band reminder**

Although we can't confirm our performing location yet for Garden Opening next Saturday (rather weather-dependent at the moment), we are very much looking forward to the very professional set that Concert Band have been working hard on. We would like all performers to be here at school, in uniform, at 1350. We anticipate that they will play, with short breaks, for about an hour.

## **Sports News**

### **Swimming**

We are planning to start formal swimming lessons in the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May, weather permitting. This is dependent on water temperature and air temperature. Please could all pupils from Pre-School to Year 8 have their swimming kit (as per the school uniform list) at school in their games bags from 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Golf**

Hall Grove played in an ISGA National League on Thursday afternoon. This was the start of a two round competition, where the winning team will qualify for National Finals at Radley College later in the term. We put out two teams: the first team consisted of Rocky Chapman and Ellie Monk and the second team of Danny Wessely and Patrik Wall.

Eleven teams took part and Hall Grove are currently lying first and second respectively! This was a brilliant effort by all four members of the team on a very hot afternoon. They kept their concentration and were rewarded with an extremely strong position going into the final round in a couple of weeks. Well done Rocky, Ellie, Danny and Patrik!

### **Reminder: Hall Grove Garden Opening – Exhibition Cricket and Tennis**

Please see below the list of children invited to play in the exhibition tennis and cricket for the Hall Grove Garden Opening on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The cricket will be played on the main square and the tennis will be played on the single hard court and the two hard courts at the top of the drive. Parking will be on the paddock.

**Tennis** Josh Symons, Edward Wyatt, Manu Prasad, Aiden Emmitt, Oliver Griffiths, Harry Coxon, Jack Dale, Pierre Gathy, Grace Millar, Katie Walker, Antonia Gathy, Ella King, Josh Tyrer

**Cricket** Elliot Sleep, Rocky Chapman, Freddie Brennen, Thomas Morley, Ryan Vandenberg, Shiv Takyar, Archie Graham, Max Moffat, Charlie Wyatt, Jack Armitage, Patrick Wall, William Stevens, Max Tenenbaum, Rhett Wooldridge, Ben Smith, Roan Macdonald, Shrey Rawal, Tano Parker, Toby Rofe, Linus Bray, Aikam Sihra, Archie Rhodes.

### **Girls' Games**

The senior girls had an emphatic win against Sherfield on Wednesday afternoon with all the girls contributing well and Issy Llewellyn-Jones doing a fine job stumping players out. The U12, U11 and U10s played St Andrew's Woking and won all of their matches. Chloe Hill and Scarlett Creasey both displayed some brilliant batting and fielding skills and, in the Year 6 team, Jessica Gunning again was outstanding in both fielding and batting, ably supported by Yasmin van der Zijl as back stop. Regrettably with our home fixture, despite it being reconfirmed, the opposition failed to arrive at Hall Grove and so the girls enjoyed an afternoon of tennis and rounders. On Thursday the U9 and U8 girls were very excited for their first fixture of the Summer and they all worked hard and showed potential - with any sport

there is still much work to be done on mastering the many rules and tactics. Well done to Darcey Wyatt and Isabella Birkett-Eyles for displaying great fielding skills and the Bernabo twins, Gisella and Matilda, who both knocked the ball out of the field, a great way to celebrate their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. The U8s enjoyed their first away fixture and Sophia Brennen was a reliable and steady bowler who not only scored a cheeky rounder but was also voted best fielder with Chloe Townend being nominated by her coach as best batter.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May U11 Rounders Tournament at Hoe Bridge

Please meet Mrs Wyman at Hoe Bridge by 0900, estimated finish will be 1230.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May U11 Rounders Tournament at Yateley Manor

Please meet Mrs Maxfield at Yateley Manor by 0930, estimated finish will be 1200.

### **Boys' Games**

#### **Cricket v St Andrew's Woking and St George's Windsor**

The boys enjoyed a great afternoon of cricket in the sun with every boy in Years 6 – 8 representing the school and some Year 5 boys helping in the Colts teams. There were plenty of victories: the 1<sup>st</sup> XI beat St Andrew's to progress through to the next round of the Surrey Cup, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI enjoyed a good win, the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI lost but several boys impressed Mr Graham and the 4<sup>th</sup> XI won a close game, Mr Wheeler was pleased with Ethan Leech and Harry Coxon. The Colts teams all won – Bradley Aldridge was 29 not out and the Colts B used 9 bowlers in their win.

The Under 10 boys enjoyed a net session in the cage at Valley End, and we are really pleased with their progress. Florence Coughlin has been taking part with the boys and enjoyed taking a wicket on her début.

The Year 4 boys enjoyed their first cricket fixtures v St Andrew's Woking, winning two out of the three matches. They have worked hard at training and taken on board coaching points – keep working hard boys.

### **Boys' Games Notices**

Years 7 & 8 House Matches

All boys are expected to attend tomorrow morning. The start time has been amended and is now 0930, and matches will be finished by 1115.

U13 Surrey Cup

1<sup>st</sup> XI will play Downsland School at Hall Grove in the next round of the Surrey Cup at 1600 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Woodcote House Athletics – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

A team will be selected for this event on Tuesday. The event starts at 1600 and will be finished by 1730.

Year 5 & 6 House Matches – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

All boys are expected to be available for this. Matches start at 0900 and will be finished by 1100.

U11 Surrey Cup Cricket

The next round of the Under 11 Surrey Cup is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May away v Rokeby at 1645. The match will be played at the Rokeby Sports Ground (KT4 7QB)

### **Reminder: 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)**

#### **Open Golf Competition – 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Calling all golfers... you are all invited to "The FOHG 1<sup>st</sup> Open Golf Competition" which will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1330.

We will have three categories so everyone can enjoy and experience the fun of playing in a golf competition. The categories are:

Reception / Year 1

This will be a flag competition. Each player will have a flag with a number on. Once the player has used up the number of shots given by the golf pro the flag will be left on the course. The pro will collect the flags and then will be able to tell who has managed to reach the longest to become the winner.

Years 2 / 3

This will be a Stableford competition. Once they have taken over 8 shots for each hole they will pick up their ball and move onto the next hole. Handicaps may be given by the pro.

Years 4 and above

The players will aim to get around the course in the fewest number of shots. Handicaps will be given by the pro.

Price will be £15.00 per player. Each player will receive a gift.

Please register your child's place by emailing [fohgtenniscgolf@gmail.com](mailto:fohgtenniscgolf@gmail.com)

## The Witches Auditions

We were delighted with the children's auditions. They prepared well and delivered some charismatic and accomplished performances. We hope to have the roles cast early next week. It is clearly going to be an exciting project. Well done to all Year 7 pupils who took part.

## Senior School Open Mornings

St John's School, Leatherhead	7 <sup>th</sup> May	01372 373 000
Farnborough Hill	7 <sup>th</sup> May	01252 529811
Tonbridge School	7 <sup>th</sup> May	01732 304297
Reed's School, Cobham	7 <sup>th</sup> May, 10 <sup>th</sup> September, 12 <sup>th</sup> November	01932 869001
Warminster School	7 <sup>th</sup> May	01985 210160
Queen Anne's School	7 <sup>th</sup> May, 10 <sup>th</sup> June & 17 <sup>th</sup> September	0118 918 7300
Leighton Park School, Reading	10 <sup>th</sup> May, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	0118 987 9600
- Taster Day for Years 6 & 7 seeking Year 9 Entry	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	
The Marist Senior School	11 <sup>th</sup> May	01344 624291
Stonar School	14 <sup>th</sup> May	01225 701 741
King Edward's, Witley	14 <sup>th</sup> May & 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	01428 682850
Luckley House	9 <sup>th</sup> June	0118 974 3221
- Year 5 Taster Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	

## Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- Wellington Sports Academy 2016
- CFC Soccer Schools
- VECC Summer Half Term Coaching Course
- Chertsey Museum – Woolcrafters – Chertsey Woolcraft Guild
- HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Invitation
- Papercourt Sailing Club
- Christopher's Smile Bounceathon

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## May Half Term & Summer Holiday Clubs, Camps & Courses

### Reminder: VECC Summer Half Term Coaching Course, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Are you looking to improve your cricket skills? Valley End Cricket Club has the course and coaches for you! Contact James Young [jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com](mailto:jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com) or call 07885 235703. Flyer attached.

### Reminder: CFC Foundation Soccer Schools at Licensed Victuallers' School, Ascot, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June

A leading provider in the UK; safe, fun-based learning; qualified, experienced coaches; individual tailored sessions. Book online now at [chelseafc.com/foundation](http://chelseafc.com/foundation) or for further details please contact Simon Jackson – email [simon.jackson@chelseafc.com](mailto:simon.jackson@chelseafc.com) or call 07720 968635. Flyer attached.

### **Hype Camps, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Football Camps at The Marist School and Multi-Activity Camps at Bishopsgate School and The Marist School. For further details please call 01252 91888. Flyer attached.

### **The Wizard of Oz at The Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Berkshire Arts Academy presents The Wizard of Oz starring Zoe Legge, Sienna Edwards, Florence Coughlin (Year 5) and Freddie Coughlin (Year 7). Join them on the yellow brick road. Tickets are on sale now. Call the Ticket Office 01344 484123 or book online at [www.southhillpark.org.uk](http://www.southhillpark.org.uk). Flyer attached.

### **Energy Kidz Summer Holiday Clubs at Charters School, Sunningdale**

Amazing activities every day for 4 - 11 year olds. Find out more and book now: 0333 577 1533 / [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk) / [www.energy-kidz.co.uk](http://www.energy-kidz.co.uk)

### **Reminder: NPSO (National Preparatory School Orchestras) Summer Courses, 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Our courses at Wellington College last Summer created an inspiring, invigorating and enjoyable atmosphere that culminated in performances of music by, amongst others, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, and Malcolm Arnold.

Please visit our website [www.npsco.co.uk](http://www.npsco.co.uk) where you will find more information about courses this coming Summer, a downloadable handbill, and video highlights from our last concert. Specifically you will find details of the Symphony Orchestra Course, conducted by Adrian Lucas, and the Training Orchestra Course for the less experienced, conducted by Peter Davis. With a team of expert instrumental specialists we will again create a vibrant and invigorating atmosphere of shared music-making. The two residential courses will be held in the picturesque setting of Wellington College, Berkshire, from 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016. We are very keen to attract talented young musicians and will primarily concentrate on the 8 - 16 age range. All will benefit from the quality of music and the most advanced will be offered specialist masterclasses and chamber music tuition.

Both courses will have a team of experienced and fully qualified pastoral staff to ensure that children are properly cared for at all times and to encourage them to take full advantage of the wonderful recreational facilities of Wellington College. Bursaries for these courses, if required, may be applied for from both the IAPS Charitable Trust and the Westminster Chamber Orchestra Charitable Trust.

### **Reminder: Wellington Sports Academy 2016, 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Wellington College hosted another incredibly successful Sports Academy last Summer and they are delighted that Enjoy Learn Perform are returning with the academy again this year, from 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The Academy is open to boys and girls aged 9 to 15 years old (returning to school in September 2016 into Years 5 - 10).

The focus for the academy is not only on sport but also developing leadership and character throughout, as well as experiencing life at Wellington. There are a limited number of boarding places available but they have expanded their day places, due to popular demand. Bookings forms are to be sent to [info@enjoylearnperform.com](mailto:info@enjoylearnperform.com) and are made on a 'first come, first served' basis.

All pupils will be offered exceptional coaching in Rugby, Hockey, Golf, Netball, Cricket or Football. The Head Coaches (who themselves have represented their country in their sport) will coach each child on a daily basis and be assisted by the high level coaching staff from Wellington College.

For more information or to book a place, please visit: [www.enjoylearnperform.com](http://www.enjoylearnperform.com) or complete the attached form and return to [info@enjoylearnperform.com](mailto:info@enjoylearnperform.com). NB - Unfortunately Wellington College cannot accept bookings or payments.

### **Reminder: Ultimate Activity Camps LVS Ascot, 18<sup>th</sup> July to 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Activity day camps for 4 to 14 year olds. Book online [www.ultimateactivity.co.uk](http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk) or call 0844 870 7077. Flyer attached.

### **Reminder: Forres Summer Camps, 27<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Forres Holiday Camps are run for prep school children in the Summer. These are brilliantly organised and would be much enjoyed by Hall Grove boys and girls. For further information please contact 01865 766155 or [info@forresholidays.org](mailto:info@forresholidays.org) or collect a flyer from the School Office. Applications have to be made soon because places do fill up.

## **Christopher's Smile Bounceathon – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Christopher's Smile was set up in October 2008 by Karen and Kevin Capel following the tragic death of their only son, Christopher, from medulloblastoma, an aggressive childhood brain tumour. Christopher was treated with cocktails of chemotherapy which had harsh and permanent side effects and which ultimately were ineffective.

The charity funds much needed innovative research into childhood cancers enabling children to be treated in the future with safe effective treatments, providing hope where currently there may be none. They operate on an entirely volunteer basis with a small team of invaluable helpers who support through a number of activities and with events. 100% of all donations go to this much needed research. Nothing is taken out from donations and the charity is funded by the trustees to ensure that every penny raised goes to where it is needed.

"Our Vision is for every child diagnosed with childhood cancer to not only survive, but to reach adulthood enjoying a good quality of life"

[www.christopherssmile.org.uk/bounceathon](http://www.christopherssmile.org.uk/bounceathon) – see flyer attached

*Karen and Kevin Capel*

## **Chertsey Museum – Chertsey Woolcraft Guild – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Free drop-in event for all the Family. Please see attached flyer.

## **Papercourt Sailing Club – Open Day Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Papercourt Sailing Club is an extremely family-friendly and inclusive club. It is run by the members for the members. It provides first class facilities and a wonderful, safe environment in which to learn and sail. The club is situated on its own 45 acre lake which is easily accessible near junction 10 of the M25 and the A3 at Ripley in Surrey. There is loads of training geared towards children and teenagers, in Optimists from about age 8 to Toppers, Fevas, Laser 4.7s and Laser Radials. There is also an active group of teenagers who sail other boats, in particular RS200s and Lasers. There will be an open day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 1300 – 1630 and a flyer is attached.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: 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.