

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Hall Grove became a sea of red, white and blue at lunchtime today, as the whole school enjoyed a street party on the drive in celebration of the Queen's birthday. It really was a wonderful occasion, well done those who organised it but particularly to Mrs Allams, Mrs Langley and Mrs Skinner. There was a lovely collection of decorated plates on display which will be there for parents to admire tomorrow at our Open Garden.

The Referendum

A few weeks ago we were lucky enough to hear our MP, Mr Michael Gove, speak on behalf of the 'Brexit' campaign which he leads. As promised, we now have an opportunity to present to the senior pupils the 'Remain' case, delivered on Thursday, May 19th at 1615 in New Hall by Mr Christopher Jackson, a former MEP. Years 7 and 8 will attend, and all parents are most welcome. Younger children may sit with their parents if they wish to come.

The In/Out debate is of great importance to the country and we are pleased that so many pupils are taking a keen interest in it.

3rd Reminder: NGS Garden Opening – Saturday 14th May

Our annual Charity Garden Opening is tomorrow, a chance to enjoy our gardens and grounds, have a lovely cream tea and listen to some outdoor music. Do please come.

Our Concert Band and a number of individual musicians will perform throughout the afternoon. We ask that all children involved be in school uniform, ready to set up, at 1350 (on the front drive). Teas will be served from the same location in front of the kitchen, and there is also a plant sale. We hope that all visitors will have a chance to listen to our children at some point in the afternoon.

There will be exhibition tennis played on the hard courts by TASC from 1400 – 1530, and a cricket match on the main square.

Any Year 5 pupils attending the garden opening are requested to meet Mr Slape at the Maypole (on the drive) at 1445 to take part in a short display. School uniform please.

Class Assemblies

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

*** 7IT Assembly - Please note that 7IT assembly scheduled for Thursday 19th May has been postponed.**

- 7LS Assembly Tuesday 17th May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.
- 3MC Assembly Tuesday 24th May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.
- Reception Assembly Wednesday 25th May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0855.
- 6DS Assembly Thursday 26th May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.

Reminder: Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day – Monday 23rd May

For the 'Ancient Egyptian Day', Year 4 children are invited to dress-up in Egyptian costume.

Year 7 Girls Uniform - Important Information

Could all girls moving into Year 7 please visit the Uniform Shop **as soon as possible** to be measured for their new skirt and blouse, as all garments need to be pre-ordered. This also applies to any current Year 7/8 girl requiring a new skirt. Please be reminded that white trainer socks are NOT permitted as uniform. Unbranded plain white ankle socks are required for all girls. Please contact Helyna Quartermaine on 07776 132605.

The Drive

We have received several complaints recently about cars being parked or left unattended on the turning circle which prevents the drop and collect system working efficiently and causes lengthy queues and delays. Please note that parking is not permitted on the turning circle at any time during the school day and, if there is a need to go into school, cars should be parked before the electric barrier. Please try to avoid arriving early for collection times at the end of the school day because it blocks the drive and pick-up area for everyone else.

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.

Matron's Notes

Reminder: 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.

3rd Reminder: 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.

Music

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Our next Informal Concert will be on Friday 27th May for our pianists, once again at 1245 in New Hall. If your child learns outside school but would like to perform in the concert, please contact Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) by Tuesday 24th May. After half-term we have further concerts for many more of our musicians. Friends and family are always most welcome.

Associated Board Exams

The timetable for the exams has now been sent to all relevant parents. Please get in touch with us as soon as possible if you were expecting to receive an email and haven't. This is a preliminary timetable and as such we are able to move around some exam times if your child has a prior commitment, however we would ask that timetable changes are only requested as a last resort. The exams will be held in the Headmaster's Drawing Room on Friday 1st July and the New Hall Stage on 2nd July.

Half-term Concert – Philippa Davies and Friends

We are delighted to be hosting a concert on Sunday 5th 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) are on our website (<http://www.hallgrove.co.uk/Arts/Concert-Series/>). This is particularly recommended for any flautists – please spread the word with family and friends.

Concert Band reminder

We are very much looking forward to hearing our Concert Band play tomorrow at the Garden Opening. We would like all performers to be here at school, in uniform, at 1350 and to meet on the drive. We anticipate that they will play, with short breaks, for about an hour.

BBC Proms 2016

This year's BBC Proms are held between 15th July - 10th September. Arguably the best classical music festival in the world, it is a fantastic opportunity to hear an enormous range of repertoire including choral, orchestral, jazz and pop from some of the world's finest musicians. With London on our doorstep we would encourage as many children as possible to go and see a prom or two! There are specific concerts for [families](#) along with concerts [designed to introduce you to classical music](#). For our younger Hall Grove families the [CBeebies Prom](#) comes highly recommended by the Music Department as a fantastic way to introduce youngsters to a symphony orchestra, alongside their favourite characters and presenters from CBeebies. With the majority of concerts being held in the Royal Albert Hall, there really is no better place to hear live music, so please take a trip up to London in the Summer holidays, and take advantage of this wonderful festival!

Sports News

Sailing

The Sailing squad had another excellent training session this week at Queen Mary sailing club in preparation for the Nationals in a couple of weeks. The crews are now set and all the pupils are very excited about sailing at the Andrew Simpson sailing centre and staying at the National Academy in Weymouth. It is wonderful that Hall Grove has a large squad representing the school and we wish them luck.

Athletics

Eagle House Athletics.

This was the first meeting of the year against Eagle House and Lambrook. The team finished 3rd in a very close contest. Hall Grove had a team of 58 athletes representing the school, many for the first time. There were many good individual and relay performances and Hall Grove won 18 Gold medals on the day. There is of course still room for improvement but the signs are encouraging and we have no doubt there will be some fine performances in the next few athletics meetings.

Well done to all the boys and girls who are turning up to the morning athletics training sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays at 0730 - the training is certainly helping improve your times, distances and general fitness, which will benefit all sports. If your child is keen please feel free to drop them off at 0730 on either day, there is no need to sign up.

Swimming

Formal Swimming lessons have started this week with the weather holding off for large parts, allowing the coaches to assess and deliver excellent sessions to all years and abilities.

Confirmed swimming days -

Monday: Years 2 and 4

Tuesday: Years 2 and 5 as well as a lunchtime open squad practice for Years 5 - 8

Wednesday: Pre-school

Thursday: Year 1

Friday: Reception and Year 3.

Hall Grove Garden Opening – Exhibition Cricket and Tennis

A ClarionCall message has been sent to those boys taking part in the cricket match tomorrow. A reminder that they need to be at Hall Grove at 1330; the match should be finished by 1630.

Tennis

Congratulations to all the boys who played in the fixture against Yateley on Monday evening. All teams were well turned out and conducted themselves with an excellent manner on and off court. Our doubles pairings enjoyed a best of three sets match and there was some good tennis on show. We achieved a clean sweep on this occasion with players from all age groups enjoying victory.

Tennis Rackets

Tennis is extremely popular at break times and we are delighted that boys and girls of all ages are making full use of the courts and opportunities to play. Upper School children are welcome to bring their own racket; we ask that they are clearly named. A number of children have the same or similar rackets and this can cause problems. Pupils are

welcome to store their racket in Mr Slape's office for safekeeping when not in use. We remind Upper School children that they must not take and use another child's racket without their express permission. School rackets can be signed out from the Sports Office each break time as required.

Girls' Games

The weather was against us on both match days and all girls fixtures were cancelled. The children still enjoyed a variation of sport on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Girls' Games Notices

Reminders

Thursday 19th May – Eagle House athletics this event will finish by 1600, girls may be collected directly from Eagle House or Hall Grove at 1645.

Saturday 14th May – U11 A rounders team please meet Mrs Wyman at Hoe Bridge by 0900.

Saturday 21st May – U11 A rounders team please meet Mrs Maxfield at Yateley Manor by 0930.

Amendments

U9 rounders v Crosfield

This fixture is being played on Tuesday 24th May, and NOT Tuesday 17th May.

Additional fixtures

The senior girls are thoroughly enjoying their cricket sessions during games and we are pleased to have arranged an additional match v Crosfield for the Year 7 girls on Thursday 30th June at Hall Grove at 1100.

Boys' Games

The 1st XI had a good win v Downsland in the U13 Surrey Cup last night. They have now progressed into the Quarter-Finals, where they face Amesbury. The boys and parents will be advised once the fixture has been organised.

Due to the poor weather, all Years 5 to 8 matches were cancelled on Wednesday. With better weather yesterday the U9s and U8s had fixtures v Feltonfleet. The Under 9s won two and tied one match whilst the Under 8s enjoyed their first competitive matches of the cricket season.

Boys' Games Notices

Years 5 and 6 cricket house matches take place tomorrow at 0900, please be at Hall Grove at 0845. Matches should be finished by 1130.

18th May - U10 C v Eagle House

Please note that this fixture is now at Hall Grove, and not at Eagle House as advertised in the school calendar.

21st May – Cricket v Edgeborough

Please note that these matches are now starting at 0900.

23rd May – U11 Surrey Cup Cricket

The Colts A will now play Rokeby in the Surrey Cup on Monday 23rd May at 1645. The game is being played at Rokeby Sports Ground (KT4 7QB).

2nd 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.

Burghfield Sailing Club Open Day (near Reading)

Join us on Saturday 21st May from 1200 to 1600 at Burghfield Sailing Club, Theale. It's an ideal opportunity to have a go at sailing in a variety of different boats, sail with some of the UK's top helms, have a go at paddle boarding, ride on a powerboat and generally have a great time! Food and drink is available throughout the day. No experience or equipment is needed and sailing is suitable for all ages and abilities including those with disabilities. Bring a change of clothes and a towel in case you get wet! For more details please visit our web site www.burghfieldsailing.org. We look forward to seeing you.

New Flotilla at Datchet

[DWSC](#) is starting a new Optimist Flotilla in April 2016 that will make the most of the excellent facilities and sailing water available at Queen Mother Reservoir. Flotilla activities mostly take place on Sunday mornings. The plan is to have activities for beginners (and those with a couple of weeks' experience) and more experienced racers. The emphasis will be on regular sailing in a relatively informal environment. The Optimist Flotilla is open to children who have their own Optimist. Please contact datchetoptimists@gmail.com for more information.

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

Reminder: Open Golf Competition – 21st May

Calling all golfers... you are all invited to "The FOHG 1st Open Golf Competition" which will take place on May 21st 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 fohgtennishgolf@gmail.com

Senior School Open Mornings

Stonar School	14 th May	01225 701 741
King Edward's, Witley	14 th May & 23 rd June	01428 682850
Queen Anne's School	10 th June & 17 th September	0118 918 7300
Leighton Park School, Reading	14 th June	0118 987 9600
- Taster Day for Years 6 & 7 seeking Year 9 Entry	23 rd June	
Luckley House	9 th June	0118 974 3221
- Year 5 Taster Day	23 rd June	
Reed's School, Cobham	10 th September, 12 th November	01932 869001

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
- Chertsey Museum – Half Term Activities
- Christopher's Smile Bounceathon
- FOHG Golf Tournament
- Ultimate Activity Camps
- Surrey Heath Museum

Hall Grove Mums Annual Golf Competition – Friday 17th June

Once again Sunningdale Ladies is hosting their annual Hall Grove Mums Golf Competition on Friday 17th June. Arrival for 0900 coffee, 18 holes of golf followed by sandwiches and cake for £23 plus £5 for prizes.

Please contact B' on chrisandb@hotmail.com or 07527 624962 if you would like to play.

House available to rent in West End Village

Beautiful character 4 bed, 4 reception house within catchment of Gordon's School. Available from July. For more details please call Joanne on 07979 155986.

May Half Term & Summer Holiday Clubs, Camps & Courses

Reminder: VECC Summer Half Term Coaching Course, 31st May to 3rd June

1000 - 1600 in the Woodlands cage & outfield. Coaching by Ed Young (ex-Gloucestershire CCC & Wiltshire CCC), Hayden Mclean (VECC overseas) and Michael Bates (ex-Hampshire CC & Wiltshire CCC wicket-keeper).

Masterclasses with Ed on T20 batting on Tuesday and Spin Bowling on Friday.

Masterclass with Michael Bates on wicket-keeping on Wednesday.

Masterclass with Hayden Mclean on Seam bowling on Thursday.

£35 per day. For further information please email jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com or call 07885 235703. Flyer attached.

2nd Reminder: CFC Foundation Soccer Schools at Licensed Victuallers' School, Ascot, 31st May to 3rd June

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

Reminder: Hype Camps, 31st May to 3rd 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.

Reminder: The Wizard of Oz at The Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park, 2nd to 5th 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. 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 / www.energy-kidz.co.uk

2nd Reminder: NPSO (National Preparatory School Orchestras) Summer Courses, 17th to 23rd 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.npsoco.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 17th - 23rd 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.

2nd Reminder: Wellington Sports Academy 2016, 25th to 28th 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 25th - 28th 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 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 or complete the attached form and return to info@enjoylearnperform.com. NB – Unfortunately Wellington College cannot accept bookings or payments.

2nd Reminder: Ultimate Activity Camps LVS Ascot, 18th July to 26th August

Activity day camps for 4 to 14 year olds. Book online www.ultimateactivity.co.uk or call 0844 870 7077. Flyer attached.

2nd Reminder: Forres Summer Camps, 27th July to 4th 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 or collect a flyer from the School Office. Applications have to be made soon because places do fill up.

Reminder: Chertsey Museum – Chertsey Woolcraft Guild – Saturday 14th May

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

Chertsey Museum – Half Term Craft Activities

Please see attached flyer.

Surrey Heath Museum – Various Dates

Fun and crafts around the museum. Please see attached flyer for further information.

Pangbourne College Classic Car Show – Saturday 4th June

Hall Grove staff, pupils and their parents are invited to Pangbourne College's inaugural Classic Car Show on Saturday 4th June 2016 from 1000 to 1600. There will be a wide variety of vintage, classic and rare cars on display to the public on the Parade Ground from 1000. Admission is free and refreshments, including tea, coffee and food, will be available for a small charge. Alternatively families may bring their own picnic and enjoy the picturesque College grounds.

Reminder: Christopher's Smile Bounceathon – Saturday 2nd 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 – see flyer attached

Karen and Kevin Capel