

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Parents may be aware that some years ago Hall Grove achieved recognition as an Investor in People organisation. There is a rigorous inspection every three years to maintain the standard. Earlier this term our working practices and employment systems were examined and we came through with flying colours. All the staff, and most particularly the Senior Leadership Team, can take great credit for the report that we have received.*

*On Thursday, six school principals from India came to Hall Grove to spend a day learning about the British prep school system. They were delightful guests and we very much enjoyed exchanging views and experiences with them.*

*Good luck to the Choristers who are off to Manchester on Sunday. They can be heard live on Radio 4 LW at 0945 on Tuesday.*

## **Sir Linkalot**

Sir Linkalot (Andy Salmon) will be visiting us on Monday for some more fun work with our children. Sir Linkalot uses lots of energy and humour to help cement links in learning, whether fact-based or spelling-related. His website ([www.thinkalink.co.uk](http://www.thinkalink.co.uk)) gives more than 15,000 links to help children remember things. The planned schedule is below, and parents are most welcome at any of the year group sessions, all held in New Hall.

0845 - 0900 Middle & Upper School Assembly

0900 - 0945 Years 3 & 4

1000 - 1030 Year 1

1030 - 1100 Small spelling workshop with 10 children in Years 3, 4 & 5 who could do with a boost (no parents)

1125 - 1210 Years 5 & 6

1215 - 1245 Small spelling workshop with 10 children in Years 6, 7 & 8 who could do with a boost (no parents)

1340 - 1430 Year 2

1435 - 1525 Years 7 & 8

1530 - 1600 Parents presentation for those that can't make their child's workshop earlier in the day

## **Class Assemblies**

All parents are welcome to attend their child's Class Assembly. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.

- 6AK Assembly                      Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June (apologies for the late change of day)
- 8EM Assembly                      There will now be a joint Year 8 Assembly (see below)
- 4SS Assembly                      Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

- Year 8 Assembly                      Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (to include both 8TL and 8EM)

## **TASC & Boarding – Royal Ascot Week**

As Royal Ascot commences on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be very busy. Please note that boarding is now FULL.

## **The Witches – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 1900**

Year 7 look forward to their performance on the evening of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The cast will remain in school prior to performing and will receive a hot snack and refreshments. Parents are invited to take their seats in the marquee on the front lawn from 1830 for a 1900 start.

Please could all children have their costume in school by Tuesday next week. Make-up will be applied for the show, please advise Mr Slape if your child has any allergies.

## **Sports Day Schedule**

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

**Sports Day for Years 3 - 8** will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. All the children are expected to attend and their families are invited to come and support. Guests are encouraged to picnic in the grounds; there are lunchtime displays and activities. As this is our major social function of the year we ask parents to observe a 'smart casual' dress code.

The timings are as follows:

1130 - 1300 Years 3, 4 and 5 Athletics

1300 - 1430 Picnic lunch and entertainment

1430 - 1600 Years 6, 7 and 8 Athletics

Prize Giving will follow each session.

## **Music**

### **Choristers Radio 4 Daily Service – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Choristers are leaving on Sunday for a whirlwind visit to the North-West, taking in the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, the Beatles Story, a Ferry 'Cross the Mersey, a German U boat, Chester Zoo and, most importantly, a live BBC Radio 4 broadcast of the Daily Service. Choristers have been working hard for this and are quite excited about all of the other activities planned. If you would like to listen in live, the Daily Service can be found on Radio 4 long wave on Tuesday at 0945.

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

Our next Informal Concert will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, for some of our string players (violin, viola, 'cello, guitar, ukelele) 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](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)) by the end of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Friends and family are always most welcome.

Still to come we have one more informal concert, and our ensembles are working hard for our Summer Concert on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

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

## **Sports News**

### **Reminder: Knight Frank Team Tennis Tournament - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

As winners of the boys and girls tournaments last year we eagerly await this fun and competitive fixture. All matches are to be played at St George's, Ascot and on the day the boys must register at 0900 and girls at 0930. Boys should wear tennis whites, with girls wearing red skorts and a top provided by the Girls' Games Department. All players must bring a water bottle, sun cream and a peaked cap, and we suggest that all players have a change of kit to use as required. There is a BBQ for players and spectators from 1200 but you are advised to bring your own drinks. We suggest all parents return at lunchtime to either collect, or watch the remaining matches. Finals are to be played at 1430.

The team sheet has now been published and we ask that you notify Mr Slape immediately if your son/daughter is not available. If a player does not turn up on the day, their team of four will be unable to participate. Please arrive in good time.

### **Girls' Games**

The girls had a marvellous afternoon of rounders, enjoying 5 out of 6 wins against Bishopsgate and finishing just before a torrential rain storm – perfect! The 1sts had a very competitive match; losing the first half 5-9, all was left to play for in the second half and did they deliver. Suddenly from a first half of dropped balls, silly mistakes and being unable to strike the ball they pulled together to field with unbelievable skill and hit the ball out of the park to win by just half a rounder on the last ball, scored by Emilia Wyatt. The 2nds had an equally exciting match winning by just half a rounder with Scarlett Creasey chosen as best fielder and Madeline Berenson best batter, whilst the U11 A team won decisively by over 15 rounders; their teamwork impressed both staff and parents alike. Jessica Gunning and Yasmin van der Zijl were again voted players' player. Meanwhile back at Hall Grove the U10 A team, despite playing with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship, suffered the only defeat of the day. The U10 B team had a good win and their player of the match was Isobel Greenhill, who was thrilled with her two strong strikes. The U11 B team both won their matches and should be commended for their hard work – Mrs Skinner was particularly impressed with Victoria Fearnhead who showed great athleticism when fielding and Heidi Kelsall for her mature decision-making. Well done.

We had an incredibly busy Thursday afternoon, with fixtures galore! We took an U9 athletics team to Sherfield to participate in a small meeting. The girls and parents had a splendid afternoon enjoying some confident performances, winning 6 out of 7 events the girls were placed 1<sup>st</sup>. Well done to the following girls who were placed 1st: Sofia Bandosz (60m and High Jump), Katie Coleman (150m), Catriona Wood (600m), Gisella Bernabo (Long Jump), and the team won the 4 x 50m relay race. Postscript: At the beginning of the meet our runners in the 60m race were placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>; Catriona Wood was heard to exclaim, “well that’s a brilliant start” – and it was! Super job girls!

Meanwhile at Hall Grove the U8s had some really good competitive matches against Cranleigh. Despite two losses the girls displayed some excellent overall fielding with Abby Parker having a hat trick of catches and Jemima Fry should be commended for being a fabulous Captain. The B team lost by just half a rounder and Carina Fitzpatrick was voted players' player.

The senior girls enjoyed a friendly tennis fixture against Pangbourne College. We won 3 out of the 7 pairs matches, Antonia Gathy and Katie Walker had a thrilling match coming back from 1 set down to win 2 – 1 and Pippa Marlow and Beatrice Brockman had a great match against two Year 8 girls, winning a closely contested match 2 – 1.

This afternoon we have taken a number of girls off to the penultimate girls' athletics meeting of the season, hosted by Eagle House. We take great pride in the hard work and determination of all our athletes who are great ambassadors for Hall Grove at these events.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

U11 A Rounders

Please meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove for an 0800 prompt departure.

U13 Cricket

Please meet Mr Lewis at Hall Grove for a 1200 prompt departure. Please note that the final matches will be completed by 1530.

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – U13 tennis v Lambrook**

Girls may be collected directly from Lambrook after match tea at approximately 1730 or from Hall Grove at 1750.

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – West Surrey Girls' Athletics**

Those athletes selected should bring their own packed lunch, snacks and water for the day – no energy drinks please.

### **Boys' Games**

It was a tough afternoon on Wednesday for the senior boys against Cranleigh, with all teams suffering losses with the exception of the Colts B. Elliot Sleep was man of the match for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. He took 2 for 8 off 4 overs and scored 40 runs. Other notable performances included Felix Thomas (24 runs) for the U10 A team and Andrew Paling (30 runs) for the Colts B.

With next week's U13 Surrey Cup Semi-final in mind, we owe Freddie Brennen an apology; we neglected to mention that he took a hat-trick for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in their last round of the Surrey Cup v Amesbury. This achievement doesn't happen very often, fingers crossed he can repeat his heroics on Monday as the 1<sup>st</sup> XI play Cumnor House.

The Under 8 and 9 teams had cricket matches against Aldro. Aldro were the dominant school but all the games were played in good spirit and were certainly closer than the results reflect. The most important result from these matches is that the boys enjoyed the experience.

Athletics v Sunningdale and Bishopsgate

Well done to all the boys who competed in this annual fixture. The team performed excellently across all events. Hall Grove dominated the middle distance events, winning all the age groups not only with great endurance but good tactical awareness too. The field eventers performed well and picked up good points towards our total. Combined with the sprint event points it meant Hall Grove were on the same score as Sunningdale going into the relays. Sunningdale won the U10 relay with Hall Grove second (advantage Sunningdale), the U12 race was a lot closer but Hall Grove hung on for victory (honours even). It was down to the senior boys and they did not disappoint, running a great race with slick baton changes and coming away with a win and securing a winning total for the match.

### **Boys' Games Notices**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Wellington Prep Schools Cricket Tournament

The Colts A are to meet Mr Collier at Wellington at 0830.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI are now playing the MCC (1500) and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI have the next round of the Surrey Cup v Cumnor House (1530). Both games are at Hall Grove.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Tonbridge Cricket Tournament

The Colts A are to meet Mr Collier at Hall Grove for a prompt 0800 departure.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - Cricket v Ludgrove

Please note these are afternoon matches. We will be expecting some Under 10 boys to fill into the Colts teams. Team sheets have been posted on the website.

### **Calendar amendment**

The West Surrey Athletics boys' fixture is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June (at Bracknell Leisure Centre) and not Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June as published in the Calendar.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Fundraising by Hall Grove Cricketers for Dubai Tour 2017 – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

We look forward to seeing all those boys and girls signed up for this fun coaching session! Meet at the school Cricket Pavilion at 0900 prompt to participate in a selection of Fielding Drills, Fun Games, Crazy Catch, Nets, Batting Technique and Mini festival.

Please ensure that your child wears a cap and sunscreen on the day. All cricket equipment, drinks and snack will be provided.

All proceeds will go towards the group fundraising target and we thank you for your support and encouragement.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Staff London to Brighton Charity Cycle Ride in aid of British Heart Foundation – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

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.

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. Please follow this link to the JustGiving site to support our staff in raising money for this worthy cause: [Hall Grove Just Giving Page](#)

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

Staff: Mr Tullett, Mr Marland, Mr Lewis, Mr Slape, Miss Moore, Miss Gent, Mrs Langley, Mr Allams, Mr Toulson, Mr McLeod and Mrs Jackson. Ex-pupils: Jamie Parnell, David Parnell, Harry Quartermaine, Fraser Graham

## Senior School Open Mornings

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

## Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- FOHG Annual Tennis Tournament
- Dubai Tour 2017 Fundraising
- Windlesham Gold Academy 2016 Summer Camps
- Jet Tennis Summer Tennis Camps
- Heathfield School, Ascot Sports Holiday Camp
- B's Netball Pre-Season Training Camps
- The Stowe Putter Golf Competition

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Reminder: Hall Grove Mums Annual Golf Competition – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Once again Sunningdale Ladies is hosting their annual Hall Grove Mums Golf Competition on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:chrisandb@hotmail.com) or 07527 624962 if you would like to play.

## The Stowe Putter - The Premier National Prep School Golf Competition – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Applications from golfers of all ages are welcome. There are age group prizes at U11, U12, U13 and 13+. There is also a team trophy. Up to 6 players per school can be accommodated.

Please see attached flyer for further details or contact David Fletcher on 01280 818209 or at [dfletcher@stowe.co.uk](mailto:dfletcher@stowe.co.uk)

## Summer Holiday Clubs, Camps & Courses

### B's Netball Pre-Season Training Camps

Pre-Season Training Camps run by England Netball Level 2 Coaches for ages:

U9, U10 and U11 - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September

U12, U13 and U14 - 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August

The camps will take place at Lightwater Leisure Centre.

To register your interest please email [bsnetballcamp@gmail.com](mailto:bsnetballcamp@gmail.com) Flyer attached.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Reminder: Energy Kidz Summer Holiday Clubs at Charters School, Sunningdale

Amazing activities every day for 4 - 11 year olds. Fine 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: Ultimate Activity Summer Camps – LVS Ascot – 18<sup>th</sup> July to 26<sup>th</sup> August

Activity day camps for 4 to 14 year olds. Facilities include indoor heated swimming pool, tennis courts, sports hall, sports pitches, drama studio and modern classrooms for art activities. Summer saver offer - just £174 a week or £37 a day for Summer camps. This offer ends on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please visit [www.ultimateactivity.co.uk](http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk), call 0844 870 7077 for further details or pick up a flyer from the Hall Grove School Office.

### Reminder: Windlesham Golf Academy 2016 Summer Camps

See flyer attached.

**St John's School, Leatherhead – Summer Sports Club**

The St John's Summer Sports Club offers a chance to play and perform in a variety of different sports and activities across all levels. Ages 8 - 11. Weekdays from 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July.

For further information please see flyer attached.

**Jet Tennis Summer Tennis Camps at Bagshot Tennis Club**

For ages 6 – 10 years plus. Please see flyer attached.

**Sports Holiday Camp – Heathfield School, Ascot - 8<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Offering football, tennis, hockey and badminton alongside a range of new and different sports for children to try. For further details please contact 0333 577 2880 / [info@achieve-sports.co.uk](mailto:info@achieve-sports.co.uk). Flyer attached.