

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Congratulations to the boys and girls of Year 8 for some good grades in their CE exams. All have been offered places at their senior schools and there were a pleasing number of A and B grades, especially in Latin, Greek, History and Chemistry.

We were delighted to listen to the Choristers, recorded live on BBC Radio 4 on Tuesday morning. They were most impressive.

Another big event of the week was the inaugural School Teams Adventure Race meeting held at Hall Grove on Thursday. The 12 teams competed at a range of practical projects combining orienteering, rafting, assault course, fire lighting and other similar skills. It was extremely well organised by the Schools Outdoor Learning Company with much involvement from our own Mr White who has built a magnificent assault course in the woods. We will promote the event more widely in future years.

Good Luck to all those riding from London to Brighton on Sunday.

Year 8 Visit Westminster

What a great trip this was, a full tour of the Palace of Westminster including the magnificent Robing Room, the Royal Gallery, the House of Lords, Central Lobby, and a chance to sit in the Public Gallery to watch a debate in the House of Commons.

Class Assemblies

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

- 4SS Assembly Tuesday 21st June. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.
- Year 8 Assembly Thursday 23rd June (to include both 8TL and 8EM).
We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.
- 1GM Assembly Wednesday 29th June at 0900. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0855.
- 5LM Assembly Thursday 30th June. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.

Calendar Reminder: Monday 20th June at 1500

Heads Talking: The Olympics - Christopher and Peter Pyemont (Years 5 – 8)

Start time 1500 in New Hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

Armed Forces Charity Bake Sale - Wednesday 22nd June

TO CLARIFY - ONLY PRE-PREP CHILDREN NEED TO BRING CAKES. THE REST OF THE SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO BRING FUNDS TO DONATE/PURCHASE!

The week beginning Monday 20th June is Armed Forces Week. To acknowledge this, Pre-Prep is going to be holding an Armed Forces Bake Sale to raise money for the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF) charity. It is a fabulous cause, providing help and support to serving and veteran members of the armed forces, as well as their families in times of need.

If your child is in Middle or Upper School, they will be able to purchase treats during the school day, so please do provide them with funds to do so! For Pre-Prep, the stall will be open at 1500 opposite TASC to allow parents to buy goods with their children at pick-up. Many thanks for your support in advance.

The Witches – Thursday 23rd June at 1900

Year 7 look forward to their performance on the evening of Thursday 23rd 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.

Masterchef 2016

The first heats of Masterchef have taken place over the last two weeks, with 16 pairs of Year 8 pupils making main course dishes in one hour. The judging panel has been very impressed – the standard of presentation has been high and the variety of dishes wide!

The following have made it through to the quarter-finals for the dessert round to be held on two trial days, the first being Monday 20th June and the second being Wednesday 22nd June:

Monday 20th June:

Tabitha Norrey, William Chen, Ben Barnett, Danny Wessely, Henry Coop, Olivia Simmons, Emilia Wyatt and Ella King.

Wednesday 22nd June:

Ivan Chernyaev, Danyal Najib, Elliott Sleep, Max Moffat, Issy Llewellyn-Jones, Tom Eliot and Grace Millar.

This is a round where the chefs cook solo with their own recipe.

A huge well done to all who have entered as there were many fantastic dishes – and a huge thank you to parents for all your support so far.

Miranda Dowse

Sports Day Schedule - Update

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Children may either come into school at the usual time or a little later, but they need to be in their classrooms by 0930. There will be refreshments under the marquee (served from 0930) on the front field for all adults before the children begin the opening ceremony at 1000. All families are invited to stay and picnic with their children in the school grounds after the final race has finished. Staff are there to picnic with them if you are unable to stay.

Please could all Pre-Prep children come to school dressed in their white PE kit. They will not require their school uniform that day. A reminder that **they will need their own** packed lunch to picnic with.

Sports Day for Years 3 - 8 will take place on Saturday 25th 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 children's events are posted on the sports noticeboard on the side of the Wessex building. Please could all Middle and Upper School children come to school dressed in their white PE kit.

Prize Giving will follow each session. The timings are as follows:

1130 - 1300 Years 3, 4 and 5 Athletics (Athletics Finals competition integrated into programme)

1300 - 1430 Picnic lunch and entertainment

1430 - 1600 Years 6, 7 and 8 Athletics (Athletics Finals competition integrated into programme)

Shakespeare Week – Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July

Hall Grove looks forward to hosting another 'Shakespeare Week' and to welcoming back the highly experienced and inspirational Chris Connaughton as 'Director in Residence'. He will work alongside Mr Slape with Year 6 to deliver an abridged version of Hamlet on Friday 1st July at 1900. On the evening of the performance it is expected that Year 6 pupils will remain at school in preparation for their performance. Parents and siblings are invited to join us at 1800 for some poetry and LAMDA recitals, followed by a hog roast and refreshments (the performers will enjoy the Hog Roast at 1730). As with previous years, this is a lovely occasion to celebrate all that Year 6 has achieved throughout the year, and to say farewell to those who will be leaving us. We look forward to a special evening.

Tours 2016 - 2017

We thought parents might find it useful to have advanced notice of dates and rough costs of forthcoming proposed tours for 2016 - 2017.

Rugby:	Sherborne School	27 th – 29 th October 2016	Current Years 5 - 7 boys	£120
Ski Trip:	Austria	2 nd - 8 th January 2017	Years 3 - 8	£1115
Cricket:	Dubai	9 th - 17 th Feb 2017	Current Years 6 & 7 boys	£1700
Netball:	Jersey Games	10 th - 14 th April 2017	Years 7 & 8 girls	£599
Rugby:	Jersey Games	10 th - 14 th April 2017	Current Years 4 & 5 boys	£599
Tennis:	Algarve, Portugal	19 th - 23 rd April 2017	Upper School boys & girls	£720
Choristers:	BBC Radio 4 broadcast Manchester and The North		Years 4 - 8 girls and boys	£200

(Date to be confirmed by the BBC. Likely to be at the end of Spring Term 2017).

Matrons' Notes

Prescribed Medication

As mentioned in previous newsletters and stated in our First Aid Policy, please ensure that all prescribed medications required by children during the school day are delivered to school in their original container with the pharmacy dispensing label attached. We are unable to administer medication which has been decanted. There is a medicines fridge in Matron's Room for storage when necessary. Please also complete a 'Parental Consent for Prescribed Medication' form at the start of the course of treatment. This can be found on the school website under the 'Parents' tab.

School Uniform

School uniform lists for next term are available on the school website. Orders can be placed by calling The Uniform Shop on 01276 471039.

Term time opening hours are:

Monday 0800 - 0900

Tuesday 0800 - 0900

Thursday 1500 - 1730

Music

Choristers

The Radio 4 broadcast this week was a resounding success, with many kind words sent into school about the quality of the music and reading. Not only were our children musically on top form, but they also showed the school in an excellent light as they travelled to the Museum of Science and Industry, The Beatles Story, the Woodside Ferry (with U-boat), Chester Zoo, as well as two fantastic restaurants. The children returned very tired, but thrilled at what they managed to achieve for themselves in the broadcast, and exhilarated with all of the activities we managed to pack in.

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Our final Informal Concert of the term will be Thursday 23rd June, for some of our brass and woodwind players 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 the end of Monday 20th June. Friends and family are always most welcome.

Summer Concert – Monday 4th July

Please be reminded that the Summer Concert will be on Monday 4th July at 1900. All school ensembles, including Choristers, will be performing in the concert, so if your child is a member of any ensemble they will be expected to attend. If you wish them to stay at school for supper, please ensure you book them in in the usual fashion with the School Office or by emailing Mrs Tilley (l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk). The children have been working hard for this, and we are sure that it will be an enjoyable and varied evening of music-making.

There is no need to reserve tickets. The doors will open at 1830, ready for a 1900 start. Performers should make their way to the Clanwilliam Room for 1830.

During Exam Weeks we aim to run as many rehearsals as practicable. We strongly believe that actually playing or singing is good intellectually as well as all of the other benefits that it brings, and a great way to start the day before the hard work of exams – last minute cramming or fretting in the classroom is rarely worthwhile!

Sports News

Sports Photos

Please note that sports team will be on the morning of Tuesday 5th July. These will be for cricket, rounders, athletics and tennis for children in Years 3 – 8. All children will need their sports bags at school on this day.

2nd Reminder: Knight Frank Team Tennis Tournament - Sunday 19th 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

Yet another busy week for the girls, starting with some weekend rounders and cricket fixtures for the senior girls. The U11 A team travelled to Hawthornes School on the South Downs to participate in a rounders tournament with over 16 schools involved. Although there were some terrific individual performances it was the team spirit that won the day for the girls, the support and energy they gave each other was incredible and 4 out of 6 wins put the girls into the semi-final against The Study – and what a semi-final it was! Our fielding was incredible and The Study managed to score only 1 rounder off 18 balls; Mrs Maxfield was confident that the team could beat that target, however The Study had other ideas and *their* fielding was equally impressive. The match was tied 1 – 1, the decider would be on number of players “out” 6–6, and a tie break would have to be played. With nine good balls and everything to play for, the excitement was intense. The Study scored 3 and we had to strike the ball well to beat that. With all to play for the girls risked everything and won by ½ a rounder, and a place in the final against Hoe Bridge beckoned. As usual a well drilled and ruthless team out-performed Hall Grove and we had to settle for Silver medals. The winner of the day was most definitely the team spirit of the nine team members who supported one another on and off the field – well done to them all. Special congratulations to Jessica Gunning, Yasmin van der Zijl and Jemima McKechnie who were awarded school colours for their outstanding contribution to U11 rounders.

The senior girls have continued to enjoy cricket coaching in their games lessons and on Saturday Mr Lewis took the girls to a cricket festival at Lord Wandsworth. They played with confidence and enjoyed being tested by schools that play regular fixtures. We had 3 matches, our results were very creditable with 1 win, 1 loss and 1 draw; Katie Walker had two outstanding innings as a batter and Abby Mayhew was a steady and reliable bowler.

On Wednesday we took some of our top senior girl athletes to The West Surrey Athletics in Guildford and despite the rain all the girls that participated put in accomplished performances. However, without exception, the athlete of the day was Nathalie Camp who not only won the 1500m by at least 50m, she qualified for The National Finals AND smashed the regional record by 6 seconds. Nathalie was awarded junior athletics colours and invited to ring the Jubilee Bell in assembly.

We had a block of rounders fixtures against Eagle House on Wednesday and played some extremely competitive matches, losing some by just 1 rounder. The most exciting match of the day was the U11 A team's – Annabel Hatten was strong at backstop, Gracie Hessian an excellent captain, Darcy Atherton a strong fielder and Olivia Llewellyn-Jones scored 4 rounders. The U10s should be commended for their great attitude with Catherine Clarke being voted players' player for her batting and fielding, Scarlett Young for her steady and consistent bowling and Billie Deighton for her batting. Despite the wet weather the girls had a good afternoon. On Thursday the junior girls fixtures were cancelled by the hosts Eagle House due to the pitch conditions.

Girls' Games Notices

Tuesday 21st June – St Mary's Ascot girls tennis fixture

Please collect your daughter from St Mary's Ascot, estimated finish will be 1800.

Thursday 23rd June – U9 A and B rounders fixture v Claremont

This is a 1400 start

Tuesday 5th July – U13 girls tennis v Eagle House has been cancelled by the opposition.

Boys' Games

The 1st XI played Cumnor House in the Surrey Cup semi-final on Monday. It was a chastening afternoon, against a very good side who managed to score 198 in 20 overs, with some excellent batting including a century from their opener. The stand out performance was by Elliot Sleep, who scored 57 runs in the 80 run defeat. He was also awarded colours on Friday in assembly for a great season. The team should be congratulated for reaching the semi-final, a fine achievement. A special mention for bouncing back for their Wednesday fixture v Aldro which they won, George Freeman scoring 73 not out.

The boys enjoyed a really entertaining afternoon on Wednesday in a block fixture against Aldro. The 2nd XI had a tough afternoon, being bowled out for 66 and taking one Aldro wicket in their loss. The 3rd XI were indebted to Alex Uphill who scored a half century. Unfortunately the 4th and 5th XI games were cancelled due to wet pitches over at Valley End CC. The Colts B lost a close game by 21 runs and the Colts C lost by 10 wickets. The U10 A team enjoyed a really good win by 9 wickets and are beginning to hit their straps now. Charlie Riddy (27 not out) was the pick of the batsmen. In the Under 10 B team Mackenzie Niddrie, Jai Edwards and Shrey Tharoor all impressed with their captain, Oliver Penrose, leading his team superbly, organising the field and bowling order entirely on his own. In the Under 10 C team Ozzie Whiteley was the pick of the bowlers.

The Colts A were at the Tonbridge tournament, where they managed to dodge the showers and had a great time in their 8-a-side tournament.

Unfortunately matches for the Under 8s and Under 9s were cancelled on Thursday due to the weather. The Sherborne School cricket tournament today was cancelled too.

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 18th June – Cricket v Ludgrove

ClarionCall messages have been sent to the parents of boys selected and team sheets have been posted on the website. Matches start at 1430. Away matches are to meet at Hall Grove at 1330, home matches at Hall Grove at 1400.

1st XI, 2nd XI and Colts A are playing away at Ludgrove

Colts B and Colts C are playing at Hall Grove

Reminder: Calendar amendment

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

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

Totally Awesome 80s Party - Save a Date

The FOHG invite you to head back to the eighties for a TOTALLY AWESOME 80s Party on Friday 14th October 2016. Dust off your double denim and crimp your hair. Let's party like it's 1984! More details to follow soon. Tickets go on sale in September.

Family Tennis Tournament

The FOHG Family Tennis Tournament was held on Saturday despite torrential downpours! Thank you to all the competitors for entering and a special thank you to the doubles teams who played in some atrocious conditions. It was wonderful to see the sky clearing in time for the doubles' play-offs and finals and for the red and orange ball competitions. There were some very competitive matches in all the competitions and it was a really fun afternoon.

Special thanks to Mr Slape, Megan Emmett and Jason Jokhoo for being the referees and for all their support to make it such a successful tournament.

Congratulations to all the winners:

Doubles Competition being awarded the inaugural Hall Grove School Tennis Cup

Champions: Oliver Griffith & Tom Vernon
Runner up: Danny & Alex Wessely

Doubles Knock-out

Winners: Oliver Griffith & Tom Vernon
Runner up: Freddie & Andy Coughlin

Orange Ball Competition

1st Jonathan Butler
2nd Thomas Warren
3rd Amelie Smith
4th Rory Coleman

Red Ball Competition

1st Leo Allera
2nd William Long
3rd Hugh Moffatt
4th Amelie Lomas

3rd Reminder: Staff London to Brighton Charity Cycle Ride in aid of British Heart Foundation – Sunday 19th 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.

Thank you for the cash donations collected this week on the drive. Please visit [JustGiving](#) if you have missed out on donating.

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/Evenings

King Edward's, Witley	23 rd June	01428 682850
Leighton Park School, Reading:		
- Taster Day for Years 6 & 7 seeking Year 9 Entry	23 rd June	0118 987 9600
Luckley House, Year 5 Taster Day	23 rd June	0118 974 3221
Sir William Perkins's School	29 th June	01932 574900
Reed's School, Cobham	10 th September, 12 th November	01932 869001
Queen Anne's School	17 th September	0118 918 7300

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- FOHG Annual Tennis Tournament
- 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
- Right to Play Volunteer Opportunity

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Reminder: Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

A reminder that we are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids 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, there is a collection box at the Front Office.

Right to Play Volunteer Opportunity at the London Anniversary Games

Right to Play, a charity supported by the Hall Grove community on many occasions, is seeking volunteers to implement its partnership with UK Athletics at the London Anniversary Games on 22nd and 23rd July at the Olympic Stadium. Applicants must be 16 years of age and older and will be asked to undertake fundraising initiatives in and around the stadium during the event. Please contact Jake Sawyer (JSawer@righttoplay.com) by Monday 27th June to register your interest. A full description of the event and the volunteer opportunity is attached.

After School Nanny Required

Two Hall Grove families have similar requirements for a part time nanny and therefore we are hoping to find a nanny who would be happy to work for both families on separate days. Based in Sunningdale and Camberley, the typical hours would be Monday to Friday, 1300 – 1900. This can be flexible and we would also consider someone who is only available to work 2 - 3 days a week if more suitable. We do require someone who can drive, as this job will entail pickups, and have sole responsibility for all nanny duties. Family one have a 5 year old boy and family 2 have two boys, ages 5 and 3. If possible, we would like someone to start at the end of July working 2 - 3 full days before the school year starts in September. If you know of anyone who could be interested please do ask them to contact me (Alison Cocks) on the following email: acocks40@icloud.com or mobile: 07976 131 584. Thank you.

Chartered Musculoskeletal/Sport Physiotherapist

Melanie Millington (known professionally as Melanie Skeer), mum of Aimee (Year 5) and Ollie (Year 4) is a Chartered Musculoskeletal/Sports Physiotherapist from Ascot. Following recent enquiries from a couple of parents, she would like to let everyone know that she is also fully trained to treat children's musculoskeletal and sporting injuries. This includes treatment regimes for knee and heel pain common in growing children otherwise known as Osgood Schlatter and Sever's diseases. Appointments are offered in your own home or at her clinic based in Chavey Down, North Ascot. She can be contacted on 07747 011289 or ascotphysio@outlook.com – the web address is www.ascotphysio.co.uk

Reminder: The Stowe Putter - The Premier National Prep School Golf Competition – Thursday 25th 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

Summer Holiday Clubs, Camps & Courses

Summerfest at Hall Grove School

Summerfest is Instrumentally Ascot Studio's annual music week kindly being hosted at Hall Grove from 25th - 29th July. Please follow the link to see the video - <https://vimeo.com/instrumentally/summerfest> - our website is www.instrumentally.co.uk

Summer Cricket Camp at Valley End Cricket Club

There will be a cricket camp at VECC from 25th July to Friday 29th July, 1000 - 1600 costing £35 per day. Ages 8 - 12. Course leader will be Alec Macqueen (VECC & Northumberland CCC).

For further details please email jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com to book your place.

Reminder: B's Netball Pre-Season Training Camps

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

U12, U13 and U14 - 30th and 31st August

U9, U10 and U11 - 1st and 2nd September

The camps will take place at Lightwater Leisure Centre.

To register your interest please email bsnetballcamp@gmail.com Flyer attached.

2nd Reminder: Ultimate Activity Summer Camps – LVS Ascot – 18th July to 26th 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 14th June. Please visit www.ultimateactivity.co.uk, call 0844 870 7077 for further details or pick up a flyer from the Hall Grove School Office.

2nd Reminder: Windlesham Golf Academy 2016 Summer Camps

See flyer attached.

Reminder: 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 18th – 29th July.

For further information please see flyer attached.

Reminder: Jet Tennis Summer Tennis Camps at Bagshot Tennis Club

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

Reminder: Sports Holiday Camp – Heathfield School, Ascot - 8th August to 2nd 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. Flyer attached.