

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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And so – the experts were listened to, the arguments made, the votes cast and ballot papers counted. The electorate has spoken and the decision made: the Hall Grove pupils voted decidedly for Remain (65% – 35%)! Time will tell whether they have more wisdom than adult voters across the country, but the EU Referendum has certainly ignited a political interest amongst many of our pupils.

As we move now into the last two weeks of term we hope the rain clouds will part and the final events will be enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the boys and girls of Year 7 for an excellent production of Roald Dahl’s amusing fantasy ‘The Witches’, performed to their parents last night under the marquee on the edge of the playing fields. It was an excellent show.

Congratulations to the Pre-Prep for an outstandingly successful Sports Day today. The children were terrific, helped by some very responsible Year 8 pupils, and the parents gave great support. Hall Grove at its very best.

Roald Dahl Week – 12th – 16th September

In order to celebrate Roald Dahl’s 100th birthday, Hall Grove will be taking part in a nationwide week of celebrations from 12 – 16 September. As a conclusion to the week, all children from Pre-School to Year 6 are invited to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character on Friday 16th September.

Sports Day Schedule

Sports Day for Years 3 - 8 will take place tomorrow. 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 can 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)

London to Brighton Charity Cycle Ride in aid of British Heart Foundation

Many congratulations to the team of 20 bikes ridden by teachers and friends of the school from London to Brighton last Sunday under the leadership of Ian Tullett. It was a great occasion and showed a remarkable spirit of courage and endeavour, particularly from those who are not trained athletes. We are proud of them all. Over £3,700 was raised for this worthwhile charity. (Race report in Sport section below).

ABF Charity Bake Sale

On Wednesday we held our charity bake sale to raise money for ABF, The Soldiers' Charity. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the Pre-Prep parents who brought in cakes and treats for the sale. Without your support it would not have been so successful! So far, the running total is an incredible £600!

Class Assemblies

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

- 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.

Masterchef 2016

Congratulations to the following Year 8s on spectacular desserts – the judging was based on skill levels with taste and of course presentation:

Elliott Sleep, Ivan Chernyaev, Ella King, Tabitha Norrey, Max Moffat, Grace Millar and Olivia Simmons.

Starters will be the next hurdle! Dates have changed to Wednesday 6th July and the Finals will be on Thursday 7th July. The judging panel will expand with one or possibly two mystery chef judges.

Good luck!

Miss Douse

Reminder: 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.

Year 7 to “As You Like It”

As part of Shakespeare Week, Year 7 will go to the Savill Gardens on Wednesday morning to see a stunning outdoor production of this play set in the beautiful grounds of the Savill Gardens.

Footsteps Dress Rehearsal – Tuesday 28th June

Please note Footsteps has a Dress rehearsal on Tuesday 28th June. The timings for this were sent home previously, and Pre-Prep children will be collected by Miss Stein from their class rooms as usual for Tap. Everyone should bring their Footsteps dance uniform with them to wear under their costumes and have their hair up ready, especially those who don't normally have dance on a Tuesday (Grade 2 Tap and Beginners Ballet). After their rehearsal all children will be brought out onto the drive for collection at 1715.

The performance the following week will take place in New Hall at 1700 on Tuesday 5th July.

Reminder: 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).

Hall Grove Tennis Tour 2017, Wednesday 19th - Sunday 23rd April 2017

Following three extremely successful tours we are delighted to announce plans for the Hall Grove Tennis Tour 2017.

Next year's Tennis Tour will return to the Algarve and the world famous Vale do Lobo Tennis Academy (home to the ATP Senior Tour Finals for many years). The same exceptional coaching will be provided by 5 Star Tennis and the programme typically includes four to five hours of coaching per day, with additional activities including tournaments, swimming, crazy golf and a paddle. The inclusive cost of the tour remains £720 per person and represents excellent value for money and an exceptional experience for keen tennis players.

This tour has quite a reputation amongst the children who have attended. Places are limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis (though those likely to represent the school teams will be given priority). The tour is open to Upper School boys and girls but we have made an exception for particularly keen and talented Year 5 children in the past. To secure your place a deposit of £320 is required (cheques should be made payable to Hall Grove School Ltd). Please mark this for Mr Slape's attention and email him immediately at d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk to ensure places are still available.

No places will be held until the deposit has been received along with a photocopy of your child's passport. This can be made at the Front Office if required. If successful, £200 will be added to your termly invoice for Autumn and Spring next year to complete the balance and payment before for the tour. Collection and drop off will be from London Gatwick Airport. Unfortunately this tour is not open to parents and it cannot be combined with a family holiday.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that all After School Clubs finish on Friday 1st July. Information for next term's clubs will be sent out via email for on-line bookings at the beginning of next term.

TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 7th July, inclusive. Please remember to pre-book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy.

Uniform Change for September 2016

Please note that amongst a number of organisational changes for next year, the school has decided to standardise the age at which boys and girls wear senior uniform. In the past it has been Year 7 for the girls and Year 6 for the boys. From next term boys will progress into long trousers at the beginning of Year 7, at the stage that they move up into the most senior part of the school. This information is given now to assist parents with uniform purchases for next term. You are reminded that trousers and skirts must be the school standard grey.

School Uniform Shop – Summer Opening Times

During the Summer holiday the Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

Monday 25th July 0900 - 1200

Tuesday 16th August 0900 - 1200

Saturday 3rd September 0900 - 1500

Music

Informal Concerts

Yesterday we had our final lunchtime informal concert of the year, and what an enjoyable one it was too. Finishing off the year in style, we heard from many of our woodwind and brass players who delivered an eclectic mixture of jazz, classical and contemporary works. Well done all!

Music Exams

We have a number of children taking Grade exams on 1st and 2nd July – please make sure they know exactly when and where they should be going. All candidates on both days should arrive at the Music Office at least 20 minutes before their exam. Good luck, we hope all your hard practice pays off, but perhaps there is still a little time to squeeze some more in!

Summer Concert

In the last week of term we have our Leavers Evensong (Thursday 7th July), which will be the final chance this year to hear our current Choristers and, for many, to say farewell on our penultimate day of term, as well as our Summer Concert (Monday 4th July), at which all of the ensembles listed below will be performing:

Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Recorder Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, Junior Brass, Senior Brass, Concert Band Jazz Ensemble, Girls' Choir, Hall Grove Choir, Choristers and Percussion Ensemble.

We would ask that all performers are back in school by 1840 at the latest in uniform (no blazers needed), with their instruments, and congregate in the Admiral Room. Thank you to those that have already booked supper - if you would still like to book, please do so by Friday 1st July.

Sports News

Knight Frank Tennis Tournament

On Sunday 19th June we took 32 players from Years 6 - 8 to St George's, Ascot to compete in the Knight Frank Tennis Tournament. All children played exceptionally well and showed great determination, skill and sportsmanship throughout the day. The girls' A team of Antonia Gathy, Katie Walker, Tabitha Norrey and Grace Millar enjoyed great success, comfortably winning their competition and conceding just 7 games between them. The boys also performed brilliantly against teams from Gordon's, Charters and Bracknell Tennis Club. Particular congratulations go to the A team of Manu Prasad, Danny Wessely, Oliver Griffith and Aiden Emmitt who fought off a valiant performance in the final from our own C team of Henry Coop, Ryan Vandenberg, Josh Tyrer and Max Moffat. Further congratulations go to two more Hall Grove teams who played in a nail-biting and tense final in the plate competition. The B team of Harry Coxon, Jack Dale, Pierre Gathy and Will Stevens eventually broke serve to beat the Year 6 team of Archie Rhodes, Andrew Paling, Josh Symons and Adam Humpish. A huge well done to all those who played on the day.

Years 6 and 7 Cricket

There will be an invitation match next Wednesday (29th June) in the afternoon for Year 6 and 7 boys to prepare for the Cricket Festival early in the Autumn term. Teams will be selected on Monday. There is the possibility of another match the following week (6th July). Parents will be invited to watch.

Sports Day

Children need to be here 15 minutes a minimum of 15 minutes before the start of their event. Children should wear house t-shirts and school PE kit.

Year 3 will meet at the 200 track at 1115

Year 4 will meet at the 300 track at 1115

Year 5 will meet at the throws and jumps area at 1115

Year 6 will meet at the 200 track at 1415

Year 7 will meet at the 300 track at 1415

Year 8 will meet at the throws and jumps area at 1415

West Surrey Athletics

All the boys performed at their best at the West Surrey Athletics event on Tuesday at Bracknell Leisure Centre. Many of them achieved personal bests and the following boys have qualified for the National Finals in Birmingham on Monday 4th July:

Danny Wessely - 800m

Elliot Sleep - 100m and Shot Putt

Max Moffat - Hurdles

William Chen will be joining those three in the 100m relay.

Golf

The Hall Grove golf team have the ISGA Golf Junior Open at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club and today were at Radley College for a different ISGA Golf tournament. We will have a full round up of the golf in next week's newsletter.

London to Brighton

A group of intrepid staff set off from Hall Grove on Sunday morning at 0400 to get to Clapham Common to take part in the 50 mile London to Brighton Bike ride. On a variety of contraptions, some modern and light, others not so, they set off. It was a beautiful morning's cycling, the majority of miles on closed roads, departing London and into the Surrey countryside. All participants that took part finished, raising a mammoth £3756.86 for the British Heart Foundation. A huge thank you to Mrs Tilley and Mrs White who came down as support crew, also to Shiv Takyar for his efforts at fundraising on the drive, using persuasive techniques to get parents to donate. A big thanks to Mr Tullett for organising the event (and finishing in a ridiculously fast time).

Girls' Games

Despite the bad weather the block fixture against new opposition Cheam still went ahead. The 1st team had a fairly close match with Olivia Simmons and Grace Millar making some excellent catches, the field was slippery and in the interest of safety we amended the rules so that the teams could only score a full rounder – that went against us and we were unable to capitalise on any strong hits. The 2nds had an exciting match, winning by just half a rounder; Eleanor Mears and Lucia Jackson both had really good games. The U11 A team, despite losing, worked hard – Rosie Millar was voted best batter and Jessica Gunning voted best fielder; congratulations to Jasmine Wyles for being a thoughtful captain. The U11 B team's players' players were Milly Male for fielding and Beatrice Brockman for some really big hits. Meanwhile at Hall Grove the U10 A team's players of the match were Tabitha Tonkin and Catherine Clarke, who the opposition coach highlighted as having impeccable behaviour. The U10 B team continued on their winning ways – Emily Armitage bowling well and Ella Baxendale striking the ball with force.

Sadly on Thursday the rain again got the better of the fixtures with all matches being cancelled.

Girls' Games Notices

Thursday 30th June – 1100 – U12 girls pairs cricket v Crosfield (h)

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

Boys' Games

The final block fixture of the term against Parkside for Years 6 to 8 and Ludgrove at Under 10 saw some excellent cricket. It is remarkable how much the boys have improved over the course of the season and they should all be congratulated on their efforts. The 1st team finished their excellent season with an 8 wicket win, the 2nd and 3rd teams also winning. The 4th XI lost a close game. The Colts teams won 2 out of 3 games v Parkside. The Under 10 teams all lost, the B and C teams narrowly, Rufus Vetch was man of the match in the B team for some skilful and courageous fielding. The A team were on the losing side in the most one sided game of cricket Mr Marland has ever seen, losing by 141 runs, the less said about it the better.

Unfortunately matches for the Under 8s and Under 9s were cancelled on Thursday due to the weather.

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

Saturday Morning Tennis and Golf Club Young Helper

FOHG's new Saturday Morning Tennis and Golf Club is looking for 2 senior school students to help the coaches look after the children during the lessons. The Club starting in September is for Pre-Prep and Years 3 and 4 children.

Candidates will ideally be interested in and play the sport (either golf or tennis), be in senior school, be available for every Saturday morning during term time from 0900 until between 1200 and 1300 and will want to work with young children.

The positions will be paid and we will be holding interviews over the Summer holidays.

Anyone who is interested can apply for the position by emailing: FOHGtennisgolf@gmail.com

Reminder: 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.

Senior School Open Mornings/Evenings

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
Bede's Senior School	17 th September	01323 843252

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- Windlesham Golf 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
- St John's School, Leatherhead – Summer Sports Club
- Chess Match v International Grandmaster - End of School Term Chess Activity
- Hype Summer Holiday Fun

Chess Match v International Grandmaster – End of Term Chess Activity

Play against an International Grandmaster in a simultaneous event at Sandhurst Junior Chess Club on Saturday 16th July from 1400 - 1530. Entry fee is £15 which will include prizes and refreshments.

Further details and entry form are available on the website.

“Feed Your Family Right” Programme

Due to popular demand, the new and revised programme “Feed Your Family Right “ will start again in September. One programme will run on Wednesdays (21st, 28th September and 5th and 12th October) and another one will run on Fridays (23rd, 30th September and 7th and 14th October), in Virginia Water. Magda Schellekens (mum of Carmen and Daniela in Year 6), a Nutritionist and Health Coach, is running the programme for busy parents eager to nourish their growing family with healthy and delicious meals and to learn HOW to get the family on-board to eat healthily.

Previous participants said: *“Go for it! You and your family will benefit from becoming aware of what you are putting into your bellies and the effect that has”*. *“Definitely attend. You will love it!”* *“It was a fantastic programme; very informative and worth going to”* *“Thank you for the great experience! I am now more motivated in gradually changing my family’s eating habits”*. *“The programme has made a big difference to the way I shop”*.

If interested and for more information, please contact Magda on magda@healthyforlonger.com or 07970 192428

2nd 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.

Reminder: 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 (JSawyer@righttoplay.com) by Monday 27th June to register your interest. A full description of the event and the volunteer opportunity is attached.

2nd 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

Hype Summer Holiday Fun

360 sports education are bringing all the fun of the Hype and Football Camps to The Marist and Bishopsgate Schools. Both camps can be booked using all major Childcare Vouchers. For further information and booking please see attached flyer.

Reminder: 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

Reminder: 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.

The Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts

Voice In A Million Creative Director Jo Garofalo has taken over as Principal at PQA Guildford (Pauline Quirke Academy). There are free taster sessions running at Guildford College on July 9th from 1000 to 1300 in Musical Theatre, Comedy & Drama and Film & TV. For further information please see website.

2nd 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 For further information please see website.

2nd 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 website.

2nd Reminder: Jet Tennis Summer Tennis Camps at Bagshot Tennis Club

For ages 6 – 10 years plus. For further information please see website.

2nd 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. For further information please see website.

3rd 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.

3rd Reminder: Windlesham Golf Academy 2016 Summer Camps

For further information please see website.