

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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This year's Sports Day followed a different theme from previous years; it was clear from the many positive comments received that it was very much enjoyed by the children and their parents. Our thanks to all the staff for their great work on the day, and to the parents for such good support.

The Year 8 boys and girls have returned from a most successful trip to Devon. Favourite activities included an overnight camp in the woods, a day's surfing at Bigbury and a military style night exercise in the grounds at Battisborough. Our thanks to the long suffering staff who led the expedition.

Summer Concert – Monday 4th July

In the last week of term we have our Leavers Evensong (see below), 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, 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 the end of today.

Second Hand Uniform Sale – Monday 4th July

There will be a second hand uniform sale to raise funds for The Oscar Foundation (sending Indian slum children to school and football clubs) on Monday 4th July from 1500 – 1700 under the marquee. Cash or cheque payments only.

Footsteps Performance – Tuesday 5th July

The performance will start at 1700 in New Hall.

Please send in your child's dance uniform together with their tap and/or ballet shoes. Many of the children have swimming on a Tuesday so please send in a hairbrush and red hair bobbles so we can tidy hair before the performance. All Footsteps' pupils are to stay at school at the end of the day and will be supervised and given a drink and snack before dressing ready for their performance. We look forward to seeing you.

Masterchef – Wednesday 6th July (Please note calendar amendment)

Contrary to the calendar, the Masterchef semi-finals will now run at 1130 on Wednesday 6th July due to a clash with two contestants going to the National Athletics Finals. This round will be a starter of their choice, and we expect three chefs to go through to the finals on Thursday 7th July. The final round will be a signature dish of their choice with an

hour and half slot. Judging will be at 1245 with two new surprise outside judges supporting the panel. The results of the final will be announced after the cricket at the Leavers BBQ.

Evensong – Thursday 7th July

It is our custom to finish the school year with a formal service of Evensong in New Hall, which all Years 6 – 8 children attend, starting at 1600. Choristers will be leading the hymns and will sing settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis together with an anthem. The service should last no more than 45 minutes, after which Choristers may be collected. Parents are of course most welcome.

Prize Giving – Friday 8th July

Pre-Prep - A reminder that a special Pre-Prep Prize Giving, tailored for the younger children, will take place on Friday 8th July. Children should come to class as usual in the morning. Parents are then invited to join pupils from Pre-School through to Year 2 in New Hall at 0915 for a review of achievements across the year and for the award of end of year prizes. This should be completed by 1015 and the children are then able to go home. Those who are also attending the Prize Giving for Years 3 – 8 may take their child with them, or we will look after him/her for the parents. Please let the class teacher know if this is the case so we can ensure that there are staff available. School on the last day will finish by 1030 for Pre-Prep children.

Parents are welcome to attend Prize Giving on Friday in New Hall as follows:

0900 Pre-Prep
1100 Years 3 – 8

As is traditional, the prizes will be presented by a Year 8 parent, this year Mrs Nicola Norrey. Parking will be available on the fields. The Prize List (children from Reception – Year 8) will be posted on the noticeboard under the arch on Tuesday. All Year 8 leavers will be called to the stage to receive their Leavers' Medals.

End of Term Arrangements – Friday 8th July

Term ends on Friday 8th July. The collection times are as follows:

1030 Pre-Prep – Prize Giving is at 0915 and parents are invited to Prize Giving and then may take children home.
1200 Years 3 – 7
1230 Leavers' Lunch (Years 6 & 8). Parents of Years 6 & 8 leavers are also welcome but not siblings on this occasion.

School Reports, Newsletters, School Invoices and the Autumn Term Calendar

School reports will be posted to parents during the holidays and invoices will be sent out electronically. The School Newsletter and School insurance information will be sent to parents during the Summer holidays by ClarionCall and will also be available on the School website. A provisional copy of the Autumn Term Calendar will be available on the school website from the final day of term.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that all After School Clubs finish today. 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.

There will be new arrangements for TASC next term, details of which will be sent to parents early in the holidays.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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

LAMDA Speech and Drama Sessions

For the attention of parents with children entering Year 6 next year.

Our very successful LAMDA programme will continue next year and parents are invited to book a slot for their child, subject to availability. Classes can be attended in pairs (Duo) or individually (Solo). Classes are billed separately and run in a similar way to our individual music lessons, the charges are comparable. Under the watchful eye of Mrs Brown who has many years' experience as a LAMDA teacher, most pupils have worked towards their first exams this year and gained a great deal from the sessions. Classes currently take place on a Tuesday within the normal school day and rotate on a carousel to avoid children missing the same lesson each week. We will plan next term's timetable during the summer holiday, so if you would like your child to attend in the Autumn we ask that you communicate your firm interest to Mrs Brown as soon as possible, and no later than Friday 8th July. If you have any questions about the content of the sessions or what they involve please contact Mrs Brown directly via email (jenny@jjb-drama-studios.co.uk).

If your child currently attends LAMDA in the Upper School, we ask that you inform Mrs Brown as to whether you would like them to continue next year. She can then plan her time accordingly.

Jute Shopper & Drawstring Backpack

A reminder that if you have pre-ordered a jute shopper and/or drawstring backpack, your order is ready for collection at the Front Office.

Reminder: 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.

2nd 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).

Music

Music Practice Club

Please note there will be no music practice club in the final week of term. If you would like to book your child in for next term please email Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) to reserve a space. We will be offering half an hour slots from 1630-1830 Monday-Friday.

Sports News

National Athletics Finals – Monday 4th July

Good luck to Nathalie Camp (1500m), Danny Wessely (800m and relay), Elliott Sleep (100m shot putt and relay), Max Moffat (hurdles, relay) and William Chen (relay) who are all competing in Birmingham on Monday in the IAPS national athletics finals.

Golf

It has been a very busy week for the golf team. On Thursday 23rd June Rocky Chapman, Shergo Kurdi and Ellie Monk competed in the ISGA Junior Open at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club. ISGA say this is "The premier independent schools one day stroke play event." With heavy rain delaying the start by an hour, the players took to the course and played superbly. Rocky Chapman won the U12 category and the team came 4th out of 20 schools.

The next day was the ISGA National Finals at Radley College, for which we had two teams qualify. This just shows the strength we currently have at Hall Grove, as only three schools in the country qualified with two teams. Rocky Chapman, Ellie Monk, Danny Wessely and Patrik Wall played admirably. They conducted themselves superbly and finished a very respectable 7th, gaining precious experience for future years.

Last Tuesday Hall Grove competed in The Charterhouse Prep Schools Golf Tournament held at Charterhouse School. We took a very strong team of Shergo Kurdi, Rocky Chapman and Daniel Taviansky. This was over 9 holes on a narrow, tricky course with heavy rough – the boys acquitted themselves brilliantly and won by a handsome 10 shots! It was extremely impressive to watch and the team spirit was excellent. Well done boys.

The Rookie Tour is a junior tour for any junior golfers with a handicap, and Hall Grove won two age groups last Sunday at Milford Golf Club. Rocky Chapman shot 77 (Par 68) and won the U12 category and Shergo Kurdi shot 70 (Par 69) and won the U14 category. Well done Rocky and Shergo.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Ellie Monk for representing Hall Grove at numerous golf events over the last three years. Ellie is not only an excellent golfer, with huge potential, but she has been a fine ambassador for Hall Grove. She conducts herself admirably on and off the course and has enjoyed huge success. We wish Ellie well at her next school and of course we wish her lots of luck as she travels to America to compete in The Junior World Golf Championship.

Sports Photos – Years 3 to 8

Sports photos, including cricket, rounders, tennis and athletics, will be taken on Tuesday 5th July at 0900 for all boys and girls in Years 3 to 8. Children will need their summer sports kit at school.

Girls' Games

On Monday afternoon we took two teams from Years 5 and 6 to play in The Marist Rounders tournament. It was an exciting competition with teams being given only five minutes to bat and then field which meant it was all about rapid reactions, agile fielding and cool headed decisions when batting. Both teams were outstanding, each worked together to support one another and remained fully focussed throughout the afternoon. The U10's won 6 of their 8 matches and were placed third with Emily Armitage and Lyla Smith making a superb partnership as bowler and backstop and Clara Finn, Ella Baxendale and Lyla Smith striking the ball with confidence and scoring some vital half rounders. The girl of the tournament was Scarlett Young for her overall contribution to the team. The U11's had an even better afternoon, winning 7 of their 8 matches. Gabriella Brinn-Johnson, Rosie Millar and Pippa Marlow scored some sensational rounders and Jemima McKechnie and Yasmin van der Zijl continued to be a steady influence on the field. The Year 6 team were the very deserving silver medal winners. A great end to the term girls – well done.

The theme for the term of “rain stopped play” continued on Wednesday afternoon therefore the children had a multi-sport themed afternoon of tennis, swimming, dodgeball and a quiet half an hour of being inspired by “Memorable Moments of 2012 Olympic Games”, a must watch for any sports fan!

Thankfully the weather was kind to us on Thursday morning and the Year 7 girls thoroughly enjoyed a pair's cricket match against Crosfield. The girls were brilliant and Mrs Maxfield is very excited about giving them as many opportunities as possible to play cricket fixtures next Summer. Lucia Jackson was a calm and decisive Captain; Olivia Hardy was a steady and reliable bowler and Scarlett Creasy knocked the ball out of the field several times, a very exciting prospect.

Girls' Games Notices

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

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

FOHG Golf & Tennis – End of Term Awards

Thank you to all the children who played Saturday golf and tennis. The standard of play from the Reception children right up to Year 6 children is improving all the time. A big thank you to Megan and Harry and their teams from The Berkshire Golf Club.

Please find the results from the Summer Term:

Golf

Reception / Year 1

Best Player	Luca Smith
Most Improved	Elizabeth Georgiou
Best Behaved	Daniel Griffiths

Year 2 / 3

Best Player	William Long
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Most Improved Zayna Van Der Zijl
Best Behaved Artie Bryant

Year 4

Best Player Sunheri Gadhoke
Most Improved Eleanor Gunbie
Best Behaved Rory Coleman

Tennis

Reception / Year 1

Best Player Lachlan Bailey
Most Improved Daniel Griffiths
Best Behaved Barney Legg

Year 2 / 3

Best Player James Barlow
Most Improved Artie Bryant
Best Behaved Ewan Stacey

Year 4

Best Player Jamie Swanson
Most Improved Isabella Birkette-Eyles
Best Behaved Eleanor Gunbie.

FOHG Golf & Tennis

Spaces available for Autumn Term:

Reception and Year 1

0900 - 1030 1 space
1030 - 1200 4 spaces

Years 2 and 3

0900 - 1030 3 spaces

We have some spaces available for Years 4 and above for golf and tennis lessons.

Do drop us an email (Fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com) to book your child in or for more information.

Reminder: 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

2nd 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

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
- St John's School, Leatherhead – Summer Sports Club
- Chess Match v International Grandmaster - End of School Term Chess Activity
- Hype Summer Holiday Fun
- Petworth House and Park Summer Club

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: “Feed Your Family Right” Programme

Due to popular demand, the new and revised programme “Feed Your Family Right” will start in September again. 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”.*

“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”. “Definitely attend. You will love it!”

For more information, please see the flyer on our website or click: <http://www.healthyforlonger.com/whats-on/>

If interested, please contact Magda on magda@healthyforlonger.com or 07970 192428

Summer Holiday Clubs, Camps & Courses

Play – Imagine – Explore at Petworth House and Park - 23rd July to 4th September

The Imaginary Garden Trail; Art Adventure Parks; Family Games; Wild Time Wednesdays and much more.

For further information please see details available on our website.

Surrey Heath Museum

For children’s activities at Surrey Heath Museum over the Summer holidays, please see details available on our website.

Reminder: 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. Further details are available on our website.

2nd 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

2nd 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.

Reminder: 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. Further details are available on our website.

3rd 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 Further details are available on our website.

3rd 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.

Further details are available on our website.

3rd Reminder: Jet Tennis Summer Tennis Camps at Bagshot Tennis Club

For ages 6 – 10 years plus. Further details are available on our website.

3rd 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. Further details are available on our website.