

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*The first week has been a busy and productive one, and it is good to see that the children have so quickly settled back into routines. Our thanks to all the teachers for working so hard at the end of the summer to get the school ready for the new term, and our thanks to parents for their patience with new arrangements, especially when the A30 was so congested earlier in the week. We would however ask everyone to take careful note of the reminder below about the use of the school drive.*

*It will be a very busy weekend; tonight we have an Open House for former pupils, tomorrow we are hosting a big football tournament and on Sunday we have an end of season cricket festival. We hope the fine weather will continue into next week and beyond.*

## **Reminder: The Drive**

To ensure a safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up, we require everyone to be considerate and remember that one person not co-operating causes considerable frustration for many others. Please remember the following points and inform any other driver dropping off or collecting your child:

- In the mornings, it is important to observe the 'turn and drop' system, and in the afternoon please 'turn and collect'.
- If you do need to park, please use the tennis court area (available in the morning until 0855 only).
- Please use the crossings with your children - do not dash across the drive.
- Older children should be encouraged to walk down the drive in the mornings, using the pathway and crossings.
- Please assist the flow of traffic by arriving at school no earlier than the designated pick-up times.
- Cars should **never** park on the yellow lines or roundabout.

**NB** Year 6 pick-up is from the shelters beside the Tennis Courts and children will be walked there for collection.

We are aware that the afternoon and evening collections can cause a great deal of frustration. Parents are asked, please, to assist by arriving no earlier than the published collection time and to be patient. We are not alone as a school in having pressure points in traffic and our arrangements are very much better than many others!

## **Personal Information Disclosure**

We have had a number of requests from class representatives for class lists and contact details of new pupils. In order to comply with the Data Protection Act we are not permitted to disclose this information without prior consent from parents. We will be revising our parental consent forms to include this for the future.

## **Reminder: Year 8 Shakespeare Performance – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

A reminder to parents of Year 8: boys and girls will be staying at school on Thursday for their Shakespeare performance. Supper for the children will be provided before the performance and drinks and canapés will be served for parents. More details will follow by ClarionCall.

## **After School Clubs**

All After School Clubs with the exception of Judo (see below) start in the week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This **includes** Chelsea Football Club who are now starting at the same time as the other clubs and will also finish on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Footsteps - NEW Jazz Dance class**

Footsteps will be starting a new Beginners Jazz class for Years 4 and 5 after school on a Thursday. This will take place in the Dining Hall from 1620 - 1705. This fun energetic class will consist of a warm up with body conditioning and limbering to increase suppleness and strength, with corner work leading to combination steps and routines. This is a perfect class for boys and girls who love to dance.

There will be a limit on numbers for this class so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Enrolment forms can be found on the school website under extra-curricular – external club info and click on Footsteps. If you require further information please email [fiona@footsteps.biz](mailto:fiona@footsteps.biz).

*Fiona Stein*

### **Judo Club**

Judo Club will start on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Information is available on the school website. Please complete your child's name and year group on the booking slip and return this with payment to the School Office.

## **Reminder: Supper and Boarding**

Supper is available to children in Years 3 to 8 on Monday to Thursday inclusive, and is served in the Dining Hall from 1830 to 1900. Places must be booked with Mrs Tutt ([a.tutt@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:a.tutt@hallgrove.co.uk)), requests copied to the School Office ([office@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:office@hallgrove.co.uk)). Children will need to be booked in for TASC or Twilight beforehand. The charge for supper is £15 and will be added to school bills.

Children in Years 3 to 8 can be booked in to board on Mondays to Thursdays inclusive during term-time. There are a limited number of places available for flexi-boarders and, where possible, we prefer children to have a minimum of two consecutive boarding nights a week booked on a regular basis. Boarding at Hall Grove gives a good introduction to senior school life and is very popular. For bookings and enquiries please contact Mrs Tutt ([a.tutt@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:a.tutt@hallgrove.co.uk)).

## **Autumn Term 2016 School Calendar**

The Autumn calendar is now available and was distributed via the children on Thursday/Friday on a 'one per family' basis. Further copies are available from the School Office.

## **Reminder: Parents' Briefings**

It is our custom to host Parents' Briefings early in the Autumn Term when the staff are introduced and an outline of the year's work is given. Parents should **NOT** bring children to school for these meetings.

Informal drinks will be served from 1830 and the briefings will take place at 1900 as follows:

Pre-School and Reception	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	The Barn
Years 1 and 2	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	New Hall then class rooms
Year 3	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	New Hall
Year 4	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Admiral Room
Years 7 and 8	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	New Hall

Individual parent-teacher consultations have been arranged for later in the Autumn Term.

## **Class Assemblies**

The children of 8IT and 6HT would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

8IT Assembly Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September

6HT Assembly Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Please join us in the Pavilion for a lovely social gathering over tea, coffee and cakes from 0800 until 1030. Home-grown produce and home-made cakes are welcome for sale.

*Catriona Graham*

## **Senior Schools Fair – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

All parents are welcome at our Senior Schools Fair on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, from 1000 - 1200 in New Hall..

## **Reminder: Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 0930 to 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.

## **Reminder: Forthcoming Battisborough Trips – *\*Please note amendment for Year 8 Trip***

Year 7 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

Year 8 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Year 4 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Year 6 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Year 8 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 \*

## **Reminder: School Uniform Shop Opening Times**

### **Term Time Only Opening Times**

Mondays 0800 - 0915

Tuesdays 0800 - 0915

Thursdays 1500 - 1730

## **Impetigo**

There has been a case of impetigo in school. This is highly contagious and presents itself as crusty and/or sore areas on the skin. If your child has unusual 'spots', please have them checked by your doctor who may prescribe medication. Your child should not attend school for at least forty-eight hours from the start of the medication.

## **Head Lice**

There have been two cases of headlice reported in Middle School. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation.

## **Reminder: General Notes**

### **Absence**

It is important to notify the School Office if your child is absent from school. In the event of illness, parents should notify the School Office by telephone on 01276 473059 or by email to [office@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:office@hallgrove.co.uk) on the morning of the absence. This is a legal requirement. Prior written notice of absence due to medical appointments, music exams etc., should be sent to the School Office. School absence for family events and holidays will only be authorised in exceptional

circumstances and must be addressed to Mr Graham using the Authorised Absence form. A copy of this Authorisation form is on the website under the Parents tab, Newsletter/Form downloads under the Medical section.

### **Late Arrival**

If your child arrives at school after registration at 0830, please ensure that he/she goes straight to the School Office to be registered as present.

### **Sickness**

If your child is unwell during the night, i.e. sickness, diarrhoea etc., please allow 48 hours to elapse before you send him/her back to school.

### **Medical Details and Medication**

Please remember to inform the School of any changes to the medical information we currently hold for your child. Medication from home (e.g. antibiotics) may only be administered if requested by the parent/guardian in writing with instructions using the 'Parent Consent for Prescribed Medication' form available on the School website ('Parents / Medical / Parental Consent for Prescribed Medication'). These are also available from the School Office or from the School Nurses. All medication should be clearly labelled, with the dispensing label if prescribed by a doctor. Please note that decanted medicines will not be accepted. Asthma inhalers and Adrenaline pens should be brought to school at the start of term and given to the School Office together with written instructions for use. Please ensure that all medication is named and in date.

Please note the new email address for Mrs Jackson and Mrs White, our School Nurses: [schoolnurses@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:schoolnurses@hallgrove.co.uk).

### **Lost Property**

Please ensure all your child's possessions are named clearly and securely, including all footwear. There is a significant amount of lost property which cannot be returned as it is unnamed. If items of uniform are secondhand, please remember to remove the old name tapes and replace with your child's own name.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Prize Giving Cups and Awards**

If your child was presented with a cup at Prize Giving, please could you have the cup engraved in the same format as the previous winner and return it to the School Office. Thank you.

### **MUSIC**

Well done to all those who auditioned for Choristers this week; we had more children than ever (over 50) striving for the limited number of places, and we heard lots of promising vocal talent. For all those who missed the auditions or were unsuccessful, we would still strongly urge them (and anybody else in Years 3 - 8) to join Hall Grove Choir (rehearsals on Fridays 0800 - 0830 in the Clanwilliam Room) or Girls' Choir (Fridays at 1245 in the Clanwilliam Room) for vocal training, enjoyment and experience. This will also help us to assess commitment if and when Chorister vacancies occur. Choristers rehearse 0800 - 0830 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays on the New Hall stage.

### **Ensembles**

All of our ensembles will be on next week and a full schedule of ensemble rehearsals will be available on the website shortly. If your child is unable to be at a rehearsal (including Choristers and Hall Grove Choir), or is running late, we would appreciate notice as soon as possible (01276 470008). We do expect children to attend all rehearsals (unless unable to) to enable them to prepare for concerts and performances throughout the school year. Failure to attend regularly without a valid reason may mean your child is unable to perform in an event.

### **Practice Club**

From 1630 - 1830 Monday to Friday children are able to practise their instruments in one of our practice rooms with supervised specialist help (Mr Waltho, Mr Heffer or Miss Post). This is open to all children in Years 3 - 8, but is particularly for those preparing for an instrumental exam or looking to compete for a senior school award at some point with any musical component. We all know how hard it can be for a child to find the motivation at the end of a long school day, after tea, homework, a bit of down-time and so on, so we would like to support instrumental improvement here at school, before children come home. If you would like to book your child in for a half-hour slot (a maximum of

two slots during the week due to high demand, all subject to availability) please contact Lizzie Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)). Children will need to be collected from the Music area so that we are able to give our full attention to the next group of children. Due to the high demand we are also currently unable to offer this below Year 3.

### **Music Lessons**

During a week at Hall Grove over 200 instrumental lessons are taught by our team of 13 peripatetic staff, and it is therefore essential that pupils arrive on time to their lessons. Consequently, children are allowed to wear a watch on days where they have a music lesson. For children in Year 4 or below the instrumental teacher will usually collect them from their class lesson and return them to the right place. If you would like any more details about individual music lessons, or to request a taster session on an instrument, please contact Miss Post.

### **Exam Results**

We have already received some tremendous results from the last set of ABRSM exams, and a few more are still coming in. If your child learns an instrument outside school, we would be delighted to hear of it and celebrate their success in an assembly. If you would like to bring certificates in and give them to Miss Post, she will ensure they are awarded by Mr Graham in assembly.

## **SPORTS**

A reminder to parents that [www.hallgrovesport.co.uk](http://www.hallgrovesport.co.uk) is the up to date site for all Hall Grove sports fixtures. If there are any last minute changes to fixtures, a ClarionCall message will be sent out.

### **Weekend fixtures**

If your child is selected for a weekend fixture they are **expected** to be available. The teams and timings are published on the school website. If there is a problem on the morning of the fixture please can this be communicated to Mr Tullett ([i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk)) for the boys and Mrs Maxfield ([k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk)) for the girls or alternatively leave a message on the sports department answer machine (01276 470009)

### **Golf**

The Stowe Putter proved to be another success for Hall Grove. James Brash came second in the Junior Jigger. Patrik Wall and Nicholas Wall came 4th in their respective age groups and Pierre Gathy came 11th. James Brash has been very busy, winning the Windlesham Club Championship in his division and finishing an incredible 3rd in the USKids British Golf Championship held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club. Rocky Chapman is leading the Order of Merit on The Rookie tour with one more tournament to play. He has been playing a lot of golf, representing Surrey and his handicap is 9. Rocky is looking forward to going to Portugal next year to play in a few USKids Golf Competitions.

Daniel Taviansky has also played a lot and he has reduced his handicap to 14.5 which is excellent progress.

Shergo Kurdi is leading The Rookie tour Order of Merit in his age group with one tournament to go. He made the cut after 2 days in The England U14 Boys Championship, finishing 30th. Shergo played superbly in The Surrey County Championship, finishing 3rd in the U16 category, 2nd U15 and 1st U13. He then went on to win the Windlesham Junior Club Championship.

Golf is going from strength to strength, with many children playing over the holidays and the team is looking very strong for the year ahead. Well done to all of you.

### **Football**

Thank you to Mr Crane who wrote the match report below.

The Hall Grove pupils had a fantastic time at The Gothia World Youth Cup. It has been an amazing experience for both the kids and the parents. As you are aware, the Gothia Cup is the world's biggest youth football tournament and is a larger event than the Commonwealth Games. The boys have shown exemplary behaviour whilst being here, and have been a true credit to Hall Grove. They have competed for the Prep Schools' District Team across several age groups and competed with over 1,660 teams from around 80 countries.

For the opening ceremony 56,000 players and supporters packed Gothenburg's world famous Ullevi stadium on Monday night. The biggest crowd participation was when Iceland walked up on stage and did the "vulcano". All 56,000 people were on their feet and clapped their hands just like the Icelandic fans did in the Euro 2016 in France.

The football itself was fast and furious against teams which in many cases are professional academies and feeders for some of Europe's top senior sides. The standard was very high but our teams performed well under some excellent coaching. The staff included an experienced Coach and Physiotherapist with every team.

For the children who were lucky enough to be selected this really was an experience to remember. It's not often that you have the chance to pit yourself against some of the best young players in the world and they will all undoubtedly return to England better for the experience. For the parents who went it was equally exciting - quality football played in the right spirit and a thoroughly enjoyable week.

Those who represented the School were as follows:

Prep School Lions 1 (u11) reached the last 32 of the cup: Linus Bray, Archie Rhodes and Adam Humpish

Prep Schools Lions 2 (u11) reached the last 16 of the cup: Toby Rofe

Prep Schools Lions 2 (u12) reached the last 32 of the plate: James Crane, Josh Symons, Callum Kinner.

Also congratulations go to Thomas Morley (u13). He scored 16 goals in 5 matches and was voted player of the tournament for his team and was scouted by Portsmouth and will be going for trials next week.

### **Girls' Games**

The senior girls enjoyed their first hockey match of the term against Pangbourne senior school. The girls had one win and one draw – a fabulous start to the hockey season. Well done.

The Years 5 and 6 girls enjoyed an afternoon of house hockey;

Year 5 - 1<sup>st</sup> Falcons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eagles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels, 4<sup>th</sup> Hawks

Year 6 - 1<sup>st</sup> Eagles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrels, 3<sup>rd</sup> Falcons, 4<sup>th</sup> Hawks

### **Girls' Games Notices**

Please be aware all Years 4 and 5 girls will be **expected** to participate in the Junior House matches on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – meet time 0930.

Mrs Maxfield is taking a girls Year 6 netball tour to Battisborough next Spring (depart Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> and return Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March). The preliminary plan is for the girls to participate in fixtures, some training on the new netball court as well as enjoy the stunning coastal walks and all the wonderful space that Battisborough has to offer. We have decided that parents may also like to be involved in this trip, if this is something that you would like your daughter to participate in please email [k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk) to register your interest. Once we have an idea of numbers we will be able to formalise the itinerary and give a better indication of costs per person. Estimated initial cost will be £250 per person.

### **Boys' Games**

Football Training matches v Aldro.

We had an excellent start to the football season yesterday with plenty of training matches against Aldro in the sun. The matches were played in great spirit and it was enjoyable for coaches to be able to see so many boys play. There were a number of very competitive games although the run out was more important than the score. We have our annual 'Hall Grove Football Tournament' on Saturday where the 1st XI, 2nd XI and Colts A teams will be competing against a number of other schools. This will again be a fantastic opportunity to give a large number of the senior boys a run out. Well done for Wednesday everyone, and good luck for the season ahead.

### **Boys' Games Notices**

The 1st XI, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Colts A are to meet at 0830 for the Hall Grove Football Tournament on Saturday.

Those boys chosen to play in the 4 schools cricket on Sunday are to meet Mr Tomlinson at 0930 on Sunday.

The Under 9 football matches on Thursday 15th September v Aldro and Feltonfleet will be played at Aldro School. The start time is now slightly earlier at 1400.

## **FOHG**

### **FOHG Saturday Morning Golf & Tennis Club**

Lessons to be held on the following dates (please note there will be no lessons during the half-term break):

- 17<sup>th</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> October
- 12<sup>th</sup> November - 10<sup>th</sup> December
- 8<sup>th</sup> October will be a golf competition in the afternoon

The club is organised by volunteer parents working closely with Mr Charles Gold, PGA Golf Professional and teacher at Hall Grove and Megan from Jet Tennis at Bagshot. The aim is for the children to gain skills in these sports to be ready for the school programme in later years.

Building on the success of our Middle and Upper school golf and tennis programmes, the FOHG Saturday Golf & Tennis Club has been designed for the Pre-School and Years 3 & 4. There is an open class for years 4 and above at 1200 for tennis or golf lessons.

For further information please contact FOHGtennisgolf@gmail.com

### Senior School Open Morning / Days

Reed's School, Cobham	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	01932 869001
Queen Anne's, Caversham	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	0118 918 7300
Lord Wandsworth College	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	01256 862201
King Edward's, Witley	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	01428 686727
Pangbourne	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	0118 984 2101
Leighton Park School	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	0118 987 9609
Farnborough Hill Open Afternoon	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	01252 529811
St George's, Ascot	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	01344 629920
Luckley House School, Wokingham	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	0118 978 4175

### Newsletter Attachments

The following information will shortly be available on the school website:

- FOHG Saturday Morning Golf and Tennis Club
- Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum
- Feed Your Family Right

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### Reminder: Mums Golf at The Berkshire

The Berkshire Golf Club runs a number of golf lessons on a Monday and Tuesday for Hall Grove mums of all levels with a termly fun golf competition. The lessons on a Monday are at 0845 and 1000. There is only one lesson on Tuesday at 0845. There are limited spaces available. For more information please contact Jemma Bailey on jemsquash55@hotmail.com or 07799330600

### "Feed Your Family Right" Programme

Wednesday sessions are now fully booked but there are still a few spaces available on Friday sessions of "Feed Your Family Right", starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in Virginia Water. Book now and don't miss out on this interactive, practical and fun nutrition education programme.

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

If interested, please contact Magda Schellekens (mum of Carmen and Daniela in Year 7), a Nutritionist and Health Coach on magda@healthyforlonger.com or 07970 192428.

### Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum – Autumn Dates

Please see flyer on the school website.

### Nanny Position Wanted

An experienced nanny seeks position to start mid-October. CRB/DBS checked, full clean driving licence, 16 years experience in all aspects of childcare and can provide excellent references. Please contact Elizabeth on 07947 170474 or email [lilyhillersinclair@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lilyhillersinclair@hotmail.co.uk)

### **BusyLizzy - Camberley**

The way parents are attending classes with their children is changing and BusyLizzy is leading the way...Are you a parent or grandparent living in or around Camberley? Are your little ones aged between 4 weeks and four years old? Then you've just found the most flexible, friendly and fun family club in your area! With loads of different baby, toddler and postnatal fitness classes each week and the ability to choose a different class every day, you'll be spoiled for choice. If you or someone you know would like to try a class contact [camberley@busylizzy.co.uk](mailto:camberley@busylizzy.co.uk) and we will send you out a guest pass. See what we have on offer here [www.busylizzycamberley.co.uk](http://www.busylizzycamberley.co.uk)