

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Earlier this week the Walled Garden Cottage appeared from behind its curtain of trees to become, once again, re-united with Hall Grove and its parkland setting. The house has been bought by the school after nearly sixty years in separate ownership. Work now begins to modernise it and put it to good use. It is an exciting project.

Our thanks to all those who attended our Senior Schools Fair last Saturday. It was a most successful event and parents were able to make useful contacts with a wide range of schools. Hall Grove looked at its best and our visitors were most impressed by our beautiful setting, the smiling pupils and their appreciative parents.

School Security – Appointments and Visitors

Please note that all visitors to the school, outside normal drop-off and collection times, are required to report to the School Office (or The Barn for EYFS) – this includes all parents. Unless otherwise directed, all access to the buildings during the school day will be via the front door, where you must report to the School Office to be signed in. If for any reason your child needs to be collected before the end of the school day, please come to the School Office (or The Barn for EYFS) where he/she will be brought to meet you and will be signed out. Parents are advised to allow plenty of time to collect and travel to the appointment and are required to personally sign their child in and out of the school.

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 or schoolnurses@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 in addition to any notes written in diaries or verbally communicated to form teachers. School absence for family events and holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and must be requested using the authorised absence form on our website.

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. Children in the EYFS should be taken to The Barn.

Late Collection

It is school policy that if a child is not collected at the normal collection time, they are supervised by school staff until their parent arrives. Unless you are going to be very late for pickup there is no need to phone the School Office as it will not always be possible to pass on messages to children on an individual basis.

Mental Health Awareness in Schools

As most parents will be aware from the media, there has been heightened attention on Mental Health Awareness in schools. Hall Grove has taken a great interest in this subject and a number of our staff have received expert training in it and have also attended specialist conferences hosted by other schools. During these sessions we have been introduced to an outstanding speaker, Mr Dick Moore, an ex-Headmaster who is hugely admired. He has subsequently visited Hall Grove and led some excellent training sessions for our staff. We are delighted to be hosting Mr Moore at Hall Grove once again on Friday 14th October and would be pleased for parents to join us for part of the day.

Mr Moore will be speaking to Years 7 and 8 children during an extended assembly starting at 0845. Immediately following this, there will be a special session for parents followed by refreshments in the Dining Room finishing at about 1045. All parents throughout the school are encouraged to attend if they are able to do so.

The Drive & Parking

We have received several complaints recently about cars being parked on the yellow lines around the school and outside Little Grove. We have had an instance this week where the exit from the tennis courts was blocked by a car parked outside Little Grove inside the yellow lines which was preventing cars leaving the tennis courts and causing traffic chaos.

Please note that parking is not permitted on the turning circle at any time during the school day and, if there is a need to go into school, cars should be parked before the electric barrier.

In addition, we would like to remind you that, for safety reasons, cars are not permitted to come beyond the turning circle during pick-up and drop-off times. There are often groups of pupils behind the wooden barriers and cars must not turn into this area to park, drop-off or collect children.

We have hired in help for everybody's benefit so please respect the parking attendant's direction and decisions. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mimika Theatre – Week Commencing Monday 3rd October

We are excited to welcome Mimika Theatre to the school next week. We imagine their dome tent, which is seven metres in diameter, will bring a buzz of excitement in New Hall.

Using puppets, fantastic visual effects and an immersive sound track, Mimika Theatre take their audiences on a very special journey. "Landscapes" is a wordless theatre presentation set inside a beautiful white dome. It is an intimate, gentle and magical evocation of four areas of the natural world. Audiences travel from the Desert to the Rainforest from under the Sea to Antarctica.

Mimika Theatre has performed this hugely successful show to children in Europe, USA, Canada, South East Asia and China. We hope that all children will enjoy what promises to be a unique and very special experience. Performances will take place from Monday to Thursday during the school day

Class Assemblies

The children of 5ST and 4KF 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.

5ST Assembly Tuesday 11th October
4KF Assembly Tuesday 18th October

2nd Reminder: Hall Grove Staff and Parents Social Road Ride – Saturday 15th October

Mr Tullett and Mr Lewis are delighted to announce the first social road ride for staff, parents and other friends of the school. If you are a cyclist with reasonable experience of riding on the road then do join us on Saturday 15th October, meeting at Hall Grove at 0830. We intend to head out towards Windsor Great Park, following a relatively flat route with one or two minor inclines along the way. The route will definitely include a stop for coffee and we will be back at Hall Grove by 1230. We expect to average 16-17mph along the way. Please email i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk or t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk if you are interested to give us an idea of numbers.

3rd Reminder: Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 20th October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 20th 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.

3rd Reminder: Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September – Friday 15th December

Half Term: Saturday 21st October – Sunday 5th November (incl.)

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January – Thursday 29th March (30th March is Good Friday)

Half Term: Saturday 10th – Sunday 18th February (incl.)

Summer Term 2018

Monday 23rd April – Friday 6th July

Half Term: Saturday 26th May – Sunday 3rd June (incl.)

SPORTS

Reminder: Water Bottles

Please could all boys and girls make sure they have a clearly named water bottle in school on match days. This is important not only for rehydration at half time but also helps prevent the spread of germs. House water bottles are available at the school shop. Year 3 have not been allocated a House yet so are welcome to bring their own water bottle. Energy drinks are not permitted.

Swimming v Bishopsgate

The swimming team competed against Bishopsgate on Monday evening; the standard of competition was high and the Hall Grove boys and girls showed great heart, determination and sportsmanship during the event. A special mention to the U9s who competed in a school gala for the first time. Pierre Gathy and Billie Deighton performed well winning their individual races.

Girls' Games

It was wonderful to see so many girls participating in hockey last Saturday, the Years 4 and 5 girls displayed their competitive edge with some feisty house matches.

Year 4 - Kestrels 1st, Eagles 2nd, Falcons 3rd

Year 5 - Eagles 1st, Falcons 2nd, Kestrels 3rd

The U11 A and B teams travelled to Downsland to participate in a festival with Hawthorns. They played a series of matches playing opposing A and B teams. Both teams flourished with lots of match play - the A team won 1, drew 2 and lost 2 and the B team won 2, drew 1 and lost 2.

On Wednesday every fit and able girl was involved in sport and we enjoyed a series of matches against Holme Grange. The 1st VII, despite losing to outstanding opposition, played well; Scarlett Creasey particularly should be commended for playing very well in midfield and Lucia Jackson worked incredibly hard.

The U12s displayed fantastic team work. Despite losing by 2 goals they all ran their hearts out and impressed their coach by listening at half time to all the coaching points. Well done Yasmin van der Zijl who was voted players' player and India Underwood who was voted coaches' player.

The U12 team won their first netball fixture of the term against Sherfield, Heidi Kelsall made some exceptional interceptions in defence and Phoebe Thunder-Rogers scored 7 of the 8 goals. Camilla Lawson was voted players' player for her speed and determination on the court. Well done to all the girls involved in fixtures.

The U11 A team had a really good game with the final score being 2-2. This seemed particularly fair as it was very even throughout. The opposition had superior stick skills, but our team play was much better. Both goals were scored by Tabitha Tonkin. The U11 B team had a resounding victory and Aimee Millington had an extremely good match. The U11 C team had a really close game and the girls worked hard. They had several chances to score but just got a little over-excited in front of the goal. Sienna Edwards played intelligently and Zoe Legge defended really well.

The U10s had a couple of terrific matches against Holme Grange where the play was fast and furious and all of the girls admirably acquitted themselves. The A team drew 1-1 (the opposition scored in the dying seconds of the match), Katie Coleman was outstanding in goal for both the A and B team and Sophia Bandosz showed boundless speed when Hall Grove went on the attack. The B team won convincingly with Poppy Peries scoring both goals and Isabel Harvie being voted player of the match. The U10 C team drew 4-4 against Halstead with some strong defending from both Miel Bopiah and Simrrun Grewal who were strong in defence - Simrrun was particularly thrilled to be voted girl of the game. Special congratulations to Lila Waltho who made her debut for Hall Grove and really impressed her coach as she transferred her skills from training to the match.

The U9s had a tough fixture against Coworth who requested we put out our C and D teams against their A and B. We had one win and one draw and the girls played with determination, displaying to Mrs Tutt the skills they have been learning this term. Well done to Elsie Evans (the scorer of 3 goals the previous week), Fleur Gilbert and Emily Taylor who all worked incredibly hard for their team.

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 1st October

2nd VII and U12 meet at Hall Grove 0900 for 0930 prompt match start, collection by 1030.

Wednesday 5th October

We are pleased that all Year 6 girls will be participating in the Hall Grove U11 hockey tournament.

Please note the 2nd VII hockey fixture v Farnborough Hill has been moved to 19th October at the opposition's request.

Thursday 6th October

We are pleased that all Year 4 girls will be participating in the Hall Grove U9 hockey tournament.

Please note the U8 Eagle House hockey tournament is taking place at Bracknell Hockey Club and is not scheduled to finish until 1615, estimated return time to Hall Grove will be 1645, subject to traffic.

Saturday 8th October

The Lord Wandsworth Hockey tournament is scheduled to start at 0900. 1st VII to meet Mrs Tutt at Hall Grove for a 0745 prompt departure.

Boys' Games

Football

Well done to all the boys for their efforts on the football pitch this week. There were some impressive performances on Wednesday by some of the senior teams mixed in with some challenging games for the upper juniors. The 1st XI won 6-1 against Pangbourne College and showed plenty of positive signs, with plenty of creativity going forward and a solid display defensively as a team. The 2nd team also won 6-1, against Yateley Manor, and it was good to see a number of boys putting on impressive displays. Well done to the 3rd XI who won a hard-fought match 2-1 against Pangbourne College 2^{nds}. There were also victories for the Colts B team and the U10 Ds.

Thursday saw the U8s and U9s play fixtures against Eagle House. What was evident was the potential on show, with a number of excellent performances from the boys. The Year 3s had their first away fixture for the school, which made the minibus trip and match tea as exciting as the football. The A team played extremely well, beating a good Eagle House side 4-0 to make it 3 wins from 3 so far. The B team won 8-0 with the boys playing a variety of positions through the game and the Cs and Ds enjoyed close matches.

The Under 9s followed on from last week's efforts against Hoe Bridge with 3 wins and a loss. The A team showed real improvement in their 3-1 victory and the Bs and Cs won their matches too. Well done to the lower juniors.

House Football results

Senior Boys: Eagles 1st, Kestrels 2nd, Falcons 3rd

Year 6: Falcons 1st, Eagles 2nd, Hawks 3rd

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 1st October

Football v Feltonfleet (home) - 1st XI and 3rd XI, meet at 0900, kick off at 0930

Football v Feltonfleet (away) - 2nd XI, Colts A and Colts B, meet 0800 at Hall Grove, kick off at 0930

St George's Windsor Football tournament (away) - U10 A and U10 B, meet at Hall Grove at 0800

Monday 3rd October

Papplewick Swimming Gala (away), start time 1700

Surrey Cup plate quarter final (home)

1st XI v Parkside, kick off at 1515

Half Term Camps

Reminder: Hall Grove School Rugby Training Camp – 3rd and 4th November

Hall Grove School is running a Rugby Training Camp on the 3rd and 4th November, led by Mr Cottrell, Head of Rugby, and assisted by Harlequins rugby coaches. This is open to any boy in Years 3, 4 or 5 who is interested in preparing for the upcoming season. It may also be beneficial for any child who has never played before and would like to have an introduction before the season starts. The camp will run from 1000 to 1500. The children will need to bring usual warm clothes (2 sets), a packed lunch and drinks.

The cost of the camp will be £35 per day or £60 for both days. Cheques should be made payable to Hall Grove School Limited. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cottrell should you have any questions (j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk).

Reminder: 360 Sports Education Half Term Camps

Booking is now available for the 360 Sports Education October Half Term Holiday Camps

We have three Holiday Camp locations this Half Term at:

The Marist School in Sunninghill – 24th to 28th October (Swimming available)

Bishopsgate School near Egham – 17th to 28th October (Swimming available)

Ravenscote Junior School in Camberley – 24th to 28th October.

Our camps are suitable for children aged 4-12. Whether you come alone, with friends or with your siblings, the 360 team will ensure you stay involved and enjoy your day. Simply bring your lunch, snacks, drinks and your swimsuit and get ready to have loads of FUN! Each day follows a flexible timetable of activities – please see flyers on the school website for information and booking.

Bs Netball Camps – October Half Term

Come along to our fun and exciting camps run at Lightwater Leisure Centre.

1000 - 1500

Monday 24th October: Years 3 - 6

Tuesday 25th October: Years 3 - 6

£35 for one day or £60 for two

For further information please see flyer on our website, visit www.bsnetballcamp.weebly.com or email bsnetballcamp@gmail.com

FOHG

Reminder: The Ryder Cup arrives at Hall Grove on Saturday 8th October 2016 from 1330 onwards

We thought a fun competition would be Europe (the children) v America (the parents). Please don't worry if you are not a golfer, we are sure we will have enough adult golfers to give the children a good competition.

Cost: FOHG members and all adults will be free of charge; children not at FOHG club £15.00 per entry. Goodies will be given on the day. Please register your child on fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com Entries to be in by close of play Thursday 6th October.

2nd Reminder: FOHG 80s Disco – 14th October 2016 – Bookings close today

Last minute bookings can be made online and payments should be made to the FOHG Events bank account, sort code 20-81-11 account number 83258645 by tonight.

Senior School Open Morning / Days

Leighton Park School: Saturday 1st October - 0118 987 9609

Tudor Hall: Saturday 1st October - 01295 756263

St Catherine's, Bramley: Wednesday 5th October - 01483 893363

Farnborough Hill Open Afternoon: Friday 7th October, Tuesday 15th November - 01252 529811

St George's, Ascot: Saturday 8th October, Thursday 13th October - 01344 629920
Luckley House School, Wokingham: Saturday 8th October - 0118 978 4175
ACS Egham: Saturday 8th October - acs-schools.com/opendays
The King's School: Saturday 15th October - 01227 595772
The Royal Senior School (Haslemere): Saturday 15th October - 01428 603052

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum
- Weekly Music Rehearsal Timetable
- The Ryder Cup
- 360 Sports Education Half Term Camps
- Surrey Heath Museum
- Bs Netball Camps

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Reminder: Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure - Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Northbrook Fundraising Leaflets were sent home this week with the children containing instructions for ordering. It contains a fantastic selection of high quality Christmas and birthday wrap, cards and accessories. If everyone just bought one item we could raise a significant sum of money for charity. Our school will receive 22% cashback on every item sold via the brochure.

For all your holiday requirements

Helen Thomas (Mum of Felix Thomas, 6DS) has recently launched her own travel business, the Luxury Travel Studio. If you are looking for a bespoke family holiday, ski trip, tailor-made tour, adventure holiday, boutique getaway, safari, yachting holiday, honeymoon or cultural tour, then please contact Helen 01344 988620 or visit www.luxurytravelstudio.com for further information. Helen has travelled to many lovely destinations over the years so has lots of advice and experiences to share.

Reminder: Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum – Autumn Dates

Please see flyer on the school website.

Surrey Heath Museum – The Big Draw – Saturday 8th October

Free family fun event - please see flyer on the website for this event, it is important that you book a place but the activity is free.

For Sale

Upright piano (lightish wood) - £30.00. Please contact 01276 472387 for further details.