

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*In January 1957, Hall Grove opened its doors to its first pupils, just six in number; by the end of that year it was closer to 30. Step by step the transition was made from a family home to a thriving, forward looking and innovative school whose educational programme was based on outdoor education and experiential learning. Hall Grove broke ground in other ways too; it was one of the first preparatory schools in the country to embrace Early Years alongside the more traditional 7 – 13 prep school age range.*

*Thus the year 2017 marks our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a significant milestone for any institution, and in the course of this year we intend to celebrate in a number of ways. The opening of the Lighthouse in May will be one opportunity, re-uniting the walled garden with the rest of the school grounds another. And on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> June there will be a whole school family picnic with live bands, entertainment and closing with fireworks. Make sure you save the date!*

*During this anniversary year we shall trial an increased use of social media. We hope this will strengthen the school community, past and present, and help promote Hall Grove to the wider world. Later we will take soundings from parents in a specially designed survey to see what you think.*

*After Half Term we will make another change to our communications by re-modelling the shape and content of our weekly Newsletter. This edition, our 567<sup>th</sup>, will be the last in the current format. Look out for a fresh new image towards the end of this month.*

*In the meantime may we use this edition to proclaim for the first time: a very Happy Sixtieth Birthday Hall Grove!*

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## **Sebastian's Trust, CRY and UNICEF Fundraising**

Three of our parents are taking part in a gruelling multi-stage adventure from April 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> and are raising money for Sebastian's Action Trust, CRY and UNICEF.

Pierre-Charles Wood (Henry – Year 3, George – Reception), Iain Robinson (Oliver – Year 1) and Mark Moffat (Fergus – Year 7, Hugh – Year 3) are all about to undertake the Marathon Des Sables race in one of the world's most inhospitable environments – the Sahara desert. They have to be self-sufficient and carry all their own food and equipment for the week in their rucksack. Over six days they will run over 156 miles through endless dunes, over rocky jebels, and across white-hot salt plains, the temperatures regularly reaching 50° Centigrade. The long stage (day 4) involves running out of a Saharan morning, into the dusk and then the dark, with many not finishing the 52 miles until well into the next day.

The school wish them well and the boys and girls look forward to hearing about the adventure when they return. Meanwhile please show support to their chosen charities including Sebastian's Action Trust, which is supported by Hall Grove, by donating at [http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Pierre\\_Iain\\_Mark\\_MDS\\_20](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Pierre_Iain_Mark_MDS_20)

## **The Uniform Shop - New Tracksuit Tops further advice**

The manufacturer of the new tracksuit tops has recognised that there may be an issue with the lettering on the back. This is being investigated but in the interim please continue to use and wash the jackets as per instructions. This means wash at 40 degrees, do not use fabric conditioner, do not tumble dry and do not iron. The school uniform shop will update you as soon as we have more news.

## **MUSIC**

### **Instrumental Competition Week, 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March**

The deadline for external entries (instrumental lessons outside school) is **today**. The entry form is available to download from the website (parents / Form Downloads) and must be submitted to Lizzie Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)). When we have had all entries submitted we will be able to give further details of specific days and timings for each instrumental category.

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

Today we heard from some of our string players (violin, viola, 'cello, ukulele, a classical guitar trio and two pianists) in a small but varied programme. As ever, it was a pleasure to hear the range of pieces and to see the enthusiasm of our young musicians.

Our concerts for the rest of the term are as follows:

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| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Brass and Woodwind Concert   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | Vocal and Percussion Concert |

## **SPORTS**

### **Cross Country**

Well done to all those who represented the school in the Eagle House Cross Country. All the athletes gave one hundred percent and should be proud of their efforts. A special mention must go to Emily Myers who won the senior girls race and the senior girls team who won the team competition. Harry Mayhew (Year 6) and Elias Flo (Year 4) had impressive runs, finishing second in their races.

### **Boys' Games**

It was a challenging but positive start to the hockey for the boys against Eagle House who are half-way through their hockey season. The results do not fully reflect the way the boys played and the improvement they made during the matches. The U13 A team were at Bryanston in the IAPS regional qualifiers and should be proud of their performances and build on this for the rest of the term. The Year 3 boys made a great start, winning 3 and losing one match, and the Year 4 boys won 1, drew 1 and lost 2.

### **Boys' Games Notices**

Please could boys make sure they have shin pads and mouth guards in their games bags after half term. They will not be able to play hockey without them.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Hockey v St Andrew's

All the senior games including the U13 A match will now be played at Hall Grove and not Woking Hockey Club as stated in the printed calendar. The sports web site will be updated once timings are confirmed.

### **Girls' Games**

Three teams participated in netball tournaments on Saturday and all fared well. The U10 A team played 6, won 3, lost 3 and our girl of the tournament was Anna Camp. The U10 B team played three and won three, and were delighted with the gold medal; our girl of the tournament was Sofia Badosz. The U9s played three, won two and were placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chloe Townsend was our girl of the tournament.

All Year 4 girls were involved in matches against Crosfield on Tuesday and we had a clean sweep of 4 out of 4 wins, with a total of 22 goals for and just 1 against – all the girls were incredible.

The senior girls were involved in matches on Wednesday. The U13 A team had their first loss of the term and the U12 A team continues with a 100% record. The U12 B team played 2, winning 1 – well done to Phoebe Thunder-Rogers as players' player. The U11 A squad had a good afternoon at the Surrey Schools Netball Tournament with two wins, 1 draw

and 2 losses – Lottie Hill was voted players' player. We had 4 out of 5 wins against Crosfield, rounding off a superb 5 weeks of netball for the senior girls.

The U9s and U8s had fixtures against both Eagle House and Crosfields. All our teams won resoundingly and showed how hard they have been working in their lessons this term, a real credit to Hall Grove – well done girls.

### **Girls Games Notices**

Please could girls make sure they have mouth guards in their games bags after half term. They will not be able to play lacrosse without them.

### **Senior School Open Mornings / Days**

- Christ's Hospital – 25<sup>th</sup> February and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 – 01403 246555
- Roedean – 4<sup>th</sup> March - 01273 667500
- The Oratory School, near Reading – 11<sup>th</sup> March – 01491 683500
- Luckley House School, Wokingham – 14<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> June – 0118 987 4175
- Luckley House School, Wokingham - Current Year 7 pupils Enrichment / Taster Day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. Bookings can be made via the website at <http://www.luckleyhouseschool.org/open-day-booking-form/> or contact the Registrar on 0118 974 3221 Email: [Registrar@luckleyhouseschool.org](mailto:Registrar@luckleyhouseschool.org).
- King Edward's, Witley – 16<sup>th</sup> March – 01428 686735
- Stowe Lower School (13+ Entry) – 18<sup>th</sup> March – 01280 818205
- Queen Anne's School – 10<sup>th</sup> March - 0118 918 7300
- Wellington College – 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 01344 444 013
- St. George's Ascot - 24<sup>th</sup> February - 01344 629900
- Bede's Senior School, East Sussex – 18<sup>th</sup> March – 01323 843252
- ACS Egham – 25<sup>th</sup> March – 01784 430800
- Warminster School – 6<sup>th</sup> May – 01985 210160  
(<http://www.warminsterschool.org.uk/school-calendar/open-days> and flyer available on the school website)

### **Newsletter Attachments**

The following information is available on the school website:

- Ultimate Activity Easter Camps
- Windlesham Golf Club Easter Camps
- London Musical Arts Orchestra concert flyer
- Instrumental Competition External Entry Form

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### **Healthy For Longer**

There are a few exciting events coming up with Healthy for Longer after half term: 'Feed Your Family Right' nutrition education programme; Gluten-free baking demo and another Gentle Detox Workshop. For more information please visit the following website: <http://www.healthyforlonger.com/whats-on/>

### **Reminder: Windlesham Golf Club – Easter Camps**

Camp 1 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Camp 2 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

For more information and to reserve a place please contact Ben Ross 07778 517659 / 01276 472323 or email [ben.ross@windleshamgolf.com](mailto:ben.ross@windleshamgolf.com)

### **Reminder: Ultimate Activity Easter Camps**

LVS Ascot – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Tel: 0330 111 7077 or [www.ultimateactivity.co.uk](http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk).

### **Camberley Arts and Crafts Fest 2017, 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Exhibition of Local Arts and Crafts, demonstrations, free entry, free children's workshops for over 8s. Booking and more information on Facebook/Camberleyfest. Camberley Mall, Obelisk Way, opposite Argos.