

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

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Welcome to our new style Newsletter!

It has been a busy week back from half term after a successful Cricket Tour (see below) and with school exams for the Upper School.

Meanwhile the first of this year's senior school awards for Year 8 pupils have now been announced, with more in the pipeline for March and May. Our congratulations to the following whose names will go up on our honours boards:

Sports Scholarships: Scarlett Creasey & Roan Macdonald (Wellington)

Drama Scholarships: Madeleine Berenson (St George's) & Freddie Coughlin (Wellington)

All-Rounder Scholarship: Rocky Chapman (Whitgift)

New Newsletter

In adapting our newsletter style we are acknowledging the school's 60th Anniversary through the changed masthead. We are also hoping to achieve a more focused delivery of information, upcoming events and sports reports.

Our weekly sports review will now typically appear on the school website, allowing coaches to record as much or as little as is appropriate. These will appear online by 2100 on Friday (and often earlier). Upcoming announcements of additional fixtures, training sessions and amendments will still appear on our newsletter.

We have also ceased putting in multiple reminders as feedback has repeatedly shown that parents find it counter-productive, skimming over the reminders and sometimes missing something new.

We hope that the sidebar's diary reminders and other links will also be of use.

Please let us know your thoughts and any suggestions for further improvement (office@hallgrove.co.uk).

DIARY REMINDERS

26th - 28th February

Choristers Tour to Manchester

27th & 28th February

Years 3 & 4 Parent Interviews

1st February

1830 Pre-Prep Healthy Minds Workshop

2nd March

7MW Assembly

3rd March

1245 Informal Percussion and Vocal Concert

6th - 10th March

Year 5 Battisborough Trip

7th March

3VB Assembly

7th & 9th March

Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

9th March

6HT Assembly

10th March

2KH Assembly

Polo Power at Hall Grove

We are most fortunate that, through the enterprise of the Rawal family, we have a dedicated team of Polo players who regularly train. The following match reports are of two exciting games against Papplewick School. Congratulations to the two teams. If anyone wants to start their children in the Polo Club there is still availability in both groups with beginners welcome. Please contact vivek.rawal@misport.com Great excitement as the Hall Grove team enter the Nationals this Sunday.

Hall Grove Polo Juniors vs Papplewick B

This was a tough ask for the first ever game for the current Hall Grove Polo Junior team as they were up against Papplewick B who were on average 3 years older. The match was played under instructed conditions, with head coach Eddie Kennedy keeping the play moving and within the rules. Fantastic performances by William and Douglas Barr were the highlights for the team with strong defensive play and some creative attacking play resulting in first goals for both boys. We narrowly lost against a more experienced and older team!

Hall Grove Polo A Team vs Papplewick A

The stage was set for the much awaited rematch between these two teams. Conditions were ideal for arena polo and both teams started with caution and not wanting to concede first. A very strong combination of Rhett Wooldridge and Shrey Rawal proved to be too much for Papplewick to contain. The pair dominated in attack and defence and a spectacular long range goal from Rhett and a hat trick from Shrey resulted in a 4-0 victory. Gracious in victory the team was congratulated by the polo master of Papplewick for a strong performance and for sporting behaviour. Papplewick have asked for a regular fixture against us.

A big thank you to the parents for providing superb support from the grandstand at the Berkshire Polo Club.

Parking

Please be aware that parking on the right hand side of the school drive, next to the tennis courts, is intended for staff. The gravel area in front of The Barn is also for staff parking only. We have recently had occasions when parents have parked in these spaces, resulting in staff having to repeatedly drive around the tennis courts, sit in traffic, so adding to congestion.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday and it would be lovely to see children from Pre-School to Year 5 dressing up as their favourite non superhero characters from a much-loved novel, tale or poem.

60th Anniversary Jubilee Picnic

An enthusiastic team of staff are beginning to share ideas and plan various elements for the Jubilee Picnic taking place on Saturday 24th June 2017. We would like to invite any parents who would like to help in the organisation of this event to join us for a brief planning meeting on Thursday 9th March at 0830 in the Admiral Room. Contact c.allams@hallgrove.co.uk, g.exelby@hallgrove.co.uk or p.leech@hallgrove.co.uk

Year 7 Bake Off

The Bake Off Competition officially starts with the first round on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th March. Year 7s will be judged on a classic Victoria Sandwich or a batch of scones. After judges' tastings the food will be wrapped for sale on the drive on Monday from 1515 and Tuesday from 1630. The pupils have been practising hard. How delightful it is to be able to buy their produce and support a charity of their choice.

Year 7 entries need to be delivered to the kitchen cabin before assembly on each morning next week.

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell, then please call 01276 473059 (option 1) or email office@hallgrove.co.uk

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2017

9th January - 24th March

Summer Term 2017

24th April - 7th July

Half Term:

27th May - 4th June

Autumn Term 2017

4th September - 15th December

Half Term:

21st October - 5th November

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS / DAYS

EASTER CAMPS

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

- London Musical Arts Orchestra concert flyer

Open Morning – Thursday 16th March

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 16th March from 0930 – 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.

Music

Choristers

Our Choristers are heading up to Manchester on Sunday in preparation for the live broadcast of the Radio 4 Daily Service, 0945 on Tuesday on Radio 4 LW (also available on iPlayer Radio). They are quite excited and also looking forward to the planned excursions (a Safari Park and Cadbury's World).

Instrumental Competition

We are finalising details for each day of the competition and will shortly be sending out precise timings.

School of Rock

We wish Cole Lam all the very best for the upcoming weeks. Two months ago Cole successfully auditioned for the part of Lawrence in the current West End production of 'School of Rock'. His first performance is tomorrow, after which he will take a short break joining Choristers for our Manchester trip, and then further performances.

Sports

Our weekly review can be found [here](#) (available by 2100 on Friday).

Dubai Cricket Tour

Over half term, thirteen boys and three teachers travelled to Dubai for a much anticipated cricket tour. It was a great success, with the boys playing 5 games against top teams. They showed improvement throughout, developing their understanding of cricket both on and off the pitch and we were lucky enough to have matches in four of the seven emirates. A couple of games were played under floodlights, a real highlight. There were also some amazing excursions, such as a trip up the Burj Khalifa, and a visit to the Grand Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi giving everyone a look into Arabic culture. There was excellent support from a loyal group of parents who were able to come out and join us, and an excellent tour dinner hosted at Mint Leaf, one of Dubai's top restaurants on the 15th floor overlooking Dubai's stunning skyline. These were lasting memories for all involved.

There will be a tour assembly next Tuesday which all parents are welcome to attend. Year 6 parents may like to come too to see what is possible for future years.

Boys' Games Notices and reminders

Saturday 25th Hockey v Parkside

0900 1st VII and 2nd VII arrive 0850

1000 3rd VII and U11 B arrive 0950

1100 U11 A and U11 B arrive 1050

Tuesday 28th March Parkside U9 hockey tournament

Please note this is likely to be a late return. ClarionCalls will be sent

Saturday 4th March

Hall Grove U10 hockey tournament will now start at 0930. The team sheet will be posted next week.

Additional fixture

Monday 13th March Charterhouse Under 10 hockey tournament

This will start at 1330. The team will be selected from those not involved in the instrumental competition.

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 25th February

U10 A team to meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure. Return 1300.

U8 A and B teams to meet Mrs Wayman at Eagle House. Collection 1145.

U11 A team to meet Mrs Lomas at Hall Grove for 1245 departure. Return 1700.

Wednesday 1st March

Holyport netball now starts at 1530. Return to Hall Grove by 1730.

Thursday 2nd March

U11A IAPS squad to meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove no later than 0745. Return is subject to progression through the tournament.

U9 Lacrosse v Highfield amended timings:

U9 A - 1415, U9 B - 1440, U9 C 1500

Friday 3rd March

U12A and U13A IAPS squads meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove no later than 0745. Return subject to progression through the tournament.

Hall Grove Judo Competition - March 4th

To help with preparation for the IAPS Judo Mr Fricker is running an internal mini competition at Hall Grove on Saturday 4th March at 1200. This will replace the session at Pinewood. He will also be offering a novice session prior to the competition at 1100 for all age groups. The sessions are free of charge and kit will be provided. We strongly encourage boys and girls to get involved in this sport. If your child would like to compete in the competition or is a novice (just started this term) and would like to train please could you email Mr Cottrell (j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk), stating which session they would like to do.

The Uniform Shop – Easter Holiday Opening Times

During the Easter break the school shop will be open on Thursday April 13th from 1500 – 1700.

'Fame' at the Windsor Royal Theatre

The RARE Productions Youth Theatre Group present 'FAME' at the Windsor Royal Theatre featuring Amelie Lomas (4SS) & Elsie Evans (4DL), Tuesday 11th - Saturday 15th April. Box Office 01753 853888. Group bookings 01753 848484.

Mr Lewis and Mr Tullett ride again

Inspired by the success of their fundraising efforts last year for the British Heart foundation Mr Lewis and Mr Tullett and Mr Gill (Year 1 parent) have upped the mileage to take part in the Ride London cycle event this summer. They will be raising funds for Sebastian's Action Trust, both Mr Lewis and Mr Tullett had the pleasure of teaching Sebastian whilst he attended Hall Grove and both can remember many lovely moments shared with this brave and inspirational little boy. Their target is £1200 and they would be most grateful for your support, sponsorship can be donated by using the following link. http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TimLewis_IanTullett_JamesGillRideLondon2017

Sebastian's Trust, CRY and UNICEF Fundraising

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

Pierre-Charles Wood (father of Henry - Year 3, George - Reception), Iain Robinson (father of Oliver - Year 1) and Mark Moffat (father of 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 wishes 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://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Pierre_Iain_Mark_MDS_2017