

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

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We have enjoyed the early blast of Spring and it has been good to see the children enjoying some informal tennis and cricket at break times. The Tennis squad is now getting ready for its tour to Portugal whilst a mixed squad of Rugby and Netball players prepare for the Jersey Games. On Wednesday our golfers played exceptionally well to win a match at Sunningdale Heath against a senior school, Stowe, whose players were two or three years older. Well done to Daniel Taviansky who won overall and is showing much promise.

The annual Music Competition has been as successful as ever with some wonderful performances. We look forward to the instrumental concert on Wednesday.

Thursday will be Hall Grove's very own Comic Relief Day, an opportunity to dress informally and bring some money to donate for charity. Our main focus is the Oscar Foundation.

The Jungle Book

Exotic foliage, the sound of cicadas and monkeys transformed New Hall into a tropical rainforest last Wednesday evening for Year 4's production of The Jungle Book. Performed 'in-the-round', the format was particularly successful with all parents up close to the stage and encircled by action. Colourful costumes, lighting, a live band and a professional makeup artist added the finishing touches but it was the performers who truly brought the jungle characters to life. There were some tremendous performances and the overall effect of the drama, song and dance routines was stunning. Well done to all the children involved!

Year 7 Great Hall Grove Bake Off

Wow - what a week! The tension has been amazing, the kitchens intensely hot and chaotically chocolaty - and some of the bakers solemnly declaring that they would rather sit an academic exam! Our five bakers were judged on flavour, texture, overall decoration and clear down. We are delighted to award first place to Tano Parker with his ingenious Scrabble design 60th cake. In joint second came Linus Bray and

DIARY REMINDERS

20th March
1400 Pre-Prep Celebration

21st March
5ST Assembly

24th March
1400 Easter Service

After School Clubs finish

Term ends:
1510 Reception
1520 Year 1
1530 Year 2
1600 Year 3
1610 Year 4
1620 Years 5 and 6
1700 Years 7 and 8

13th April
The Uniform Shop
Open: 1500-1700

24th April
Start of the Summer Term

9th June
Sports Day for Pre-School,
Reception, Years 1 & 2

10th June
Sports Day for Year 3+

24th June
60th Anniversary Jubilee Picnic

Phoebe Thunder-Rogers, both with equally amazing presentation showing skill and artistic flair. Huge honourable mentions go out to Grace Hessian and Mia Jeavons, whose cakes were also striking and made with much thought and flavour!

Year 7 are preparing an assembly with a PowerPoint designed by Max Tyrer to showcase the many more equally talented bakers in the year. The exact date is still tbc, but we will send out a ClarionCall when he have a definite time.

World Book Day

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up as their favourite characters from such a wide selection of books on World Book Day. A total of £233.81 was raised for Book Aid International. Well done and thank you to all who were involved!

Junior Library: Pre-School to Year 4

Please can **all** library books be returned to the Junior Library by Thursday 23rd March. The children can choose books again after the Easter holidays.

Breakfast Bookings

Please note that, where possible, breakfast bookings must be made in advance, preferably 24 hours prior to requirement. Monday morning bookings must be made by the Friday before to ensure catering requirements can be met.

Music

Instrumental Competition

We had our final rounds of the Instrumental Competition yesterday, with lots of fabulous performances, and much hard work put in over the past few months. We had five different judges this year, adjudicating 29 different categories with over 200 performers, and we are very grateful for all of their expertise and judgement. A full list of winners and runners-up is available [here](#).

Our Winners Concert will be next Wednesday at 1900 in the New Hall, and this will be an opportunity to hear most of our winners, from beginners right through to the most advanced categories. We anticipate the concert being finished at around 2015.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be next Friday at 1400 in New Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Sports

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

Sports Team Photos, Monday 20th March

Sports Team photos will be taken for all of this year's Winter teams on Monday. Children will need to come to school with -

Girls: skorts, white socks, black / red (hockey) socks, trainers, white / red PE tops and tracksuits (may be needed for warmth)

Boys: rugby shirt, black shorts, black / red socks, trainers, white PE tops and tracksuits (may be needed for warmth)

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

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

- Instrumental Competition Winners List

Exhibition Hockey Match

Our annual fixture between Hall Grove Old Boys and Girls and an invited team will take place on our final day of term, starting at 1500. Children from Years 3 – 8 will watch some of the match before returning to form rooms for collection times, as previously noted in Newsletters. Parents are very welcome to watch what should be an exciting match!

Boys' Games Notices and Reminders

Looking ahead to rugby next year, Mr Cottrell would like to offer early morning rugby sessions next term as follows – Wednesday 0730 - 0800: open to Years 3, 4 & 5. The sessions will be focused on an introduction to contact for current Year 3, and Years 4 & 5 will continue their core skill development along with contact.

Friday 0730 - 0800: open to Years 6 & 7, with a focus on positional play for next year and core skill development.

Saturday 18th March

0900 – 1030 Years 7 and 8 Six Nations Hockey Tournament

0900 – 1030 There is now a Jersey Tour rugby squad training session to replace the Surrey Rugby Festival.

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 18th March

Please note House Netball for Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 is compulsory, timings as per ClarionCall message sent Friday morning.

360 Sports Education Easter Camps

360 Sports Education have put together a fun-packed schedule of great activities and events for children to enjoy at their Easter Holiday Camps – please see [individual flyers](#) by clicking on the Easter Camps link for further information on location, dates and times or contact their office on 01252 918888 with any questions.

Back to Netball for Adults

Training for fitness and fun on the netball courts. Make the most of the lighter evenings. All abilities welcome.

Tuesdays 1930-2030 on the top courts by the Uniform Shop. First session 25th April 2017. Do come along.

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