

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

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60th Anniversary - The Big Bash – 24th June 2017

The whispers and rumours are true, and we are excited to invite all our Hall Grove families to celebrate our 60th anniversary. Expect magic and wonder, alongside live entertainment, side shows, music, a balloon release and fireworks. We are pleased to announce that ticket sales open on Monday 15th May from 0900, £20 per adult and £10 per child. This [link](#) will go live at 0900. Please see the full letter, which accompanies this newsletter, for further information.

Tomorrow is the first event celebrating Hall Grove's 60th anniversary. The school grounds are open for viewing, including the recently restored 18th century walled garden that we bought back into our ownership last autumn. There has been much excitement in the school this week as building works on The Lighthouse were completed and the fittings installed. It opens for the very first time tomorrow to serve afternoon teas. Friends and family are all welcome, funds raised go to the charities supported by the National Garden Scheme. More details on the school website, it will be a lovely occasion

Good luck to our fencers and judoka, competing this weekend in the prep schools' national championships!

The final scholarship exams of the year brought more success for Hall Grove pupils. Jack Dale and Max Tenenbaum both won awards for Hampton School against stiff competition from over 30 candidates; Matthew Raeburn, Shivam Takyar and Manu Prasad were all successful in gaining entry to the school with many top grades.

Now we are busy preparing for the Common Entrance exams taken by the Year 8 boys and girls after half term.

Year 5 Present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' - Wednesday 17th May

New Hall will be ringing to the sounds of 'Joseph...' next Wednesday evening. Our Year 5s have been working hard on this and it looks to be a real treat for everybody. All are welcome. Doors open at 1840. Year 5 parents should have received final details (with the arrangements on

DIARY REMINDERS

13th May
Hall Grove NGS Garden
Opening - 1400

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60th Anniversary Garden
Opening / The Lighthouse

w/c 15th May
Pre-School and Reception
Swimming Starts

16th May
7LS Assembly - 0835

17th May - 1900
Year 5 Present 'Joseph and the
Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat'

18th May
4DL Assembly - 0835

18th May
Open Morning for Prospective
Parents

19th May
1GE Assembly - 0900

28th May
Sebastian's Action Trust
'[Bagshot's Big Bike Ride](#)'
The event starts and finishes at
Hall Grove School.

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

10th June
Sports Day for Year 3+

24th June
60th Anniversary Jubilee Picnic

the day) this morning - please get in touch if these did not reach you. With set and scenery in place, rehearsals in flow and a live band, we are all looking forward to what promises to be an exciting evening.

New Tracksuit Tops

There is now a plan to repair those tracksuit tops that have hood and /or lettering damage. Could those affected please return your top to the uniform shop by the end of the Summer Term. These will then be repaired over the Summer break and returned to the shop at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

Data Day

Did you know that the Hawks are the most sociable house? or that the most popular food in Pre-Prep is ice cream and the most popular colour is blue?

The weather was our friend as Year 7 took to the athletics track, Year 5 trekked to the woodland and Year 6 left for Longacres. The entire school, from Pre-school to Year 8 were out in force on Tuesday for *Data Detective Day*, spending the entire day improving our data handling skills and following our curiosity, answering questions you never knew you had such as “How many habitats do we have at Hall Grove?”, “Is there an equal spread of colours in a sweet packet?” and “What would a Hall Grove alien look like?”.

Countless charts were constructed. A gazillion graphs were generated. The Year 8s alone, stretching their mathematical muscles, collected and wrestled with over 3,000 pieces of data, a task which at the start of the day caused many of them to seek divine help, despite being the least religious year group in the school! Years 3 and 4 turned their attention to the heavens in a very different way, building aliens and space ships using their own biometrics in the design process.

Year 2 had received an intriguing “letter” from a sweet company asking them to ensure that there was a fair spread of colours of sweets in their packets. Year 1 had a mission to go and find out which was the most popular shape in the school, which as we know now is the rectangle. Reception asked people’s opinions on mini-beasts, creating tallies and bar graphs to show results.

Following Karl Hopwood’s visit on Monday, social media and screen time was a popular area of study. Amongst other things, Year 6 found that tablet use was lowest at dinnertime, but highest during car journeys. Year 8 also found that using Instagram as your main social media app was associated with lower effort and attainment grades, as was high Snapchat streaks, although they argued very convincingly about the flaws in their methodology.

Well done to all the children! Inquiry-driven learning is something we feel passionate about at Hall Grove, so it was wonderful to see every child following their curiosity. Who knew numbers could be so much fun?!

Music

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Next week we have our second informal concert of the term. If your child learns an instrument outside school, we would still be delighted to hear them perform – please email Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) to let us know, by the Sunday evening before the concert so that we can then put the program together and confirm performances for all performers. This term the following Informal Concerts are coming up:

Friday 19th May	Brass and Percussion Concert
Friday 26th May	Vocal and Wind Concert
Friday 9th June	Piano Concert II
Friday 16th June	Strings Concert

Sport

Swimming

We are planning to start formal swimming lessons in the week commencing 15th May, weather permitting. This is dependent on water temperature and air temperature. A ClarionCall will be sent to all parents to confirm this.

Swimming for Years 6 to 8 will happen during their games sessions; please could all pupils

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

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

HALF TERM & SUMMER CAMPS

in Years 3 - 8 have swimming kit (as per the school uniform list) at school in their games bags from 15th May.

Confirmed swimming days -

Monday: Year 3

Tuesday: Year 4

Friday: Year 5

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

Girls' Tennis v Holme Grange, Monday 15th May

Unfortunately, cancelled by Holme Grange.

Girls' Tennis v St George's Ascot, Tuesday 16th May (h)

Estimated finish will be 1800, collection from Hall Grove.

Girls' Athletics at Guildford Spectrum, Tuesday 16th May

Please note parents may collect directly from the venue at 1700, estimated return to Hall Grove will be 1730.

Girls' Athletics at Eagle House, Thursday 18th May

Please note parents may collect directly from Eagle House at 1600, estimated return time to Hall Grove will be 1630

Reminder: Bagshot Big Bike Ride - Sunday 28th May at 0830

Charity cycling event in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust, supporting families of seriously ill children. The event has three different courses to choose from - 15, 50 or 75 miles starting and finishing at Hall Grove School! See link on page 1.

Reminder: Cycling for Sebastian's Action Trust - Ride London

Inspired by the success of their fundraising efforts last year for the British Heart Foundation, Mr Lewis and Mr Tullett are joined by Mr Gill (Year 1 parent), Mr Wyatt (parent of girls in Years 6 and 8) and Jamie Parnell (an ex-pupil). 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 £1600 and they would be most grateful for your support; sponsorship can be donated by using the following [link](#).

FOHG Golf 'Open' Competition - Saturday 20th May

The annual FOHG Golf 'Open' competition for all age groups will take place on Saturday 20th May from 1330. There will be a flag competition for the little ones, stableford for the more experienced golfers and the scratch competition for our masters.

Cost £15.00 plus goody bag - cash Payment on the day.

Free entry to the draw to receive a £60.00 Titleist Messenger Bag for the lucky winner.

To enter just register your child - please email fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you.

Kia Oval Tickets - Sunday 14th May

Tickets are available for Surrey v Hampshire at the Kia Oval.

1100 start - 50 overs. £5 donation per ticket.

If interested please email jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com

M4 Closure

Road works will close the M4 in both directions between J12 (Theale) and J13 (Chieveley) for the following weekends in May: Friday 12th May 2100 to Monday 15th May 0600 and Friday 19th May 2100 to Monday 22nd May 0600.

Windlesham Golf Academy Half-Term & Summer Camps

Various half-term and Summer camps. Please see individual flyer on the 'Half Term & Summer Camps' link for further information.

Summerfest 2017 - Friday 31st July to Friday 4th August

An inspiring week of music making. Please see individual flyer on the 'Half Term & Summer Camps' link for further information.

VECC Master Classes - Summer Half Term

Specialist masterclasses for cricketers aged 9 - 15. Please see individual flyer on the 'Half Term & Summer Camps' link for further information

WRTC - Real Tennis Coaching Programme - May Half Term

Junior coaching programme during the May half term.

The course is for juniors aged 9-16 years and costs £20 for a two hour session. The course structure will cover forehand and backhand groundstrokes, serve and return, rules and match play.

You can book via email (DPJ@wellingtonfitness.co.uk) or by phone (07471905661 / 01344 444245).