

# Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

## Newsletter 577 - 26th May 2017

*The school was fascinated by the excellent presentations made this week by Pierre Charles Wood and Iain Robinson who successfully completed the Marathon Des Sables. Please see the report below. Any further support for their charity collection would be much appreciated. We are hoping to arrange a talk for parents one evening before the end of term - an unmissable event!*

*The Hall Grove sailing team achieved great success at the Andrew Simpson Sailing Centre in Weymouth. Full details are in our weekly Sports Review. Andrew Simpson (Olympic sailor) was a former pupil of Hall Grove. He would have been delighted to see a team competing at the venue built in his memory.*

*Best wishes to all our families for the half term holiday.*

### Hot Weather

One of our parents was recently horrified to see a panting dog left in the back of a car parked on the tennis courts and has asked that we remind everyone to take great care with dogs and small children.

### Dangerous Driving

Please remember that it is very dangerous to make three point turns on the drive to escape the queue of cars. A child had a narrow escape from a reversing car this week.

### Marathon Des Sables - Presentation by Mr Wood

Over the Easter break two of our parents, Pierre Charles Wood (Henry Year 3, George Reception) and Iain Robinson (Oliver Year 1), successfully took on the challenge of running 250 km across the Sahara desert in Morocco. Needing to be self sufficient, carrying their equipment and food for the week and living off rationed water in temperatures exceeding 50 degrees they both did brilliantly with Iain finishing 27th and Pierre 323rd out of 1,200 competitors. They spent the afternoon at Hall Grove this week sharing their experience with the boys and girls who have been inspired to take on their own adventures by the stories they told and the replica camp they built in the New Hall!

Pierre and Iain would like to thank everyone for the messages of support during the race (which were brought to their tents at night) and for all the generous sponsorship. They've raised over £6,000 for Sebastian's Action Trust, CRY and Unicef which, when combined with

#### DIARY REMINDERS

**Sunday 28th May**  
Sebastian's Action Trust  
'Bagshot's Big Bike Ride'  
The event starts and finishes at Hall Grove School.

**27th - 4th June**  
Half Term

**Monday 5th June**  
Whole School Photo

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

**Saturday 10th June**  
Sports Day for Years 3+

**Thursday 15th June**  
0835 8LM Assembly

**Saturday 24th June**  
60th Anniversary Jubilee Picnic

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@hallgrovesport**

support from BP and PwC, will exceed £10,000. If you've not yet had a chance to make a donation to recognise their efforts and support these worthy charities you can do so for another week by clicking the following link:

[http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=Pierre\\_Iain\\_Mark\\_MDS\\_2017&faId=796794&isTeam=true](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=Pierre_Iain_Mark_MDS_2017&faId=796794&isTeam=true)

Finally Pierre and Iain tell us they are more than happy to provide their kit and training hints and tips for anyone who would like to do the race next year!

## **Panoramic Photograph - Monday 5th June**

Gillman and Soame, the school photographer, is coming on the morning of Monday 5th June to take the whole school panoramic photograph. Please make sure your child is wearing full Summer uniform.

## **Sports Day Schedule**

### **Pre-Prep Sports Day - Friday 9th June**

Children may either come into school at the usual time or a little later, but they need to be in their classrooms by 0930. There will be refreshments under the marquee (served from 0930) on the front field for all adults before the children begin the opening ceremony at 1000. All families are invited to stay and picnic with their children in the school grounds after the final race has finished. Staff are there to picnic with them if you are unable to stay. Please could all Pre-Prep children come to school dressed in their white PE kit. They will not require their school uniform that day. A reminder that they will need their own **NUT-FREE** packed lunch to picnic with.

### **Sports Day for Years 3 - 8 - Saturday 10th June**

All the children are expected to attend and their families are invited to come and support. Guests are encouraged to picnic in the grounds; there are lunchtime displays and activities. As this is our major social function of the year we ask parents to observe a 'smart casual' dress code.

The children's events will be posted on the sports noticeboard on the side of the Wessex building. Please could all Middle and Upper School children come to school dressed in their white PE kit.

Prize Giving will follow each session. The timings are as follows:

1200 - 1330                      Years 3, 4 and 5 Athletics (Athletics Finals competition integrated into programme)

1330 - 1430                      Picnic lunch and entertainment

1430 - 1600                      Years 6, 7 and 8 Athletics (Athletics Finals competition integrated into programme)

## **Year 7 Cake Sale for the Oscar Foundation**

Year 7 will be selling cakes and cookies after the Pre-Prep Sports morning in aid of the Oscar Foundation. If you are bringing a picnic we encourage you to leave your cakes and biscuits at home and enjoy some fantastic homemade goodies. Any cakes left over will be sold to the rest of the school at break time, so could all children bring in a little change should they wish to buy a cake.

## **Information from Surrey Safeguarding Children Board**

The Education Safeguarding Team have received notification of two apps that have been highlighted as a concern by Surrey Police. The first is called 'Monkey'. Users are connected at random to engage in a 10 second live video chat. They can add more time or add the person to Snapchat to continue the connection. The content of the videos can be explicit or abusive and children and young people are vulnerable to exploitation through the opportunity for private chat with people they do not know.

### **ABSENCES**

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

### **TERM DATES**

#### **Summer Term 2017**

24<sup>th</sup> April - 7<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term:

27<sup>th</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term:

21<sup>st</sup> October - 5<sup>th</sup> November

### **SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS / DAYS**

### **NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS**

### **HALF TERM & SUMMER CAMPS**

The second of the two apps is called 'Yellow'. It is a dating app which contains a section for 13-17 years olds, but there are no age verification checks which means it is easy for adults to pose as children with the potential for grooming. Users who both 'like' each other can add each other on Snapchat allowing unregulated chat and imagery sharing. The NSPCC have published their own concerns about this app.

There are continued concerns regarding the 'Musical.ly' app which have been discussed at local Safeguarding meetings attended by our School Nurses.

## **Royal Ascot Week**

As Royal Ascot commences on Tuesday 20th June, please remember to book any TASC requirements via 360 Sports Education on 01252 918888. Any supper or boarding requests should be made by **Friday 16th June** at the latest by email to Mrs Tutt ([a.tutt@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:a.tutt@hallgrove.co.uk)) as it is likely to be very busy! Please note that boarding is already completely full on Tuesday and Thursday of that week, with just a few boys' spaces left for Wednesday.

## **Music**

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

If your child learns an instrument outside school, we would be delighted to hear them perform – please email Miss Post ([L.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:L.post@hallgrove.co.uk)) to let us know, by the Sunday evening before a concert so that we can then put the program together and confirm performances for all performers. This term the following Informal Concerts are still to come:

Friday 9th June	Piano Concert II
Friday 16th June	Strings Concert

### **Music Exams**

All those children taking an ABRSM exam this term on either 30th June or 1st July have now been emailed the final timetable by Miss Post. If you have not received this and think you should have done please get in contact with her as soon as possible.

## **Sport**

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

### **Games Notices**

#### **Athletics**

Early morning athletics training has been very popular this half term with over 40 boys and girls regularly turning up and training. The range of ability is vast but all the children are enjoying the sessions and benefitting from the extra training. It will of course help their athletic performance but it is a great way to start the day and certainly makes sure they are ready and alert in lessons.

Sessions start at 0730 and finish at 0800 to give them time to change before lessons. There is no need to sign up – just turn up and train.

#### **Girls' Games**

Weds 7th June, Rounders v Holyport, U13, U12 A, B  
Please note the late start (1615) to this fixture.

Thursday 8th June, Rounders v Cranleigh, U9 A, B  
Please note the late return for this fixture – ETA 1630.

Thursday 8th June, U9 Girls' Athletics at Sherfield  
Girls may be collected directly from the venue at 1600 or from Hall Grove at 1700.

Friday 9th June, Eagle House Athletics has been cancelled.

#### **Boys' Games**

Thursday 8th June, U8 Cricket v Aldro

Please note that the Under 8 fixtures against Aldro on 8th June are now only for the A and B teams. Aldro only have 16 boys in their year so both teams will be 8-a-side. The remainder of the Year 3s will have a normal lesson and will be ready for collection at 1600.

Cricket v Sunningdale – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Please note that the 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture against Sunningdale will now start at 1100. On that day, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI will be made up of Year 8 boys and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI will be a Year 7 team. All other fixtures will remain as they are in the calendar.

### **Cricket**

All the matches against Ludgrove scheduled for Saturday, June 17th have now been rearranged for Friday evening, June 16th finishing at approximately 1930.

Cricket v Ludgrove

1500 U13 B, C, D, U11/10 A (h)

1500 U13 A, U11/10 B, C (a)

The Year 8 cricket match against Sunningdale on July 1st will be a test match format starting at 1100 and continuing after lunch. It will finish at approximately 1630. The other matches that day will all be played in the afternoon. To assist parents with making weekend plans, team selections will be made soon after half term.

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### **Kids Henley Triathlon**

Amelie Smith (5CG) is taking part in the Kids Henley triathlon to raise funds for The OSCAR Foundation who recently visited Hall Grove. Less than a year ago Amelie was barely able to walk due to a problem with her ankle requiring an operation in July last year. Taking part in this triathlon was one of the goals that kept her focused on her recovery and she felt she could raise some money for this cause.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AmelieSmith15?](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AmelieSmith15?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20170525_96877)

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### **FOHG Annual Tennis Tournament Saturday 17th June**

It's time for our Annual Hall Grove Tennis Tournament. Please come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of Tennis.

#### **Family Doubles Competition (green ball) registration at 1pm**

Open to all Hall Grove pupils who are playing with green balls with a parent/older sibling (13+)/friend/relative\*

#### **Red Ball Singles Competition registration at 3pm for a 3.15pm start**

Open to all Hall Grove pupils who are playing at the red ball level

#### **Orange Ball Singles Competition registration at 3pm for a 3.15pm start**

Open to all Hall Grove pupils who are playing at the orange ball level

Refreshments

“Strawberries and cream” tea at the conclusion of the tournament for all participants (small charge for spectators).

Cost £15 per entry which includes refreshments for participants.

Email to enter: [fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com](mailto:fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com)

\* If anyone is looking for a partner, please let us know and we will try to pair up any child or adult who is interested in playing.

### **'The Winning Golf Swing - Simple Technical Solutions For Lower Scores'.**

For the past two years, whilst working as the Head Of Instruction at Wentworth Club, Kristian Baker (father of Alex, RAE), has been writing a golf instructional book, 'The Winning Golf Swing - Simple Technical Solutions For Lower Scores'. The book is available on [Amazon.co.uk](http://Amazon.co.uk) and has contributions from some of the top minds in golf - [www.kristianbaker.com](http://www.kristianbaker.com)

## **Half Term & Summer Camps**

Please refer to the 'Half Term & Summer Camps' link for further information.

## **Reminder: Childminder - Half-term and Summer Holidays**

Please contact Megan Dunnage if you need any childminding over half term or the Summer holidays. Megan has a DBS, her own car and lots of experience with children of all ages. Contact details: megandunnage@icloud.com or 07875 074621.

## **Reminder: Bagshot Village Day - Saturday 17th June**

A fun day for all the family. [www.facebook.com/bagshotbusinessassociation](http://www.facebook.com/bagshotbusinessassociation)

## **Willow does it again!**

The Graham family's yellow Labrador has produced a second lovely litter of seven gorgeous puppies. They will be ready for new homes at the end of term. Enquiries to [a.graham@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:a.graham@hallgrove.co.uk)