

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

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Last Saturday's Sports Day was a lovely occasion with a great atmosphere amongst the pupils, parents and staff. Our thanks to all those who organised it or helped behind the scenes.

Next week we look forward to a school picnic on Wednesday and to the Big Bash on Saturday. Please make sure you have secured tickets for what will be a wonderful afternoon and evening. ([Tickets available here.](#))

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Year 8 for achieving top grades at Common Entrance. All passed into their senior schools and the results were the best recorded for many years. 76 % of the 300 papers sat were graded A or B (Good or Excellent).

Masterchef 2017

Masterchef this year has started in an amazing way, the kitchens have been so hot in this gorgeous weather adding to the pressure. Thank you for all the wonderful produce that has created lots of fresh aromas and flavours, and with lots of smiles and laughs too! This is the first year at this stage without any tears!

Coming through the first round are: Harry Coxon and Matthew Raeburn, Lucia Jackson and Emily Myers, Olivia Hardy and Chloe Hill, Benoit Boelen, Roan Macdonald and Alex Uphill, Shiv Takyar and Marcus Sands, Ethan Leech and Jack Dale, Pierre Gathy and Max Tenenbaum, Billy Easeman and Tamara Ftouni, Rocky Chapman and Ben Parkinson.

Congratulations to those above and really well done to all of Year 8 for the last three days!

Miranda Dowse

Reminder: 5PW & 6AK Class Assemblies

Please note that 5PW and 6AK Class Assemblies have been rescheduled as follows:

5PW Tuesday 20th June - 0835
6AK Thursday 29th June - 0835

What the Dickens? - Monday 26th to Friday 30th June

Hall Grove looks forward to hosting our first ever 'Dickens Week' during which we will

DIARY REMINDERS

Saturday 17th June
Golf & Tennis Academy re-commences.

Tuesday 20th June
0835 5PW Assembly

Saturday 24th June
60th Anniversary Big Bash

Thursday 29th June
0835 6AK Assembly

Tuesday 4th July
0835 4SS Assembly

Thursday 6th July
ALL After School Clubs finish

Friday 7th July
Term Ends
0915 Pre-Prep Prize Giving
1100 Prize Giving (Years 3 - 8)
1200 Years 3 - 8

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welcome back the highly experienced and inspirational Chris Connaughton as 'Director in Residence'. Mr Connaughton will work alongside Mrs Skinner with Year 7 to deliver an abridged version of Nicholas Nickleby on the evening of Friday 30th June.

It is expected that Year 7 pupils will remain at school to prepare for their performance. Parents and siblings are invited to join us from 1800 for some LAMDA recitals whilst food and refreshments are served under the marquee near the Lighthouse (the cast will have eaten at 1730). The main performance will start at 1900.

Guest Speaker

As part of 'Dickens Week', we are delighted to welcome Mr Mark Dickens and his wife Debbie on the afternoon of Friday 30th June. Mr Dickens is a great-great grandson of Charles Dickens, so this really is a very special visit; he is also Mr Lewis' uncle! Mr Dickens will deliver a talk to the children in Years 5 to 8 at 1600, interested parents are most welcome to attend. Mr Dickens will then be staying on for the evening performance and will introduce Year 7's play shortly before 1900.

Social Media Project

Mrs Allams invites parents to join a small focus group for her social media project. She has designed a site that will allow teachers (and parents) to introduce children to the use of social media safely and help them navigate carefully online. It could also provide a positive framework for children to bring social media into the classroom environment. Mrs Allams would be grateful if a group of parents would meet to discuss her thoughts, make suggestions and give feedback on the project so far. If you would like to attend, the focus group will take place in the Admiral Room on Tuesday 27th June at 1900. Thank you!
[Please register your attendance here.](#)

Year 6 Speech and Drama Festival – Tuesday 4th July from 1800

Prepare to be taken on a whirlwind tour of 2000 years of British history, from Caesar to the present day. On your journey you will hear famous speeches and poetry, and enjoy guest appearances from some of our nation's most memorable characters. Expect music, dance and jollity aplenty, all aimed at making it a patriotic and celebratory occasion. Think London Olympics, but without the budget (or Seb Coe).

Parents and siblings are invited to join us from 1800 for some food and refreshments served under the marquee near The Lighthouse (the cast will have eaten at 1730), at which time there will be some individual spoken English recitals. The main performance will start at 1900. It should be a great opportunity to congratulate the year group for all it has achieved, and to say our farewells to those who are leaving. We look forward to a special evening!

School Nurse Note

We have had a couple of children in school who have had tick bites. This is particularly common at this time of year when children are playing outside a lot more. Please look at the following link for further information or if you are concerned that your child has a tick bite: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/552740/Ticksandyourhealthinfoabouttickbites.pdf

After School Clubs

Please note that **ALL** After School Clubs finish on **Thursday 6th July**.

The Uniform Shop

- Please could all girls going into Year 7 who require a grey skirt and red/white blouse come into the Uniform Shop for a fitting as soon as possible.
- Girls cotton/Lycra navy shorts to be worn under school uniform (optional) are now available in the Uniform Shop at £9.50.
Girls red skorts only to be worn for sport lessons.

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

SUMMER CAMPS

- Summer opening times:
Thursday July 27th 0930 - 1230
Monday August 21st 0830 - 1230
Saturday September 2nd 0900 - 1600

Telephone: 01276 471039

Sport

Cricket v Papplewick Saturday 24th June

Matches start at 1400 and will be a 20/20 format for the under 13 A, U13 B, U11 A and U10 A teams. Please note there is no match for the U11 B team as originally published in the printed calendar.

Please could we ask you to meet us there, we will provide a mini bus for those who require it. As it is Royal Ascot week, traffic will be heavy so please leave plenty of time. The matches should be finished by 1700 to leave plenty of time to get to the Big Bash for those attending.

Girls' Games

Friday 23rd June Cancellation

The U13 girls cricket fixture v St Andrew's Pangbourne has been cancelled due to a clash with their Year 8 leavers programme.

Our weekly review can be found [here](#) (available by 2100 on Friday). This includes the Athletics Finals results.

We are very proud to report that last week Scarlett Creasey was successful in being selected for Surrey Storm Super League netball development squad; this is a significant achievement for such a young girl, particularly when she competed against over 300 girls for just 20 places. Well done Scarlett.

Good luck to the following girls who are attending U14 Berkshire County netball trials over the next few weeks: India Underwood, Carmen Schellekens, Jessica Gunning, Emily Myers and Sophie Lees. They hope to join Scarlett Creasey, Yasmin van der Zijl and Rosie Millar who were selected last year.

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Reminder: FOHG Annual Tennis Tournament Saturday 17th June

It's time to 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 1330

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 1500 for a 1515 start

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

Orange Ball Singles Competition registration at 1500 for a 1515 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

* 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.

** Please note the yellow ball competition will now begin at 1330 to allow the children attending senior school open mornings to participate in the doubles tournament.

Ride 100 - Sunday 30th July

As previously mentioned, a Hall Grove team of four (two staff, a current parent and a former pupil) are riding in the established Ride 100 cycle event on Sunday 30th July. Look out for some of them next week on the turning circle as their drive for sponsorship in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust really kicks in! Any support and sponsorship is very gratefully received and you can also donate via the [following link](#).

Summer Camps

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