

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

Newsletter 580 - 23rd June 2017

What a wonderful week this has been, celebrating the school's 60th birthday. There is mounting excitement as our Big Bash festival approaches. The stage is up and the fun fair arrives in time for gates to open at 1630. It will be a Hall Grove event like no other!

Our thanks to all those who donated to the OSCAR Foundation at Sports Day. A magnificent total of £829 was raised. Further funds will be collected at The Big Bash, along with collections for Sebastian's Action Trust.

Please see all the details of the end of term events in the notes below.

The Big Bash - timings attached

The Half Moon Freehouse and the school caterers will be selling soft drinks, ales, Pimm's and Prosecco from 1700 until 2100.

In addition to your own picnics, there will be three pop up stands selling food from 1900-2100. The menu includes a paella, a burrito wrap in choices of beef, chicken or vegetarian and also our own Hall Grove Pulled Pork in a bun.

The disposal of rubbish has been carefully thought through. It is each family's responsibility to **take home** their own picnic remains. There will be black landfill bins around for plastic rubbish from the drinks tents. The food cooked by the school caterers at the three pop up stands will be sold in compostable containers with compostable cutlery which means leftover bits and pieces can be binned with the food in the food bins. If you are leaving a car overnight and returning the next morning we would very much appreciate it if you would join us for a litter sweep at 0900 for 30 minutes or so.

Masterchef: Congratulations to Year 8s

This week has seen soaring temperatures and they were increased with the ovens in the kitchen cabin - with tremendous results! 19 chefs competed in the second round of the competition. Desserts - the 9 pupils coming through to the next round are Roan Macdonald, Ethan Leech, Chloe Hill, Emily Myers, Matthew Raeburn, Billy Easeman, Tamara Ftouni, Marcus Sands and Alex Uphill.

Post-Battisborough the Starter round commences Monday 3rd July for those named above.

Year 8 Leavers Evening

Further information will be sent to Year 8 parents regarding this special evening on Thursday 6th July. Parents are asked to attend Evensong at 1600 in New Hall, and cricket, rounders, drinks and a BBQ will follow for all Year 8 children and their families.

DIARY REMINDERS

Saturday 24th June
60th Anniversary Big Bash

Thursday 29th June
0835 6AK Assembly

Sunday 2nd July
'Bring a Picnic Day' - Old Boys
and Girls Reunion

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

The Uniform Shop
Summer opening times:

Thursday July 27th
0930 - 1230

Monday August 21st
0830 - 1230

Saturday September 2nd
0900 - 1600

Telephone: 01276 471039

Reminder: Dickens Week - Monday 26th to Friday 30th June

Year 7 are due to perform 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 fortunate to receive a visit from Mr Mark Dickens, a great-great grandson of the celebrated author, on Friday 30th June. 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. All are welcome.

Social Media Project - Tuesday 27th June at 1900

A gentle reminder about Mrs Allams' focus group meeting about Natterbook, the site that she has created to guide and teach children aged 5-11 years about social media. Mrs Allams welcomes any parent to give feedback on the project so far. Meeting to be held in the Admiral Room at 1900 on Tuesday, 27th June.

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

An evening to remember with some lovely performances from the boys and girls of Year 6, and a chance to say farewells to those leaving the school at the end of term.

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. We look forward to a special evening!

Prize Giving - Friday 7th July

Pre-Prep - A reminder that a special Pre-Prep Prize Giving, tailored for the younger children, will take place on Friday 7th July. Children should come to class as usual in the morning. Parents are then invited to join pupils from Pre-School through to Year 2 in New Hall at 0915 for a review of achievements across the year and for the award of end of year prizes. This should be completed by 1000 and the children are then able to go home. Those who are also attending the Prize Giving for Years 3 - 8 may take their child with them, or we will look after him/her for the parents. Please let the class teacher know if this is the case so we can ensure that there are staff available. School on the last day will finish by 1030 for Pre-Prep children.

Parents are welcome to attend Prize Giving on Friday in New Hall as follows:

0900 Pre-Prep
1100 Years 3 – 8

As is traditional, the prizes will be presented by a Year 8 parent, this year Mrs Catriona Graham. Parking will be available on the fields. The Prize List (children from Reception - Year 8) will be posted on the noticeboard under the arch on Friday 30th June. All Year 8 leavers will be called to the stage.

Music

Reminder: Practice Clubs

Due to the number of competing events in the final week of term, there will be NO supervised practice club sessions then. Practice Club bookings will open for the new school year at the beginning of next term (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 1630 - 1830).

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

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

SUMMER CAMPS

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @hallgroveschool @hallgrovesport

Reminder: Summer Concert and Leavers Evensong

In the last week of term we have our Leavers Evensong (Thursday 6th July), which will be the final chance this year to hear our current Choristers and, for many, to say farewell on our penultimate day of term, as well as our Summer Concert (Monday 3rd July), at which all of the ensembles listed below will be performing:

String Orchestra, Recorder Ensemble, Flute Choir, Junior Brass, Senior Brass, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Girls' Choir, Hall Grove Choir, Choristers and Percussion Ensemble.

We would ask that all performers are back in school by 1840 at the latest in uniform (no blazers needed), with their instruments, and congregate in the Admiral Room. Thank you to those that have already booked supper - if you would still like to book, please do so by Friday 30th June.

Sport

FOHG Tennis Tournament

The Friends of Hall Grove enjoyed a blisteringly hot afternoon of tennis on Saturday with sixteen pairs battling out an exciting 'Yellow Ball' competition. Hall Grove pupils from Years 4 to 8 were partnered by a parent or older sibling. The format was great fun and all matches were played in high spirits. Congratulations to the runners-up Mia Kadyan (7MW) and Mr Kadyan, and the winning pair Pierre Gathy (8IT) and sister Margaux Gathy. A big thank you to Mrs Sawhney for organising such an enjoyable event!

Cranleigh Tennis Festival (Doubles Competition)

Congratulations to Manu Prasad (8IT) and Oliver Griffith (7MW) who finished runners up on Monday. Seven IAPS schools took part with fourteen competitive pairings. It was an excellent result.

Sherborne Pre-Season Rugby Tour, Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th October 2017

For boys currently in Years 5 - 7 of all abilities. Training sessions will be provided by the Director of Sport and Head of Rugby from Sherborne. The tour will be led by Mr Cottrell and Mr Lewis and further information will be sent out next week.

Netball Tours, Wednesday 4th - Sunday 8th April 2018 and April 2019

Year 7 and 8 girls - netball tour to Disneyland Paris travelling Wednesday 4th April and returning Sunday 8th April 2018. The cost will be £700 and will include return coach to and from Hall Grove, return Channel crossing, four nights accommodation including meals, team and individual coaching clinics, entry to the International Junior Tournament, three day Hopper ticket to Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios park. Please contact Mrs Maxfield to register interest.

April 2019 - netball tour to Barbados. The estimated price is £2,000 depending upon numbers.

Hall Grove Tennis Tour 2018, Monday 16th - Friday 20th April 2018

Following four extremely successful tours we are delighted to announce plans for the Hall Grove Tennis Tour 2018.

Next year's Tennis Tour will return to the Algarve and the world famous Vale do Lobo Tennis Academy (home to the ATP Senior Tour Finals for many years). The same exceptional coaching will be provided by 5 Star Tennis and the programme typically includes four to five hours of coaching per day, with additional activities including tournaments, swimming, crazy golf and paddle tennis. The inclusive cost of the tour is £735 per person and represents excellent value for money and an exceptional experience for keen tennis players.

This tour has quite a reputation amongst the children who have attended. Places are limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis (though those likely to represent the school teams will be given priority). The tour is open to Upper School boys and girls but we have made an exception for particularly keen and talented Year 5 children in the past. To secure your place a deposit of £335 is required (cheques should be made payable to Hall Grove School Ltd). Please mark this for Mr Slape's attention and email him immediately at d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk to ensure places are still available.

No places will be held until the deposit has been received along with a photocopy of your child's passport. This can be made at the Front Office if required. If successful, £200 will be added to your termly invoice for Autumn and Spring next year to complete the balance and payment before for the tour. Collection and drop off will be from London Gatwick Airport. Unfortunately this tour is not open to parents and it cannot be combined with a family holiday.

Sebastian's Action Trust

Mr Lewis and Mr Tullett would like to thank all those who generously donated on the driveway during the morning drop-offs this week. They certainly enjoyed the words of encouragement from parents and pupils. Over £600 has been raised towards their target of £1600 for the Prudential Ride London on July 30th. A special thank you to the pupils who have been helping collect the money in the morning, especially Shiv Takyar in Year 8. If you would still like to donate please follow the link -

http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=TimLewis_IanTullett_JamieParnell_AndyWyattRideLondon2017&faId=800998&isTeam=false

Football Coaching in September

The Year 8 children are delighted to announce that in September they will be conducting football coaching sessions for boys and girls to raise money for the OSCAR Foundation. The cost per child is £5.00.

Saturday 16th September 0900 - 1000 Years 1 & 2
1000 - 1100 Years 3 & 4

Saturday 23rd September 0900 - 1000 Years 5 & 6 (before house matches)
1000 - 1100 Years 3 & 4 (after house matches)

Years 7 and 8 Parents Curry Night - Friday 29th September at 1900

Please keep Friday 29th September free. There will be a Curry Night in The Lighthouse in aid of the OSCAR Foundation.

Summer Camps

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