

# Celebrating 60 Years



1957 **Hall Grove** 2017

## Newsletter 581 - 30th June 2017

*What a night it was! A real celebration of song, dance, film, light, magic - and sheer merriment. The 1950s style fun fair was a big hit, and the huge 21st century stage with big screen drew the crowds. Each decade of the school's history was featured in some way, even by bringing to the stage Hall Grove's very first pupil. A finale of fireworks, set to the 1812 Overture, made a magnificent conclusion to a memorable evening. As many said, 'it was amazing'. Our thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed themselves at our Big Bash (nearly 1,000 tickets were sold), and our thanks to all those who took part or helped with organisation.*

*Sebastian's Action Trust was pleased to receive a donation of £380.72 given on the night and £263.24 donated on the drive for the charity Bike Ride.*

*It is with great sadness that we heard earlier this week of the sad death of Lord Toulson (father of Mr Toulson, Year 6 teacher, and grandfather of the Kenefick children). Lord Toulson was an eminent judge and a very remarkable man. Obituaries appear in both The Times and The Telegraph today. The family asks that donations in sympathy should go to the British Heart Foundation.*

### Footsteps Tap Examinations - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July many of the Footsteps pupils will be taking their ISTD Tap Dance examinations. This is very exciting as once again Hall Grove will be hosting the Tap exams here as an ISTD-approved exam centre. Pupils involved have been informed and received their letters with arrival procedure and exam times. Please could parents ensure children have the correct dance uniform and their tap shoes, along with a hair brush and plenty of hair grips and hairspray. All children are to be brought up to the Admiral Room to register on arrival. We wish everyone a successful examination day!

*Miss Stein*

### Reminder: 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

#### DIARY REMINDERS

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

**Monday 3rd July**  
1900 Summer Concert

**Tuesday 4th July**  
0835 4SS Assembly

**Tuesday 4th July**  
Year 6 Speech & Drama Festival from 1800

**Thursday 6th July**  
ALL After School Clubs finish

**Thursday 6th July**  
1600 Evensong (Years 6-8)

**Thursday 6th July**  
1800 Year 8 Leavers' Cricket & Rounders Evening

**Friday 7th July**  
Term Ends  
0900 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

**Autumn Term Commences**  
Monday 4th September

**Friday 29th September**  
Years 7 & 8 Parents Curry Night

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) has been posted on the noticeboard under the arch today, and is attached to this Newsletter. All Year 8 leavers will be called to the stage.

### **End of Term Arrangements - Friday 7th July**

Term ends on Friday 7th July. The collection times are as follows:

0915 Pre-Prep Prize Giving. Parents are invited to the Prize Giving and they then may take children home  
1100 Years 3 – 8 Prize Giving  
1200 Years 3 – 8 Term Ends

### **Junior Library - Pre-School to Year 4**

Can all books be returned to the Junior Library next week please.

### **School Reports, Newsletters, School Invoices and the Autumn Term Calendar**

School reports will be posted to parents during the holidays and invoices will be sent out electronically. The School Newsletter and School insurance information will be sent to parents during the Summer holidays by ClarionCall and will also be available on the School website. A provisional copy of the Autumn Term Calendar will be available shortly after the end of term on the school website and a hard copy will be sent to parents.

### **After School Clubs**

Please note that all After School Clubs finish on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Information for next term's clubs will be sent out via email in the first couple of weeks of the holiday. On-line bookings will be open in the first week of the Autumn Term and clubs will commence week beginning 11th September.

### **The Uniform Shop - New Tracksuit Tops Update**

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. The tops will then be repaired over the Summer break and returned to the shop at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

### **LAMDA Speech and Drama Sessions**

**For the attention of parents with children entering Year 6 next year.**

Our very successful LAMDA programme will continue next year and parents are invited to book a slot for their child, subject to availability. Classes can be attended in pairs (Duo) or individually (Solo). Classes are billed separately and run in a similar way to our individual music lessons, the charges are comparable. Under the watchful eye of Mrs Brown who has many years' experience as a LAMDA teacher, most pupils have worked towards their first exams this year and gained a great deal from the sessions. Classes currently take place on a Tuesday within the normal school day and rotate on a carousel to avoid children missing the same lesson each week. We will plan next term's timetable during the Summer holiday, so if you would like your child to attend in the Autumn we ask that you communicate your firm interest to Mr Slape as soon as possible, and no later than Friday 7th July. If you have any

#### **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

##### **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

#### **NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS**

#### **SUMMER CAMPS**

**Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! [@hallgroveschool](https://twitter.com/hallgroveschool) [@hallgrovesport](https://twitter.com/hallgrovesport)**

questions about the content of the sessions or what they involve please contact Mrs Brown directly via email ([jenny@jib-drama-studios.co.uk](mailto:jenny@jib-drama-studios.co.uk)).

If your child currently attends LAMDA lessons in Upper School, we ask that you inform Mr Slape as to whether you would like them to continue next year. Mrs Brown can then plan her time accordingly.

These sessions require a commitment from your child. They must check the weekly timetable, turn up on time, learn their pieces and catch up on any class work missed. LAMDA students are also called to perform in assembly or informal recitals. It is important the children understand these expectations and commitments before they sign up. Those attending regular music lessons, or who have additional sporting commitments should also consider their time very carefully. It may not be appropriate for them to miss additional lesson time.

## Music

### 2nd 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 -

### 2nd 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

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

### Tennis Tour

We would like thank everybody for the interest shown. This tour is now full.

### Golf

On Thursday the golf team went to Charterhouse to defend their title from last year. The course was in excellent condition and Rocky Chapman, Adam Humpish and Nicholas Wall played superbly and won by 6 shots!

It was a lovely day and it was great to see potential players for next year playing so well. Rocky and Adam both shot 5 over, with Adam winning best individual score as well.

Well done boys.

### Tours 2018 - 2019

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| <b>Netball</b> | Disneyland, Paris | 4th - 8th April 2018   | Year 7 & 8 Girls          | £700            |
| <b>Tennis</b>  | Algarve, Portugal | 16th - 20th April 2018 | Upper School Boys & Girls | £735            |
| <b>Netball</b> | Barbados          | April 2019             | Year 7 & 8 Girls          | £2000 (approx.) |

### Sebastian's Action Trust

If you would still like to donate please [follow this link](#)

### Boys' Games Notices and Reminders

1st July - Cricket v Sunningdale

Please note the amendment to the venues and teams.

1130 1st XI (h)

1430 U11 A, U11 C (h)

1430 2nd XI, 3rd XI, U11 C (a)

## Girls' Games Notices

Please can we remind parents of girls in Years 7 and 8 from September 2017 that the forms for the Disneyland Paris Netball Festival need to be returned by next Friday at the LATEST. No provisional booking has been made for this trip and places go quickly.

1st July - U12-U13 Girls Cricket Festival

Team selections have been made. Please see the website for more details. Please meet Mrs Maxfield at 0915 and note that the estimated finish will be 1200.

### Reminder: 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)

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## The Open – A Remarkable Story

Hall Grove would like to pass on our warmest congratulations to Kristian Baker, father of Alex (RAE), who coached a young amateur called Harris Ellis to win the British Amateur Championships last Saturday and will now be competing in The Open at Royal Birkdale and next year participating in the US Open and The Masters.

For further details please click on The Telegraph link below:

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/www.telegraph.co.uk/golf/2017/06/24/harry-ellis-fights-back-earn-place-masters-open/amp/>

## Appeal for new playground at Bagshot Playing Fields

Bagshot Playing Fields Association, run entirely by volunteers dedicated to supporting our local community, aims to bring people together, to get people active and of course to have fun - no matter your age!

Their challenge is to create a wonderful new playground for the children of Bagshot at Bagshot Playing Field, College Ride and their goal is to raise £33,000, so please help support by donating any amount, large or small, on their Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/BPFAPlaygroundFund>

Leaflet attached to our school website.

## Choirs with Purpose Charity Album

Mrs Graham is still singing with the Games Maker Choir (following her volunteer role at the 2012 London Paralympics) and is delighted to be involved in their soon to be released 'Stand Together' charity album. Please support them by [pre-ordering your copy of the album](#) and be part of a very special project!

## Summer Camps

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