

# Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

## Newsletter 584 – 8th September 2017

*The 2017/8 school year has started well with a number of exciting changes. All the children are settling into the routines and there is a very positive atmosphere running through the school.*

*Whether you enjoyed the Big Bash last term, or missed out on attending, do book places for our Magical Evening in the walled garden next Friday. Tickets are [available here](#). It will be a very special event.*

### Adventure in the Woods

It was not at all what anyone could have expected; whilst enjoying a lovely time in Triangular Wood, a favourite haunt of the Pre-Prep and an area for valuable outdoor learning, a hornets' nest was disturbed and a number of Year 1 children were stung. It was very frightening. The accompanying staff took swift action to lead the children to safety and within minutes the First Aiders on the staff were summoned. Under the direction of the School Nurse, comfort and medications were administered. As a number of colleagues have remarked, it was all done with great professionalism; praise is certainly deserved by all concerned. The children were very brave, and those pesky hornets - they have now been dealt with.

### School Nurse Note

We have had a couple of children in school who have had tick bites. This is still common at this time of year when children are playing outside. Please check your children regularly for these, including their scalp. Please see the [following link](#) for further information or if you are concerned that your child has a tick bite.

### Roald Dahl Day - 13th September

We are celebrating Roald Dahl Day on Wednesday, 13th September and all children in Pre-School to Year 5 are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book. All pupils are encouraged to bring a donation of £1 for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which supports seriously ill children in the UK.

### Book Fair

The Book Fair arrived today and all children will be able to peruse the wide variety of books with their form or English class next week. There is no obligation to buy but your child may come home with an order slip giving details of a book they would enjoy. This year there will be three ways to make purchases:

- Please return the slip with a cheque made payable to "Hall Grove School Ltd" by Monday 18th September. **Please do not staple the cheque to the order slip.**

### DIARY REMINDERS

**Monday 11th September**  
After School Clubs commence

**Tuesday 12th September**  
Early Years Parents' Briefing  
OPRO Mouthguard Fitting

**Wednesday 13th September**  
Years 7 and 8 Parents' Briefing  
Roald Dahl Day

**Thursday 14th September**  
0835 8LM Assembly  
Years 3 and 4 Parents' Briefing

**Friday 15th September**  
Parents' Garden Party in the  
Walled Garden

**Monday 18th September**  
Year 7 to Battisborough

**Thursday 21st September**  
0835 6MW Assembly

**Friday 22nd September**  
Year 7 return from Battisborough

**Saturday 23rd September**  
Senior Schools Fair

**Tuesday 26th September**  
835 5GH Assembly

**Wednesday 27th September**  
Pre-School Parent Interviews

**Thursday 28th September**  
0835 7LS Assembly  
Pre-School Parent Interviews

**Friday 29th September**  
Years 7 & 8 Parents Curry  
Night in aid of the OSCAR  
Foundation

- Alternatively, you may wish to give your child the **exact** money (no change can be given) in a **named and sealed envelope** and they may purchase books between 1100 and 1120 on any day next week.
- Parents are welcome to come to the balcony in New Hall to browse and buy books on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th between 1620 and 1720.

Whilst there are multiple copies of the books and these will be given (as far as is possible) to the children who have brought payment, please note that it may be necessary to make some additional orders. All such books will be ordered on Monday 18th September and delivered to school within the next few weeks.

If you have any queries please speak to your child's form teacher or to me.

Louise Skinner (l.skinner@hallgrove.co.uk)

## Ice Skating Triumph

Congratulations to Ava-Mae Martell (Yr 6) who competed at the British Solo Dance Championships in Sheffield on Friday 14th July. She started off amazingly well amongst a very talented group of girls, many of whom have been skating a lot longer than her. To have qualified and get experience at this high level after barely two years of skating is remarkable in itself. She performed her two pattern dances well and was lying in 2nd place out of 16! She then performed her free dance and scored a PB, which was fantastic, but sadly not enough to keep her up on the podium with the more experienced free skaters.

Ava-Mae came 6th overall and was only 0.6points off 3rd place. She exceeded everyone's expectations at her first championships and her family were extremely proud of her, as are we at Hall Grove. We shall follow her progress with interest. If anyone else would like to try this sport do speak to Ava-Mae's family.

## U14 Berkshire Netball County Academy Success

Carmen Schellekens and India Underwood have been selected for the top of the U14 Berkshire Netball County Academy. It is an incredible achievement as Carmen and India were chosen from a group of approximately 200 girls and last night from a list of 25 they were identified as good to train in the 1st set. Apparently, with this achievement, they are now on the England Netball Talent Pathway alongside Yasmin van der Zijl and Rosie Millar who are also in the County Academy. What a talented year group.

## Footsteps Dance Classes

Footsteps dance classes commence on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, run by Fiona Stein. The classes will be taking place in Old Hall and, for those enrolled, you are asked to collect your child after their class from Miss Stein on the drive. Beginners' Tap finishes at 1615, Grade 1 Tap finishes at 1715 on a Tuesday, Beginners' Ballet finishes at 1610 on a Thursday and Grade 2 Tap finishes at 1715 on a Thursday. All Reception parents please note children are to be collected from the drive by the main school building, not The Barn.

Dance uniform, which is compulsory for all Footsteps pupils, will be available for you to purchase in 1AE, Mrs Easeman's class room, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 1600. Please note payment is by cash or cheque only. If you wish to pre-order dance shoes in advance please email Miss Stein at fiona@footsteps.biz.

## Reminder: The Drive

To ensure a safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up, we require everyone to be considerate and remember that one person not following the policy causes considerable frustration for many others. Please remember the following, and inform anyone dropping off or collecting your child:

In the mornings, it is important to observe the 'turn and drop' system, and in the afternoon please 'turn and collect'.

If you need to park, please use the tennis court area (available until 0855 only).

Use the paths and crossings with your children - do not dash across the drive.

### ABSENCES

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

### TERM DATES

#### **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

#### **Spring Term 2018**

8th January - 23rd March

Half Term:

10th - 18th February

#### **Summer Term 2018**

23rd April - 6th July

Half Term:

26th May - 3rd June

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

Older children may be encouraged to walk unaccompanied down the drive in the mornings, using the pathway and crossings.

Assist the flow of traffic by arriving at school no earlier than the designated pick-up times.

Cars should **never** park on the yellow lines or roundabout.

**NB** Years 5 and 6 are now collected from the shelters next to the Tennis Courts. Staff will deliver the children there for collection at 1620 (Year 5) and 1700 (Year 6).

We are aware that the afternoon and evening collections can cause a great deal of frustration. Parents are asked, please, to assist by arriving no earlier than the published collection time and to be patient. We are not alone as a school in having pressure points in traffic and our arrangements are very much better than many others!

## **Reminder: After School Clubs**

Clubs begin in the week commencing Monday 11th September.

## **Forthcoming Battsborough Trips**

Year 7	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017
Year 8	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2017
Year 5	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Year 4	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Year 6	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Year 8	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018

## **Hall Grove Open Morning – Friday 20th October**

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Friday 20th October from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

## **Senior Schools Fair - Saturday 23rd September**

All parents are welcome to our Senior Schools Fair on Saturday 23rd September, from 1000 - 1200 in New Hall.

## **Senior School Open Mornings**

Information regarding Senior School Open Mornings can be found via the link on the right-hand side of the previous page.

## **Autumn Term 2017 School Calendar**

The Autumn calendar was distributed via the children earlier this week on a 'one per family' basis. Further copies are available from the School Office, and it is also on the School website.

## **Personal Information Disclosure**

We have had a number of requests from class representatives for class lists and contact details of new pupils. In order to comply with the Data Protection Act we are not permitted to disclose this information without prior consent from parents.

## **Music**

Music lessons, Music Practice Club and all Music Ensembles (including Choristers and both other choirs) start next week. The schedule for music rehearsals can now be found on the website, under Parents/Newsletter Downloads. Please note there have been some changes to staffing, venue and times for some of these this year, so please do double check.

Miss Post has been treated all week to songs from *Hercules*, *Into the Woods*, some wonderful hymns and even a Justin Timberlake number! Well done to everyone who came to audition this week for either Choristers or the new Semi-Chorus section of Choristers.

## **Sport**

### **Golf**

Many congratulations to James Brash for winning the Junior Jigger (Under 11's) at The Stowe Putter during the holidays. The Hall Grove team finished a close second to Millfield in an exciting competition with Rocky Chapman winning the

U14 section. Prizes were presented by former Ryder Cup captain Bernard Gallagher. Hall Grove's golf continues to go from strength to strength.

**Early Morning Training Sessions** - meet at 0730 at the Sports Pavilion.

**Cross Country** - Tuesday and Thursday cross-country training with Mr Tullett will commence from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 0730. These are open sessions for Years 3 to 8. Pupils must turn up in training kit and is important they remember their uniform and school shoes.

**Rugby Training** - Wednesday Years 3-5 and Friday Years 6-8 rugby training with Mr Cottrell will commence next week. Pupils must turn up in training kit and bring their mouth guards. It is important they remember their uniform. The sessions will be designed to reinforce and develop the core skills.

### **Boy's Games Notices and Reminders**

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Hall Grove Football tournament - U13 A and U11 A Meet at 0830 for 0900 start.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September tbc** - Cricket v Woodcote U13 A Meet at 1000 for 1030 start.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September** - Football v Feltonfleet and Aldro - **Venue Change**

The U9's are now playing away at Feltonfleet (not at Hall Grove)

The U8's are now playing at Hall Grove (not at Feltonfleet).

### **Girls' Games Notices**

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Hockey v Danes Hill (Surrey)

0930 U13 A and U13 B (away) Meet time 0800

0930 U11 A and U10 A (home) Meet time 0900

### **Girls House Hockey Results**

U10 House Matches

1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hawks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Eagles, 4<sup>th</sup> Falcons

U11-12-13 House Matches

1<sup>st</sup> Hawks, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Falcons and Kestrels, 4<sup>th</sup> Eagles

### **OSCAR Foundation Fundraising Events**

This remarkable charity instils the values of education to children from some of the poorest parts of India. Hall Grove will be hosting a group of children from the slums of Mumbai early in October. To assist the charity we are actively raising funds. Please help.

As part of our ongoing fundraising activities for the OSCAR Foundation's visit to Hall Grove, the Year 8 pupils will be running coaching sessions for pupils on the Saturday mornings published below. There will be a charge of £5 for the session made on the day, all of which will go to the charity. Refreshments will available to spectators and pupils but on this occasion we will be asking for small donations.

Please register your child [here](#).

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

0900 Years 1 and 2

1000 Years 3 and 4

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

0900 Years 5 and 6

## **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Year 3 and 4 House matches starting at 0900

Year 3 will be playing a six nations football tournament instead of House matches. Their House allocation will take part after half term.

## **BEVAP Textiles**

Following the success of the denim whales, thanks to your kind donations of old jeans, Mrs Allams and her new Y8 group have decided to follow a similar format for their 2017 project.

This year, we ask you to kindly rummage through your cupboards and send in any bedding/sheets/duvet covers/pillow cases that are surplus to requirement.

Ideally, (forgive the bare-faced cheek) we would prefer plain cotton, though we will not be fussy about thread count! We can accept small patterns but no pictures please. Keep your old Star Wars covers for guests...

Thank you in advance for any donations. The energy in the first lesson looks pretty promising so we are looking forward to impressing you with our boutique style up-cycled products. Thank You *Mrs Allams*

## **Fundraising**

A fabulous £1,060 was raised for the OSCAR Foundation at the 2nd Hand Uniform Sale last week.

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## **Surrey Heath Heritage Open Days**

See Newsletter Attachments by clicking on the link on previous page for further information.

## **One Puppy Still To Go....**

A very handsome Yellow Labrador boy, distinguished pedigree, Kennel Club registered, vaccinated and micro chipped, steady temperament, ready now for a loving home.

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