

Celebrating 60 Years



1957 Hall Grove 2017

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One of the last Jubilee projects of 2017 has been the replacement of the Athletics hut on the playing fields with a lovely new oak frame pavilion that has been erected this week. Later in the Autumn, we will plant some new trees close to the building; over the next 60 years they will grow in stature providing welcome shade for children and beneficial habitat for wildlife.

As we anticipate the start of Eco Week on Monday, we are also looking forward to our second Outdoor Learning Conference on Thursday and to the Country Fair on Friday. The latter will be visited by the Mayor of Surrey Heath and by no lesser figure than the Rt Hon Michael Gove, MP, Minister for the Environment and Rural Affairs.

A plea to parents - some of you are driving dangerously fast down the school drive. As dark nights approach it is especially important to take great care and drive at crawling pace, especially when children are around. As the note below requests, engines should be turned off when waiting in line so as not to waste fuel and pollute the air.

Tatler Schools Guide

We have sent the annual Tatler publication home with pupils today. Parents may like to see our entry in the Prep Schools section. Many prospective parents first hear about us in London when planning a move out to the Ascot, Chobham, Virginia Water area. For that reason we will be exhibiting once more at the Independent Schools Show at Battersea on the 11th/12th November where we will promote a school bus service that we plan to run for older pupils next year.

Eco Week - w/c Monday 16th October

We are looking forward to our Eco week where the children will have opportunities in their lessons to study the beautiful environment that surrounds them everyday. They will be made aware of how they can help preserve it, for example by recycling and saving energy. A special trail is being created by the children and placed around the school to educate about topics such as the oak trees, squirrels and the lake habitat. Staff are also being asked to be mindful when it comes to using resources. Can we do without the photocopier for a week or avoid using cardboard coffee cups? Parents can also take part, for example, by turning their engines **off** as they park on the drive to avoid polluting the air. There will be reminders next week.

DIARY REMINDERS

Monday 16th October
Hall Grove Eco Week

Thursday 19th October
0835 5ST Assembly

Friday 20th October
0835 Harvest Service (Years 3-8)
0930 Open Morning
Grandparents' Afternoon &
Country Fair

HALF TERM:
Saturday 21st October - Sunday 5th
November (incl.)

Friday 10th November
Remembrance Service

Thursday 16th November
0835 3KD Assembly

Sunday 19th November
Year 8 to Battisborough

Tuesday 21st November
0835 4DL Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 22nd November
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Thursday 23rd November
0835 8AM Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 5th December
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 6th December
1830 Years 1 & 2 Nativity

Last week we welcomed to our staff Mrs Joanne Buckler, a qualified teacher and a trained horticulturalist. Mrs Buckler is working on the restoration of our beautiful walled garden where she will lead outdoor learning projects with classes of children. It is an exciting project the fruits of which will become apparent in future years.

Art Competition

To encourage environmental awareness, observation and enjoyment of nature, there will be an Art Competition open from Years 1 to 8. Pupils are asked to create an autumnal scene or snapshot on A4 using line drawing or painting. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each year group. The closing date will be Monday 6th November and entries are to be handed to Mrs Foley or Mrs Easeman with a name and Year group on them.

Harvest Service – Friday 20th October (Years 3-8)

We would welcome fresh and home-baked produce to display in New Hall and then be sold at a charity stall at the Country Fair. Items such as jams, chutneys, breads and other bakes, fruit and vegetables from the garden and cut flowers would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any produce directly to the New Hall between 8.15 and 8.30 on Friday, 20th October.

Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair – Friday 20th October – 1330 to 1700

Grandparents are invited to arrive between 1330 and 1400. We suggest they begin with a tour of the school with their grandchildren so with this in mind, please make sure all grandparents know to go directly to their grandchild's classroom. Senior pupils will be on hand to point them in the right direction. Parking will be on the fields, and tea and coffee will be served in The Lighthouse from 1400.

The Year 8 children have been working hard on their Enterprise Scheme BEVAP (Business and Enterprise Visual Arts Project), creating exciting products in Art, DT, IT, Ceramics and Textiles.

Please bring lots of money to spend as we are raising funds for several charities including Christian Aid, The OSCAR Foundation, Sebastian's Action Trust, and Water Aid. As in previous years, there will be a good range of produce and products to buy, including fresh meat from South Battisborough Farm, local honey, home-made chutneys, flowers, outdoor sculptures and many other products for the home and garden. There will be plenty of wildlife with the ever popular petting farm (sheep, ducks, goats etc.), a display of birds of prey and some stalls run by the children.

Important: all guests are reminded that this is an outdoor event. Whilst the forecast is currently good, in previous years we have been unfortunate enough to have experienced very poor weather. Please dress for the conditions (coats and boots may well be required) and be aware that access may be difficult across muddy fields.

The Fair closes at approximately 1700, but children are free to leave before that. They should 'sign out' with their class teachers once they are in the care of their guests or their parents.

Pupils' Forgotten Items

Please can we make a polite request that parents do not bring items into school that children have, for whatever reason, forgotten to bring in at the start of the school day. The School Office is being inundated with water bottles, homework, books and kit, all of which the children can (most of the time) survive the day without.

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2017

4th September – 15th December

Half Term:

21st October – 5th 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

Autumn Term 2018

3rd September – 14th December

Half Term:

20th October – 4th November

Spring Term 2019

7th January – 29th March

Half Term:

16th – 24th February

Summer Term 2019

29th April – 12th July

Half Term:

25th May – 2nd June

Autumn Term 2019

9th September – 20th December

Half Term:

26th October – 11th November

HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

Remembrance Service - Friday 10th November

This special Assembly is always much enjoyed by parents. Choristers will be singing and it begins at 1030 in New Hall.

Music

What a week it has been in the Music Department! Well done to all those who visited Wellington yesterday as part of their Prep Schools Orchestral Day. Our musicians represented Hall Grove and themselves extremely well, and were able to produce some fantastic music at the end of the day. Another special mention to all those who travelled over to Stowe School with Mr Lewis on Wednesday to participate in a Piano Masterclass with Graham Fitch. The masterclass consisted of pupils from Stowe and Hall Grove, and our pianists certainly held their own in what can be quite a nerve-wracking environment. Graham Fitch and Ben Andrew (Head of Keyboard at Stowe) were most impressed with our students, so well done to Mia Kadyan, Sharen Chu, Cole Lam, Oliver Hudson and Daniel Fussey.

Informal Concerts

Today marked our final concert before the half-term break, and it was a pleasure to hear from some of our Brass & Woodwind players. We were treated to everything from the 'James Bond Theme' to 'Tequila Sunrise' today, so well done to everyone who performed!

Sport

Weekly review

The girls had an excellent week of hockey results this week, the 90% win ratio reflecting the hard work put in by both children and their coaches. The week started on Saturday with the 1st VII returning from the Lord Wandsworth Tournament undefeated and the U8A team winning the St George's Weybridge Tournament. On Wednesday, the girls had an encouraging afternoon with five out of five wins against St George's Windsor and the U10A's winning all of their 8 matches at the Bradfield Tournament. An excited team returned to Hall Grove with the winner's trophy! After so many fantastic match results it is difficult to mention individual performances. All of the girls have played with such heart and are to be commended for their industrious attitude on the pitch, team work and tenacity.

On Thursday the U9's had superb matches against Feltonfleet. The A's came back from 0-2 at half time to win 3-2 and the B's turned a 3-0 deficit into a 4-3 triumph! The C's managed to hold on to a 1-0 win, to complete a most enjoyable afternoon of hockey. The U8's again showed what a truly talented year group they are with a magnificent 5-1 win. The B's lost but they have come such a long way in such a short time and we are very proud of them.

Well done to the U9A and B football teams who won both divisions of the Edgeborough U9's football tournament. The standard of play and sportsmanship on display was very pleasing. This continued on Thursday afternoon when the all the boys in Year 4 took on Cranleigh and Parkside, coming away with five wins, two draws and one loss. An excellent week for the U9's! The senior teams have had a tougher week at the Regionals and Bradfield Tournaments and against Ludgrove but should not lose heart and look to bounce back against Papplewick on Saturday.

Over the half term holidays, we plan to offer pre-season netball camps at Lightwater Leisure Centre. These will only run if we have enough girls interested so please make sure you email Mrs Maxfield (k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk) to express interest by Monday 16th October.

Boy's Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 14th October

Football Papplewick

1430 U13 B, D, E U10 A, B, C, and U9 A (home) 1345 meet at Hall Grove

1430 U13 A, C, U11 A, B, and U9 B (away) 1330 meet at Hall Grove

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 14th October

IAPS Hockey Regionals - Piper's Corner School

0830 U11 A 0730 meet at Hall Grove

Additions and Amendments

Tuesday 17th October

Surrey Cup v Cranmore

1500 1st XI (home)

OCTOBER HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Please click on the link on page 2 for camps running during the October Half Term and Christmas holiday.

Hype Half Term Cricket and Football Camps

For further details, please click on the link on page 2 for camps running during the October Half Term and Christmas holiday.

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Leaflets were sent home this week with your child. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by **Wednesday 8th November**. Please include a donation (a suggested £5 donation per box), which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. Cheques should be made out to **Samaritan's Purse**. Alternatively, you can pay online which makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Please visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to make your donation.

Reminder: Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure - Gift Wrap Fundraiser

The Northbrook Fundraising gift wrap brochure was sent home last week. It contains a fantastic selection of high-quality Christmas and birthday wrap, cards and accessories. If everyone just bought one item, we could raise a significant sum for charity. Our school will receive 22% cashback on every item sold via the brochure.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT BY MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER (earlier than the published deadline).

The French Touch - Saturday 21st October, 7.45pm

Epworth Choir including music by Fauré, Saint-Saëns, Franck and Vierne.

For more information please see [Newsletter Attachments](#).