

Following some most unpleasant weather, it was a relief to see the sun towards the end of the week. The sports teams have performed very well again, even in the mud and rain.

After an excellent Year 4 Assembly about Robbie Burns on the 25th January, it was disappointing to hear that Sebastian's Action Trust decided to cancel the Burns Supper this year because of insufficient ticket sales. The Trust is keen to try another social event later in the year.

The Summer may still seem a long way off, however we suggest diaries are marked up with the events highlighted below. News will follow later about Africa Week, but parents please hold the evening of June 22nd for another Hall Grove extravaganza!

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 12th May	Open Gardens and Hall Grove Country Day	1400 - 1700
Friday 8th June	Early Years and Pre-Prep Sports Day	1100 - 1300
Saturday 9th June	Sports Day (Years 3 - 8)	1400 - 1700
Friday 22nd June	Africa Week Celebration	

Technology Week - Monday 26th February

This will be an exciting week where children across the school will be immersed into the thrilling world of design and engineering. We will have a particular focus on mechanisms and the transfer of forces, as well as looking at cutting-edge technologies and manufacturing processes. It will be a fantastic opportunity for our older pupils to learn more about the growth of Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and Robots.

The week will culminate with a Technology Fair on the afternoon of Friday 2nd March, where pupils from Years 3-6 will exhibit project work generated during the week. The fair will be followed by a 'Technology Conference' for our senior pupils. This will feature a programme of exciting talks, including a number delivered by Hall Grove parents! A full programme of events, with timings, will be issued in due course. Parents are welcome to join us at both events.

If anyone has anything that they can offer to enhance this week, please contact Mr Slape.

House Cross Country - Saturday 27th January

All children from Years 3 - 8 are invited to take part. Please note the timings below:

Competitors should arrive 15 minutes before their event to give them time to have a little jog to warm up. It is important they have warm kit to wear before and after racing (but not during!).

DIARY REMINDERS

JANUARY

Tuesday 30th
0835 6FH Assembly

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st
0835 - 3SS Assembly
Postponed until further notice

Friday 2nd
Burns Night Supper
Cancelled

Thursday 8th
0835 6AK Assembly

Friday 9th
0900 1AE Class Assembly
Term Ends (normal collection times)

Half Term
Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th

MARCH

Thursday 1st
1900 Parents' Forum (details to follow)

Monday 5th
Year 5 to Batisborough
Year 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 6th
0835 7TH Assembly

Wednesday 7th
Year 7 & 8 Parent Interviews

Thursday 8th
0835 6MW Assembly
1900 Year 6 Parents' Meeting

Friday 9th
0900 2LB Class Assembly
Year 5 return from Batisborough

After School Activities
Finish Thursday 22nd March

There will be a changing area under the shelter by the Astro and behind the senior pavilion close to the start and finish. While racing, the children should be dressed in the following:

Boys

Black socks, black shorts, a base layer if they prefer and their House t-shirt.

Girls

Running leggings or skorts, a base layer if they prefer and House t-shirt.

Footwear

Running spikes are permitted but must be put on immediately before the event and removed after. Running trainers are preferable over football boots or football trainers.

Timing

1430 Year 3 and 4 Girls

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1510 Year 5 and 6 Girls

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1550 Year 7 and 8 Girls

1610 Year 7 and 8 Boys

Following each race there will be a quick presentation to the first three runners and the House result. We look forward to seeing you at the event and thank you for your support in advance.

Bake Off

Congratulations to the Year 7 Bake Off cooks named below who are through to the second round on Monday and Tuesday of next week. All cakes from the opening round were sold, raising £183.00 for the Children's Homes in India charity.

Good luck to the following bakers in the next round:

Monday: Bertie Deane, Emily Armitage, Aimee Millington, Ella Hadden-Wight, Antonio Langlands, Fred Beer, Ollie King and Jai Edwards.

Tuesday: Tabitha Tonkin, Sienna Edwards, Hope Wood, Thomas Dyson, Jai Prashar and Axel Daly.

All ingredients need to be brought to school as the bread/scone entry will be cooked on site.

Burns Night - Friday 2nd February - Cancelled

Unfortunately, Sebastian's Action Trust has cancelled this year's Burns Supper because there was insufficient demand for tickets.

Tea and Chat for Age Concern - Tuesday 6th February

Please note that Years 3 and 4 Tea and Chat for Age Concern on Tuesday 6th February is unable to go ahead on this date. We will look to arrange a similar event later in the year.

Hall Grove Ski Trip 2018/2019

There has been a fantastic response to next year's ski trip to Club Kitzsteinhorn Zell am Zee, which will leave on December 27th 2018 and return on 2nd January 2019. There are now limited places available. Please email Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) if you would like to reserve a place for your son or daughter. The deadline for responses is Friday 2nd February.

Please follow [the link to watch films](#) and photos from this year's trip to give a flavour of

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

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 (incl)

Summer Term 2019

24th April - 12th July

Half Term:

25th May - 2nd June (incl)

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM, EASTER & SUMMER CAMPS

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what happens on the trip. The children have five days skiing and receive five hours tuition a day specific to their ability. It is worth noting that every novice who goes on the Hall Grove Ski trips returns a competent skier, while the more experienced skier has the opportunity to develop and refine their skills. The cost will be £1175, which is all-inclusive.

Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 15th March

Our next Open Morning for prospective parents will be taking place on Thursday 15th March 0930 – 1130. Please tell your friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove. As we are starting our daily mini-bus service from West London this year, do also let any friends in London know about the school.

Music

Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed today in our Informal Brass concert, it was wonderful to see the wealth of brass players we have coming through from Lower School! Our next Informal Concert is for Woodwind players on February 2nd. As ever, if your child learns outside of school, and you would like him or her to perform, please let Miss Post know via email (L.post@hallgrove.co.uk) by Tuesday next week, including the title and composer of the prepared piece.

Sports

Weekly Review

What a week of Rugby! On Saturday afternoon the U13, U12 and U11 A's all went to Woodcote House for the annual fixture which traditionally has always been a tough match, and once again it did not disappoint. The U12 A's had a very exciting game losing 4 tries to 3. The score does not tell the whole story but the boys who played can be very proud of the way they fronted up and came back after being 4 – 1 down. The U11's had a good game, and we were delighted with their performance; they have improved immensely this season. The U13's had an incredibly physical game against a highly motivated Woodcote House. Our boys managed to weather the storm to secure a memorable victory.

On Tuesday evening, the U12 A team played in the Chobham Rugby Club floodlit schools' festival. They won 4 and drew 1, winning their group. Unfortunately there was not time to play the winners of the other group but the team did Hall Grove proud. Earlier in the day, the U9's and U8's played Papplewick. The U9's had three more victories and continue to grow as rugby players; the U8's won one, drew two and lost one in what was a very exciting and competitive afternoon.

Wednesday saw the U13 A team in action against Holme Grange and the U11's against Staines Prep. Hall Grove recorded victories in quite challenging weather. Thursday saw the U9's and U8's play against a competitive Staines Prep, but again the results went Hall Grove's way with some good wins.

Despite the horrendous weather conditions on Wednesday, the senior girls had a lovely afternoon at Lightwater Leisure Centre where they had a set of fixtures against opponents Danes Hill (Surrey). The girls played well and with three out of three wins they were deserved winners. On Thursday there was an exciting afternoon of netball as Hall Grove hosted its' annual U9 tournament. Guildford High, St George's Weybridge, Eagle House, The Marist and Yateley Manor all participated. Hall Grove A and B teams both won 4 matches and only lost to St George's. The C team lost one and drew one. The U8's played Guildford High; the A team drew 2-2 and B team lost. This is always a very competitive fixture, particularly when Guildford High have 48 girls to select from in Year 3!

Cross Country

Well done to the girls who competed in the Danes Hill Cross Country relays last Friday. The teams competed well, but the stand out performance was from the U10 A team who finished 3rd in their event against 14 other teams. This Thursday the boys and girls went to the Sunningdale relays and came away with 2nd place in the senior and 3rd in the junior race. The U11 and U10 girls competed well in a boys' event and beat a couple of the boys' schools.

Saturday Morning Tennis Academy

Jet Tennis will be starting Saturday morning coaching sessions on 24th February. The structure of the groups has changed to allow for the sessions to be more productive for all. Jet Tennis will ensure that a child is in a group that is sympathetic to their ability which could require a child moving up or down an age group. The cost for the sessions for the half term is £40

Session timings

0900 – 0945 Reception
0945 – 1030 Years 1, 2 and 3
1030 – 1115 Years 4, 5 and 6
1115 – 1200 Years 7 and 8

Please use the online booking system to book a place. Any question please contact Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk)

Games Notices, Reminders & Amendments

Saturday 27th January

Netball v The Hawthorns

0930 U11 A (a) Meet 0800 at Hall Grove

Netball v St Georges Ascot (tournament)

0930 U10 A (a) Meet 0845 at St Georges Ascot

Rugby 7's v Lanesborough

0930 U13 A Meet 0915 at Hall Grove

Tuesday 30th January

Rugby v Crosfield

Under 9s This is now an AWAY fixture.

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Second-hand Uniform Sale

Can any mothers interested in helping organise a second-hand uniform sale, please contact the School Office. Thank you.

February Half Term, Easter & Summer Camps

Further information regarding various Half Term, Easter and Summer holiday camps are available on our website or by clicking the link in the right-hand column of page 2.