



It's always sad to say farewell to old friends at the end of a long and distinguished life, especially if they are nearly 300 years old. The four veteran oak trees on the top playing field are full of decay and hollows; lovely for the Jackdaws, but a potential danger to those who walk under them.

Following an expert report, we have decided that the trees should be taken down over half term. We shall miss them.

Our best wishes to all families for a good break next week.

Parents Forum

We will be holding a Parents' Forum on Thursday 1st March at 7pm and welcome you to a discussion on the findings from the questionnaire sent out at the end of last term. We will be talking about the issues raised and sharing our ideas for new initiatives. We would be grateful if you could let us know, in advance, whether you will be able to attend by [registering here](#).

Reminder - Dates for the Diary

Thursday 15th March	Hall Grove Open Morning	
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	

Year 6 Parents Evening

Please [reply here](#) to the invitation for the meeting on March 8th.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Fitzpatrick (father of Carina, Year 5), who qualified and was subsequently selected to represent the GBR Team at the ITU Multisport World Championship in Denmark 6th - 14th July 2018. He will compete in the Aquathon event on 12th July.

Primary Times

Parents may wish to [read an article](#) by the Deputy Headmaster, Tim Lewis, in the latest edition of the Primary Times.

DIARY REMINDERS

FEBRUARY

Half Term

Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th

Thursday 22nd

0835 5CG Assembly

Monday 26th

Technology Week

Years 3 and 4 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 27th

Years 3 and 4 Parent Interviews

MARCH

Thursday 1st

1900 Parents' Forum (details to follow)

Monday 5th

Year 5 to Battisborough

Year 7 and 8 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 6th

0835 7TH Assembly

Wednesday 7th

Year 7 and 8 Parent Interviews

Thursday 8th

0835 6MW Assembly

1900 Year 6 Parents' Meeting

Friday 9th

0900 2LB Class Assembly

Year 5 return from Battisborough

Monday 12th

Years 5 and 6 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 13th

Year 3 to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Early Years and Pre-Prep Parent Interviews

Years 5 and 6 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 14th

Early Years and Pre-Prep Parent Interviews

Thursday 15th

0835 3SS Assembly

Class Assembly Changes - 3SS and 4KF

On Thursday 15th March 3SS's assembly will take place instead of 4KF - their assembly will now be in the Summer Term.

School Uniform Policy

All children up to and including Year 6 should come to school wearing the Hall Grove cap or hat.

Bake off - Year 7

Congratulations to Sienna Edwards who was overall first place winner with her showstopper cake on Tuesday. Many thanks to all Year 7 parents who supported the competition at home and in school. What a magical week.

Miranda Dowse

Music

Instrumental Competition Week, 12th – 16th March

As listed in the calendar, our Instrumental Competition is later this term. This is open to all instrumentalists, regardless of ability, and all children are strongly encouraged to participate. If your child learns an instrument in school, their teacher will submit an entry on their behalf. For those who have lessons outside school, the entry form is available to download from the website (parents / Form Downloads) and must be submitted to Lizzie Post (L.post@hallgrove.co.uk) by **Friday 23rd February**. Late entries shall **not** be accepted because multiple changes to the schedules are unfair on parents taking time off work to see their children perform; please respect this and ensure that any entries arrive by the deadline.

Mr Gold's Hockey Report:

“What a busy week of hockey it has been! Wednesday was a full fixture card against strong Eagle House teams. Hall Grove performed admirably, and I have to say, watching all the senior matches, all the games were extremely close and the boys thoroughly enjoyed the competition. The 1st XI had their last match before the prep schools' regional finals and it proved to be excellent preparation. They played well, adapting to changing conditions, and won 1-0.

“Then came the prep schools' regional qualifying competition at Millfield on Thursday. This proved to be a very long day (leaving at 7am!). In the group stages, Hall Grove won 4 of their 5 matches and drew one. This meant we were top of our group and went through to the Cup quarter finals. We were drawn against a very strong Dumpton School, who took the lead early on and then, in the dying seconds of the game, Hall Grove scored from a short corner. Bearing in mind we have religiously practised this skill during break times for the last two months, it was wonderful to see our hard work count for something so special. It was now 5 minutes of Golden Goal time. Winners to go through to National Finals. Mr Gold could hardly contain himself! Unfortunately, it was not meant to be and Dumpton scored at the very end of time.

“Now came the hard part. Six Schools would go through, and our boys had to pick themselves up and play one more game, with one more chance of going through. This sounds easier said than done when you have just lost a titanic battle, but out there they went and to be honest, they were very poor in the first half. However, it was still 0-0, and after a chat and brilliantly led by their captain, Archie Rhodes, Hall Grove were simply outstanding and completely out played King's Hall, even though no goal was scored. So now it went to the Golden Goal again! All our hard work now came to this. Chances came, but were not taken. King's Hall scored from a short corner and the dream was over.

“What do you say to a group of boys sitting in a changing room, heads down, absolutely gutted, who have given everything for their team? All Mr Gold could say was, "thank you." They had given 100% and that is all one could ever ask considering they were only in week

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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two of their hockey season. This was a monumental effort for Hall Grove, playing against 24 of the top hockey schools in the region. Well done boys, I am incredibly proud of every one of you.

“Meanwhile, the Year 3's embarked on their first hockey matches. Well done to all of them. I hear they played very well against a very good hockey school. The Year 4's also played superbly, and it is worth noting that our B Team beat their A team!

“Well done to everyone who has played hockey this week, and thank you all for working so hard.”

Charlie Gold

Girls Sport

The girls faced some tough fixtures this week and they all continue to thrive and enjoy new challenges, the 1st team had a very convincing win and continue to be in fine form in the lead up to the IAPS National qualifiers in early March. The U11A's competed against 32 other schools at the Surrey Schools Tournament and did incredibly well to get into the last 8, the U10's were mixed up to ensure an even amount of play for all and our emphasis was on testing the girls either with new partnerships and or new positions, each and everyone of them excelled and are a credit to the school. Our amazing juniors had 3 wins and 1 draw against Eagle House, the speed of their passing is a sight to behold!

Cross-Country

Last Friday the Cross-Country teams competed in the annual Eagle House event. It was a fine day for Hall Grove with some great individual performances across all age groups but the highlight was most certainly Thomas Chapman's win in the U9 boys' race. Congratulations must also go to the U9 boys' team and U9 girls' team both being placed second out of 11 schools. Well done to all runners.

Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 24th February

Netball

0930 U10A (a) Queen Anne's School, Caversham meet at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure
1330 U11A (a) Eagle House meet at Eagle House 1300.

Boys Hockey v Parkside

0900 U13 A and B VII (h) Arrive 0845
1000 U11 B and U10 B (h) Arrive 0945
1100 U11 A and U11 B (h) Arrive 1045

Reminder: After School Activities

Reception Yoga

We are delighted to announce that Yoga will be available for Reception children on a Monday from 1500 – 1530. To book a place, please use the online [after-school activities booking system](#). The cost for the sessions for the half term is £40 which will be added to the school bill.

Reception Tennis

We are delighted to announce that after school Tennis on Tuesday from 1530 – 1630, run by Jet Tennis, will now be available for Reception pupils. To book a place, please use the online after-school [activities booking system](#). The cost for the half term is £40 to be added to the school invoice.

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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.

Woking Ladies Golf Academy

Woking Golf Club has a new and exciting Ladies' Academy starting Thursday 19th April 2018.

For 5 weeks you will have the chance to practise with the Club professional in a small group of beginners and improvers. Come and hear more and join the ladies for coffee at Woking Golf Club on **Thursday 8th March** at 0915. Everyone is Welcome!!

RSVP: Woking Golf Club 01483 760053 / info@wokinggolfclub.co.uk

Flyer attached to the school website.