



What a great start to the Summer term. Those children who attended the overseas Cricket, Netball or Tennis tours in the holidays have returned filled with excitement after their trips. Year 5 have had an action-packed week in Devon, and Year 4 are all set to follow next Tuesday. All the children have enjoyed outdoor play times in the gardens or on the fields.

After the wonderful weather last week our grounds are looking exceptional, however the late Spring has made it difficult for schools and clubs to prepare firm cricket wickets and we may have a disrupted start to the new season. The cricket and tennis matches this week all went very well with good wins for most teams.

Friends of Hall Grove - An African Party!

Friday 22nd June is our Africa Celebration Day with a whole school focus on this remarkably diverse continent. In the evening there will be a special social event for parents and staff centred on a tented village that will be erected by the new pavilion. We will be raising funds for a new assembly and dining hall for Miwaleni Primary in Tanzania, a little school that is being supported by former Hall Grove pupils Paul and Andrew Jameson. Those who would like to be involved in helping to plan this event are invited to attend an informal meeting in the Lighthouse next Tuesday after drop-off. The meeting will start at 0900, but parents may gather for coffee from 0830.

Details of the party and how to apply for tickets will be given shortly. We recommend that to avoid disappointment, you put your requests for tickets in as soon as the booking system goes live. Priority will be given to current parents in the first instance before we open it to former pupils and parents. It will be a truly memorable midsummer evening with food and dancing.

Visit by the Headmaster of Bradfield College - Thursday 3rd May

Dr Stevens will be speaking at Assembly 0835 on Thursday, 3rd May at 0840. Parents are most welcome to attend. After Assembly, he will be available to talk informally with parents over coffee in the Lighthouse. Bradfield is one of the most popular senior schools for Hall Grove pupils and this is a great opportunity to get to know more about it.

DIARY REMINDERS

MAY

Tuesday 1st

0835 7JC Assembly
Year 4 to Battisborough

Thursday 3rd

Visiting Speaker: Dr Chris Stevens
(Headmaster, Bradfield College)

Monday 7th

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th

0835 Year 5 Battisborough Assembly
Outdoor Learning Week

Thursday 10th

0835 3KD Assembly
1900 Year 5 presents 'A Wizard of Oz'

Saturday 12th

1400 Hall Grove NGS Garden Opening

Tuesday 15th

0835 Year 4 Battisborough Assembly

Thursday 17th

0835 6JF Assembly

Friday 18th

0900 Reception Assembly

Tuesday 22nd

0835 3VB Assembly

Thursday 24th

Open Morning
0835 6FH Assembly

Friday 25th

0900 1JH Assembly

w/c Monday 28th

Half Term

JUNE

Friday 8th

1000 Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports
Day

Saturday 9th

Sports Day (Years 3 - 8)
1400-1700

Forres Summer Holiday Camps - Friday 4th May

These camps are specially tailored for prep school boys and girls; they are a great introduction to senior school life. Each day is packed full of activities, games, sports and expeditions, designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and characters, with a short informal Christian meeting each morning and evening. A number of our pupils have enjoyed the camps in former years, making friends with boys and girls from other schools who have gone on to the same senior school.

Rupert Shelley, the Team Leader, will be speaking to Year 7 and 8 at Senior Assembly on Friday, May 4th in Old Hall. Parents of children in Years 6, 7 and 8 are most welcome to attend, and they will be able to talk to Mr Shelley in the Lighthouse over coffee afterwards. Any Year 6 parents who would like to come to the talk may bring their children with them if they so wish.

Oscar Fry - Year 7

Congratulations to Oscar, who entered his first national sailing event in March at Datchet Water. In near freezing conditions and over 20 knots of wind, 150 young sailors from all over the UK went racing in the Topper Dinghy 5.3 and 4.2 classes.

Oscar did amazingly well and managed to get 3rd overall in the Topper 4.2 class and was 1st unsupported sailor (the 1st sailor who is not part of a national sponsored sailing squad).

Oscar will be doing the Topper national championships in Weymouth at the end of July and will lead Hall Grove's squad in the Prep Schools Regatta in May.

Swimathon - Saturday 28th April

Best wishes to Zayn and Jad Kubba, Jack and Rory Coleman and Charlie Chapman for their Swimathon on Saturday. They are raising money for Cancer Research and Marie Curie and hope to collect over £1,000 for these worthwhile charities. Any additional support can be given through <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/team-coleman-kubba-chapman>
Good luck boys!

Second-hand Uniform Sale

An amazing £1,276.90 was raised at the second-hand sale in aid of the Unity College Special Needs Education, Johannesburg. Unity College is an independent special needs school which promotes the potential of learners through the provision of high-quality education to equip each learner with skills to become productive, integrated members of society.

We hope to run another sale in the 2nd half of this term.

School Nurse Notes

Hay Fever

For those children who suffer from hay fever, please could parents either make sure their children have taken medication before they come to school or that medication is sent in, clearly named, and handed to one of the School Nurses.

Water Bottles

Please could all Middle and Upper School children have a named water bottle in school for match days.

Aerosol Deodorants

While older children may keep a small roll-on deodorant in their games bag, aerosols are strictly forbidden.

Absence

Should your child be absent from school due to illness, general appointments or holiday, please ensure you inform the School via the Absence Line, the School Office or email as

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell please
T: 01276 473059 (option 1) or
E: office@hallgrove.co.uk

TERM DATES

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

MAY HALF TERM & SUMMER CAMPS

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

soon as possible so we can log the information on the school system. Holiday Authorisation Forms can be found on the school website.

Should your child have an appointment during the school day, please ensure the School Office and their Form Teacher is informed and that they are signed out/in via the School Office at all times.

Breakfast, Boarding & Supper

Please remember to re-book breakfast, boarding and supper requirements for this term by using our new easy [online booking system](#). To use this simply click the 'Parents' drop down on the top menu bar of the Hall Grove homepage; there is a separate form for [booking meals](#).

Music

Informal Concerts

Our first Informal Concert of the term is next Friday at 1250 in the New Hall for Pianists. As ever, if your child learns outside of school but would still like to participate in the concert, then please contact Miss Post by Tuesday morning next week.

Music Practice Club

There are still spaces available at our After-School music practice club which runs on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 1630-1800. If you would like your child to have a supervised practice session, then please email Miss Post.

Music Exams

As listed in the calendar, ABRSM exams will take place this term on 22nd & 23rd June. Peripatetics will make exam entries via Miss Post by Friday 11th May, and a timetable for the exams will be sent out shortly after this. If you think your child is being entered for an exam and have a prior commitment on Saturday which cannot be rescheduled, please let Miss Post know before 11th May.

Sport

Weekly review

The summer has truly started and it was wonderful to see the children playing so much sport this week. Cricket, rounders and tennis matches were all played with many encouraging results and individual performances. A particular highlight was the 5 wins against Feltonfleet to start the boys' cricket season. The 1st XI began their season with a comprehensive win, captain Shrey Rawal leading the way with an unbeaten 64 and Linus Bray blasting 47 from only 19 balls at the end of Hall Grove's innings. Eight different bowlers were used, with the slow bowling of Arthur Evans, Harry Mayhew and Nicholas Wall proving particularly effective.

Tennis Tour

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who attended the tennis tour in Portugal recently. The group enjoyed glorious weather and took every opportunity to train hard and improve their game. Once again the coaches at 5 Star Tennis commended Hall Grove pupils for their enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour both on and off court. It was a very successful trip.

Boys and Girls Tennis Competition

We would like to give keen tennis players plenty of notice to keep Saturday 16th June available. On this day we will launch the U11 and U13 singles and doubles tournaments. Players wishing to be included must be available to play in the opening rounds on this day.

U11 matches will commence at 1000. U13 matches will start at 1400 (these arrangements are different to the printed calendar).

U11 Boys Tennis v Staines Prep

Congratulations to the large U11 team who enjoyed their first fixture against Staines Prep on Monday evening. These were competitive matches and with ten wins, four draws and four losses it was a successful opening fixture for our team.

Games Notices and Reminders

Cricket Bags/Tennis Rackets

Cricket bags may be brought in on match days or for afterschool activities. They are not necessary for normal games sessions. They must be stored behind the pavilion.

Tennis Rackets may be brought in. Please ensure they are clearly labelled and kept in form rooms.

Saturday 28th April

Surrey Cup Cricket v Cumnor House

0930 U11 A (h)

Meet 0900 at Hall Grove

Cricket v Woodcote

1430 U13 A (h)

Meet 1400

1430 U13 B (a)

Meet 1345 at Hall Grove

1430 U11 A (a)

Meet 1345 at Hall Grove

Additional Fixtures

Wednesday 2nd May

Cricket v Holme Grange

1430 U11 D @Valley End Cricket Club

Thursday 3rd May

Cricket v St Andrews

1400 U8 A, B (h)

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Mini Maestros and Choir - Saturday 28th April

Fun, lively music classes for children aged 0 - 9 years on Saturday mornings. Free Trial until May half term. For further information, please see flyer in Newsletter Attachments.

Chertsey Museum - 'I dig archaeology' - Various Dates

Please find attached Chertsey Museum's latest flier and poster for their Young Archaeology Club for 8-16 year olds at Chertsey Museum. Book now on 01932 565764.

Camberley Carnival - Saturday 23rd June

Grand procession leaves from Knoll Road at 12pm travelling through the town centre. For registration forms visit www.surreyheath.gov.uk/camberleycarnival or call 01276 707229. Flyer attached.

Surrey Youth Games

This is an opportunity for students from years 3-11 to attend **free** sports coaching sessions from local clubs before competing in the largest annual sports competition in Surrey

Please see attached leaflet which includes Team Surrey Heath Coaching Programme.

360 Sports Education May Half Term Camps

360 will be running various half term camps. Please see 'May Half Term & Summer Camps' attachments.

Windlesham Golf Camps

Half-term and Summer golf camp information is included in the Half-Term and Summer Camp link.

Swim Kidz

Swimming classes from birth to 10 year olds in Surrey & Hampshire. Please see attached flyer or visit www.swimkidz.co.uk