



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
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*Now that the scaffolding is down, we can admire the redecorated school house which is looking magnificent. Our thanks to the builders for a job well done.*

*Our various parent briefings are now over and we have been delighted by the good attendance and the encouraging feedback to the staff presentations.*

*This has been a week of good sporting results with wins at all levels. Well done the U11 and 1st XI teams today in the Surrey Cup. Further details are given below.*

### **New Years Ski Trip**

Three places have become available for this year's ski trip. We are returning to Club Kitzsteinhorn, Zell Am See, Austria, the venue of the 2017/2018 trip. The resort proved very popular with the children, providing excellent skiing and amazing après-ski facilities. We will depart on 27 December 2018 and return on 2 January 2019. This gives the children the experience of seeing in the New Year in the mountains and returning in plenty of time to rest up and be ready for the start of term. The cost is £1175 all inclusive. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are interested, please email Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) by Friday 21st September.

### **Book Fair - Friday 14th September**

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 two ways to make purchases:

- Please return the **slip with a cheque** made payable to "Hall Grove School Ltd" by Monday 24th September. Please do not staple the cheque to the order slip.
- Alternatively, you may wish to give your child the exact money (apologies, no change can be given) in a named and sealed envelope and they may purchase books between 1100 and 1125 on Monday -Thursday next week.

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 24th 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)

## **DIARY REMINDERS**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Monday 17th**  
0815-1000 FOHG Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 18th**  
0835 8LM Assembly  
Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm

**Wednesday 19th**  
0815-0915 Years 1 & 2  
Open Classrooms

**Thursday 20th**  
0835 6MW Assembly  
Year 7 Residential Trip to France

**Tuesday 25th**  
0835 5GH Assembly

**Thursday 27th**  
0835 7ST Assembly

**Friday 28th**  
Gillman & Soame Individual & Sibling  
Photographs  
Macmillan Coffee Morning 0815-1000

### **OCTOBER**

**Monday 1st**  
0840 Learning Support Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 2nd**  
0835 6TH Assembly

**Wednesday 3rd**  
1700 Pre-School, Reception Parents'  
Meetings  
  
1700 Years 1 & 2 Parents' Meetings

**Thursday 4th**  
1600 Pre-School, Reception Parents'  
Meetings  
1600 Years 1 & 2 Parents' Meetings

## **Reminder: FOHG Coffee Morning - Monday 17th September**

Please join Friends of Hall Grove for a lovely social gathering with complimentary tea and coffee, 0815-1000 in the Lighthouse.

## **Individual and Sibling Portraits - Friday 28th September**

Gilman and Soame, the school photographers, are coming into school on Friday 28th September to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Please make sure that the children are looking smart on the day with the boys wearing their shirt, tie and blazer and the girls in their Winter uniform.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning—Friday 28th September**

Please join us in the Lighthouse for tea, coffee and cakes from 0815 until 1000

## **The extended day Senior Performance Club presents ‘Cinders’ - Wednesday 7th November 1900**

This entertaining musical adaptation of Cinderella by Andy and Hazel Hiles will be performed by pupils shortly after half term.

## **Calendar update**

With its elaborate set and stage construction, Chiller! Has been postponed until early in the Spring Term. This will also allow more time for those wishing to master the gruesome prosthetic make-up techniques and for more Year 7 and 8 students to join the cast.

## **Music**

This week has seen all our peripatetic teachers return for the start of the school year, and deliver the first full week of instrumental lessons and ensembles.

Please make sure your child is regularly checking the music timetable board for information on which day their lesson is and what time. All information regarding ensemble rehearsal times is on the red music board next to the staff room for children to look at.

## **Informal Concerts**

Our first Informal Lunchtime Concert of the term will be an Informal Piano Concert on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. If your child has a piece they would like to play and learns at Hall Grove, they will be entered by their peripatetic teacher. If they learn outside of school and would like to play, please email Miss Post by **Tuesday** next week.

## **Instrumental Lessons Open Week**

In Week 4 we would like to invite any parents in to observe their child's music lessons as part of the 'Instrumental Lessons Open Week'. If you would like to come in, please arrange this directly with the peripatetic music teacher and sign in at the front office when you arrive.

## **ABRSM Exams**

Music Exams will be held on the afternoon of the 7<sup>th</sup> December and for as much of the 8<sup>th</sup> December as is needed. If you are expecting your child to be entered for an exam please double check with the peripatetic.

## **Sport**

It has been a very positive start to the sporting year. The senior boys and girls enjoyed their fixtures, on Wednesday, with every pupil from Years 5-8 representing the school, in football for the boys and hockey for the girls. There were plenty of encouraging performances across the two sports. The Year 4 boys enjoyed their football festival on Thursday, getting lots of valuable match practice. The 1st XI and Colts A sides both had the first round of the Surrey Cup, with the 1st XI beating Lanesborough 2-0 and the Colts A comfortably defeating

## **ABSENCES**

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

## **TERM DATES**

### **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**

24th April – 12th July

Half Term:

25th May – 2nd June

## **NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS**

## **SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS**

**Don't forget to follow us on  
Twitter! [@hallgroveschool](https://twitter.com/hallgroveschool)  
[@hallgrovesport](https://twitter.com/hallgrovesport)**

Staines Prep. Good luck to all those who are playing in girls hockey house matches and football against Woodcote tomorrow.

For weekend fixtures, [please click here.](#)

For match results, [please click here.](#)

**AMENDMENTS** *For further information please follow the link*

**September:**

Holme Grange have booked a neutral venue (Cantley Park, Twyford Rd Wokingham Berkshire RG40 5QG).

***Please note change of start time and venue.***

**Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 18th October**

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 18th 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.

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