

Early every morning at Hall Grove, dedicated groups of children train hard to improve their fitness and sporting skills. Our thanks to the enthusiasm of the staff who take these sessions. We can see the benefit in the good results achieved by our teams and in the enjoyment the boys and girls are getting from their sports. Looking ahead to the next school year, there are a number of sporting tours planned. Full details are given below.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the music instrumental competition this week, and our thanks to Miss Post for organising it so well. The visiting judges were, as always, most impressed with the standard of music here and the way the contestants presented themselves.

Last night's snow was just what the children were hoping for! It's been a fun -filled day, even if it has caused a certain amount of disruption.

## The Drive

We have recently received a complaint from a member of the public regarding congestion on the A30 at the school gates during morning drop-off.

There are a number of ways we could ease the problem. Older children coming from the Camberley direction could be dropped off at the layby and cross by the footbridge to walk down the drive. Where possible, families should look to share school runs and thus reduce the number of cars coming into school. Parents may like to beat the early rush by booking children into the breakfast service. We are also investigating the possibility of some school transport for the morning journeys.

Other points to remember:

- In the mornings, it is important to observe the 'turn and drop' system, and in the afternoon please 'turn and collect'.
- If you need to park, please use the tennis court area (available until 0855 only).
- Assist the flow of traffic by arriving at school no earlier than the designated pick-up times.

## Early Years and Pre-Prep Reading Workshop

Parents are invited to attend our Reading Workshop on Wednesday 6th February to find out a little more about reading at Hall Grove as well as some helpful tips on activities and strategies you can use at home. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you for drinks in the Lighthouse from 1830 before the workshop begins in New Hall at 1900.

### **DIARY REMINDERS**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday 5th 0835 5GH Assembly

Wednesday 6th 1900 EYFS/Pre-Prep Parents' Reading Workshop

Thursday 7th 0835 7LR Assembly

Friday 8th 0900 2KH Assembly

**Tuesday 12th** 1830 3KD present 'Robbie's Supersonic Submarine!'

Wednesday 13th 1830 3VB present 'Robbie's Supersonic Submarine!'

Thursday 14th 1830 3SS present 'Robbie's Supersonic Submarine!'

**Saturday 16th - Sunday 24th incl** Half Term

#### <u>MARCH</u>

**Saturday 2nd** 1000-1600 'Lenutza' Rehearsal - Year 8

**Tuesday 5th** 0835 5CG Assembly Year 6 to Woking Mosque 1900 Year 8 Present 'Lenutza'

Thursday 7th 0835 6AK Assembly 0900 2KH Chocolate Factory 1320 2LP Chocolate Factory

Friday 8th 0900 1AE Assembly

Monday 11th 1900 Spring Concert

**Tuesday 12th** 0835 6TH Assembly 1800 Year 5 & 6 Parents' Meeting

**Thursday 14th** 0835 7ST Assembly Open Morning for Prospective Parents

# Year 3 present 'Robbie's Supersonic Submarine'

The Year 3s are excitedly preparing for their performances of Robbie's Supersonic Submarine. Notes have gone into their diaries with costume requests and we ask that the children spend their homework time this weekend learning their lines. They can also practise the songs by using YouTube and searching for Robbie's Supersonic Submarine.

Please note that the performances are in the New Hall at 1830:

Tuesday 12th	3KD with 3SS singing
Wednesday 13th	3VB with 3KD singing
Thursday 14th	3SS performing with 3VB singing

The children will need to be dropped back to school at 1815 in costume. We would ideally like the children to be collected at 1600 each day so that they can rest and eat but they are also welcome to stay for their clubs and supper will be provided. Please book in the usual way.

## Hall Grove Open Morning - Thursday 14th March

Our next Open Morning for prospective parents will be taking place on Thursday 14th March 0930 – 1130. Please tell your friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day. As we are looking at the possibility of running daily mini-bus services both locally and from West London, do also let any London friends know about the school.

# Caribbean Evening - Friday 28th June

The online booking system is now open.

## Music

### **Music Competition**

We have enjoyed hearing many fantastic performances over the last week in our annual instrumental competition. Adjudicators Timothy Peake (St George's), Matt Lowe (Bradfield) and Jonathan Heeley (Wellington) very kindly came in to judge and to give feedback to everyone who performed. It gives children in the school of all ages and abilities the chance to perform in front of an audience and to receive feedback on their performances. Well done to all those who took part and especially to the winners of the classes. A full list of winners can be found attached to the newsletter. An email inviting senior winners to Monday's Winners Concert will be sent out shortly.

### **Informal Brass Concert**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February we will hold our Informal Brass Concert. If your child learns outside of school and would like to play in the concert, please let <u>Miss Post</u> or <u>Mr William</u> know by Tuesday lunchtime next week.

## Sport

Well done to all those who competed in the House Cross Country on Saturday afternoon. It was a marvellous event, taken very seriously by the children racing who produced some excellent individual performances. Overall winners were Hawks.

The girls continued their excellent run of form on Wednesday with 9 wins out of 10 against Edgeborough, so should be very proud of their performances on the Netball courts.

The boys began their Hockey season on Wednesday and Mr Gold writes:

What an amazing start to the hockey season! 8 matches played, 6 wins and 2 losses. I cannot begin to describe the pleasure we coaches had on Wednesday, watching hockey being played in the right spirit and with the right intentions. The standard was incredibly high against a notoriously good hockey school. A testament to our standard of hockey came from their coach - who took his team to third at the

### **ABSENCES**

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

### TERM DATES

#### 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

#### Autumn Term 2019

9th September – 20th December Half Term: 26th October – 10th November

#### Spring Term 2020

13th January – 27th March Half Term: 15th – 23rd February

#### Summer Term 2020

22nd April – Friday 10th July Half Term: 23rd – 31st May

# KEY DATES 2019

Saturday 11th May Hall Grove Country Day and Open Gardens Friday 7th June Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day Saturday 8th June Sports Day Years 3-8 Friday 28th June Caribbean Night (Parents Social)

## NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

## SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM & EASTER CAMPS

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @hallgroveschool @hallgrovesport Nationals last year - and said, "You will not see a better game of Prep School hockey anywhere in the country." That is high praise and the 1st team should be very proud and excited for the season ahead.

Well done to all the teams for a wonderful Wednesday.

For further information on upcoming fixtures please follow this link.

# Sporting Tours for 2019/2020 Academic Year

### Battisborough Netball (Wednesday November 6th - Saturday 9th)

An opportunity for the current Year 6 and 7 girls to enjoy Battisborough and take part in some fun pre-season training, team bonding and competitive matches. Cost is likely to be in the region of  $\pounds 220$  To register an interest, please email <u>Mrs Maxfield</u>.

### Edinburgh Pre-season Rugby Tour (Thursday 7th November - Monday 11th November)

Boys currently in Years 5-7 are invited to register interest in next year's pre-season rugby tour to Edinburgh. This five-day trip will consist of matches against local schools, intensive rugby training sessions, numerous excursions (such as a tour of Murrayfield Stadium) and a chance to watch a professional rugby match. The cost of the tour will be in the region of  $\pounds$ 500.

To register interest, please email Mr Cottrell.

### Hall Grove Ski Trip to Austria 28th December 2019 - 3rd January 2020

This is a very popular trip and an excellent opportunity for children of all abilities to learn to ski or further develop their skills. The children will have five full days skiing with five hours tuition a day specific to their ability. The cost will be  $\pounds$ 1260 all-inclusive. Places do fill quickly so to register an interest, please email <u>Mr Tullett</u>.

### Easter Netball Tour to Disneyland Paris 15th -19th April 2020

This is the second time Hall Grove will be attending this event in the exciting setting of Disneyland Paris. Available to next year's Year 7 and 8 girls only. The cost will be in the region of  $\pounds$ 750 – all inclusive. To register interest, please email <u>Mrs Maxfield</u>.

### **Tennis Tour 2020**

This annual tour typically takes place towards the end of the Easter Holidays. Previous tours have been five days (four nights) in either Spain or Portugal and the cost is approximately  $\pounds 850$ . Please be advised this books up very quickly. Inquiries should be directed to <u>Mr Slape</u> though it is not possible to book until the dates are released.

## February Half Term & Easter Camps

For further information, including details of an exciting netball camp for senior girls with Jade Clarke, England's most capped player, please click the link in the right-hand column of the previous page.

## JAG Rugby Half Term Rugby Camp

- Venue Camberley RFC
- Discount 30% discount to Hall Grove pupils. Quote the code HG30 when registering .

For further details please see attached flyer.