



Newsletter 631
15th February 2019

Congratulations to our Performers in Residence, Andy and Hazel Hiles, for their stunning musical show, Robbie's Supersonic Submarine, which they had written especially for the three Year 3 classes. The children were justifiably proud of each performance, professionally staged with amazing scenery, lights, sound and costume. Mr Hiles' submarine, built entirely from re-cycled materials, had to be seen to be believed!

Parents are reminded that in the summer term we are throwing a big family party, similar to the [Big Bash](#) in 2017. It will include a fun fair, professional outdoor stage, live entertainment and delicious food - truly an afternoon and evening not to be missed! Full details can be found [here](#).

The fine weather of the last three days has given us an early burst of Spring. The air has been filled with birdsong whilst the gardens and grounds are beginning to green up. It has certainly put the school into good cheer as we break for a short holiday.

A Supersonic Show!

Very well done to the whole of Year 3 for their fantastic performances of 'Robbie's Supersonic Submarine' this week. The audiences across all three days were treated to some wonderful singing and acting, and were dazzled by the extraordinary set which our Artists in Residence have created! Our thanks to the parents for helping provide costumes, to the Year 3 form staff for all their support, to Miss Post for musical direction and lastly to Mr & Mrs Hiles for giving the children such an immersive and unforgettable experience.

'Lenutza'

We are very much looking forward to our next production of 'Lenutza' performed by Year 8 on 5th March at 1900. This is a first for Hall Grove as it will be performed outside of school in the Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park Arts Centre. The Year 8's are making fantastic progress with the play, and are beginning to master the accents required! This will be a real departure from the norm at Hall Grove and parents throughout the school are warmly invited to attend. Tickets can be booked on the website through [this link](#).

Due to the nature of its content, this play is not regarded as being suitable for children below Year 6.

Young Farmers' Club

This popular activity re-starts after half term for those in Years 6, 7 & 8 staying on at school for the extended day.

DIARY REMINDERS

FEBRUARY

Saturday 16th - Sunday 24th incl
Half Term

Tuesday 26th

1900 Proposed Bus Service Meeting

MARCH

Saturday 2nd

1000-1600 'Lenutza' Rehearsal - Year 8

Tuesday 5th

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

Wednesday 6th

1800 Year 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 7th

0835 6AK Assembly
1530-1900 Eagle House & Hall Grove
Senior Schools Fair (at Eagle House)

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
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Friday 15th

0900 2KH Chocolate Factory
1320 2LP Chocolate Factory

Monday 18th

Year 3 & 4 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 19th

0945 Choristers Radio 4/LW Daily Service
Early Years & Pre-Prep Meetings
Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meetings

Wednesday 20th

Early Years & Pre-Prep Meetings
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 21st

0835 5JF Assembly
1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meetings

Proposed Bus Service Meeting - Tuesday 26th February

Join some of the staff at 1900 in the Lighthouse to discuss opportunities for a possible bus service, both locally and further afield to west London. Please come armed with plenty of ideas! We are very grateful to those parents who completed the questionnaire and look forward to discussing the topic further with anyone who is able to make it.

Senior Schools Fair - Thursday 7th March

This year we have decided to share our annual schools fair with Eagle House School in Crowthorne in order to maximise the footfall for the senior schools. In 2020 it will be held at Hall Grove. The Fair brings together some of the most prestigious senior schools that we have links with, and gives families the chance to find out more about them.

Venue: Eagle House School, Sandhurst, Berkshire, GU47 8PH

Time: 1530 - 1900 in the Sports Hall

Please find attached an updated version of the Senior Schools Fair brochure sent earlier in the week which now has the correct date shown.

Natterhub

Hall Grove teacher and parent, Caroline Allams, together with Hall Grove parent, Manjit Sareen, are jointly developing an innovative, educational platform called Natterhub (natterhub.com) which is set for launch to all schools in the UK in September. They are working to address the mental health and wellbeing issues impacting young children as a result of social media and online habits. Natterhub is a safe, school gated social media site that will allow children to learn and understand the genre of social media so they can become resilient, savvy and sceptical digital natives. Natterhub will be offered as a fun, informative and interactive after-school Social Media Education Club.

As part of their investment round, they need some data from parents. Over the coming week, they will send a short survey to all parents. Caroline will be enormously grateful if you can complete the questions which could contribute to the success of the project.

BBC 500 Words Competition

Following our enormous success in the Trafalgar Way writing competition, we are asking all pupils aged 5 and above to enter the BBC 500 Words competition. Many are already busy planning and writing their tales, ready to be submitted in time for the deadline which is at 7pm on 8th March 2019. As submission must be made online, we would like to ask you to register and submit your child's story by following [this link](#). Please note that, for children who would find it helpful, parents are allowed to act as scribes as long as no changes are made to the ideas, spelling or grammar.

Calling Year 7 & 8 Pupils - Learn to Fly!

Senior pupils have been given an exciting opportunity to find out about a career in aviation. Pilot Careers Live is Europe's largest independent flight training and aerospace exhibition and have offered us a chance to send some pupils. The event will cover not only every aspect of what it takes to become a professional pilot but also a diverse range of aerospace career paths, including air traffic control. It brings together leading pilot and aviation training companies, airlines, universities and career experts in a single venue.

The exhibition is on Saturday 6th April. For full event details and discounted student tickets, please visit: www.pilotcareernews.com/live/london

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell please
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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

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@hallgrovesport**

Music

ABRSM Exams

Parents of pupils taking an exam at school this term have today been emailed a timetable by Mr Thorne. The exams take place at school on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd March. If you were expecting your child to be taking an exam and have not been emailed the timetable today, please get in contact with Mr Thorne and Miss Post as soon as possible. Children should arrive for their exam 20 minutes before their timeslot and go to the music office where they can warm up and get ready for their exam.

Sport

Good luck to the hockey players in Valencia who are currently enjoying Hall Grove's first overseas Hockey tour. Back home it has been a busy week. Last Saturday the U12 girls finished an excellent second in the Edgeborough U13 Netball tournament and the boys Hockey teams recorded four good wins out of six against Parkside.

On Wednesday the U11 girls took part in the Surrey Schools Netball Tournament and finished a very creditable 8th after being knocked out in the quarter-finals following a run of good wins in the group stages. The boys played Hockey against St Andrew's where they continued to improve and achieved some good wins, most notably the U10 A and B teams.

On Thursday the U9 boys played their first matches of the season against St Andrew's. Well done to the U9 As who recorded a hard-fought draw, and the U9 Cs who won.

Both the U9 and U8 girls continue to enjoy their matches and are really developing their Netball skills.

Please check the timesheets for up-to-date timings and venues by following [this link](#).

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.

Windlesham Young Golfers Programme Information & Availability

Please see attached for full details regarding availability.