

*This week the school took delivery of two smart new minibuses to replace the old fleet, and a third smaller one has been ordered. We are now making plans for a morning bus service to collect pupils from more distant locations. We are very grateful to the parents who attended our meeting on Tuesday and for their helpful and supportive suggestions. Next term we will run a free service for one week to check the viability of the scheme.*

*Parents are reminded that there is an exciting event next week when our drama department will be performing at the Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park. Do please support us by buying tickets. Details are available [here](#).*

## Spring Concert

As listed in the calendar, this year's Spring Concert will take place at 1900 in the New Hall on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. The following ensembles/choirs will all be performing: Choristers, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Junior Brass, Flute Choir, Junior Woodwind, Hall Grove Choir, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, String Trio and Percussion Ensemble. Children should arrive back in school at 1830 in uniform and assemble in the Admiral Room with their instruments.

## 6AK Assembly Diary Amendment

Please note that 6AK Assembly has been moved from Thursday 7th to **Tuesday 19th March, 0835**.

## Rotary Young Photographers Competition

Congratulations to Arthur Evans who won second place in the Rotary Young Photographers Competition youth category 2019, with 3 beautiful close-up images showing 'The Beauty of Nature'. He was presented his certificate and gift voucher by the Deputy Mayor of Surrey Heath.

## 'Lenutza'

We are very much looking forward to our production of 'Lenutza' performed by a cast predominantly made up of Year 8 pupils on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 1900. It will be performed in the Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park. The children are making fantastic progress with the play. 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.

## DIARY REMINDERS

### 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**

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**

0835 6AK Assembly  
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

#### **Friday 22nd**

Co-Curricular Club finish

#### **Tuesday 26th**

1500-1630 Second Hand Uniform Sale  
(please note change of timings)

## Senior Schools Fair - Thursday 7th March

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

Time: 1530 - 1900 in the Sports Hall

Senior Schools Fair brochure available on the [school website](#).

## Music

### Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed today at the Informal Piano Concert II. There were some fantastic performances from a wide range of age and ability. Our next concert is Informal Woodwind and Vocal Concert, which is **not** listed in the calendar. This will be held on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1250 in New Hall. As ever if your child learns an instrument outside of school, but would like to perform, please email Mrs Jill Saunders with the title and composer of the piece by Tuesday of that week.

## Sport

Breaking news: our Under 12 netballers are regional champions, having won all of their matches today and will compete in the National Finals next week. Congratulations!

An incredibly busy week of sport for the boys and girls. Netball, hockey, cross country and lacrosse teams have all been in action across the south of England. The major highlights include excellent performance of the U11 boys in the IAPS Regional Hockey finals. They scored an impressive 17 goals and conceded only 1. Unfortunately, they lost the semi-final to narrowly miss out on automatically qualifying for the National Finals.

Congratulations also to the U11 girls' netball team who won the plate competition at the IAPS regionals. After a slow start in the first couple of matches, they found their form and were unbeaten for the rest of a very long day.

The junior boys and girls were in action on Thursday along with the cross country squads. U8 girls had two wins in their netball matches against Feltonfleet and the U9 boys had two wins and two losses against Cranleigh. The cross country teams acquitted themselves well and a special mention to Emily Barnard and Lola Roots who finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Danes Hill event.

## Children's Use of Social Media

There has been a great deal of public attention on the Momo meme that children have been accessing, sometimes by mistake, and several parents have contacted the school to express their concern.

We have taken this advice from the BBC, and we have put [a document](#) on the school website which may be useful. Parents are urged to supervise very closely all on-line materials accessed by children.

**What should parents do?** Police have suggested that rather than focusing on the specific Momo meme, parents could use the opportunity to educate children about internet safety, as well as having an open conversation about what children are accessing.

This is merely a current, attention-grabbing example of the minefield that is online communication for kids," wrote the Police Service of Northern Ireland, in a Facebook post.

Broadcaster Andy Robertson, who creates videos online as Geek Dad, said in a podcast that parents should not "share warnings that perpetuate and mythologise the story".

"A better focus is good positive advice for children, setting up technology appropriately and taking an interest in their online interactions," he said.

## 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

### 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

## EASTER & SUMMER CAMPS

**Don't forget to follow us on  
Twitter! [@hallgroveschool](#)  
[@hallgrovesport](#)**

To avoid causing unnecessary alarm, parents should also be careful about sharing news articles with other adults that perpetuate the myth.

### **Enchanted Forest Race**

Congratulations to Hall Grove pupil Jasmine Hancock and her team who recently won a Giant Slalom race at Whistler mountain, Canada, against a number of local Canadian and international teams from France and USA.

### **The Uniform Shop - Easter Holiday Opening Times**

The Uniform Shop will be open as follows:  
Monday 15th April - 1430-1730

### **Easter Camps**

For further information, please click the link in the right-hand column of the previous page.

### **Windlesham Young Golfers Programme**

Please see attached for full details.

### **The Wild Surrey Art & Photography Competition**

The Wild Surrey Art & Photography competition is open to children and young people between the ages of 8 and 17 and amateur and professional artists in the adult category of age 18 and over.

The competition will be seeking submissions under the following categories:

1. Inspiring nature
2. Wildlife under threat
3. Adaptation in an urban environment

Entry is open until midnight Sunday 14th April 2019. For more details on how to enter and full terms and conditions, please visit our [website](#).

### **Woking Swimming Club**

New members' trials. Please see the website for further information.

### **Microbiome Gut Health - Wednesday 6th March**

Would you like to understand more about your gut Microbiome?

Recent scientific discoveries tell us that the microbes in our gut are essential to our survival, but they can also be detrimental to our health.

Mrs Denning (parent of Year 6 pupil) is running a FREE talk on Wednesday 6th March at 1930, but booking is essential. Please call or text Anna Denning on 07968 315 077 to secure your place. Flyer attached.

### **Childcare Wanted**

- Hall Grove family is looking for childcare/home help support. Flexible hours but mainly Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesday afterschool and school holidays with some flexibility. Please call or text Lisa 07782 227148.
- Nanny wanted for family of four (boy 3 years, girl 1 year) seeking a live-in (or part live-in) nanny for a sole charge position Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830. All nursery duties and 2 nights babysitting. Start date 23rd April. Location: London SW18. Contact [Polly.Corry@gmail.com](mailto:Polly.Corry@gmail.com) or 07894 553636.