



Newsletter 638
26th April 2019

After a gorgeous Easter weekend, it was lovely to open the new term with Spring in full bloom. This is always an action-packed term with performances, outings and other events, some of which are highlighted here.

Tuesday, May 7th is our special evening to launch our new London bus service at the Royal Thames Yacht Club. If you have London friends that you would like to invite, please email: admissions@hallgrove.co.uk It should be a lovely evening.

Please support our Open Gardens on May 11th and bring family and friends. Every year we are able to send a big donation for the charities supported by the National Garden Scheme. This year our garden day will also feature walks around the new school farm with a chance to see the ducks, chickens and lambs.

The afternoon and early evening of June 28th is our special family party, the Caribbean Evening. This really will be an exceptional event with live music, good food, funfair and fireworks. The [Early Bird](#) special rates for Hall Grove families will close next Friday and after that tickets will be marketed to the general public at a slightly higher price. Don't miss it!

The Drive

Please at all times observe the speed limit of 10 mph. We do have CCTV cameras and it is often possible to identify cars that drive too fast or make dangerous manoeuvres.

Please try to avoid arriving early for collection times at the end of the school day because it blocks the drive and pick-up area for everyone else. Please remember that cars should never park on the yellow lines or turning circle, or be left unattended - it is important that the flow of traffic is not disrupted. If you are collecting two or more children from different year groups please move on and join the back of the queue or park near the tennis courts and walk.

Chiller Performances - Tuesday 30th April & Thursday 2nd May

Year 7 pupils are chilled, thrilled and ready for their two performances next week!

To book your tickets for this exciting event [click here](#). The show is suitable for those in Year 3 and above and we would be delighted to see as many families there as possible.

DIARY REMINDERS

APRIL

Saturday 27th

0930-1700 Year 7 'Chiller' rehearsal

Monday 29th

Co-Curricular Programme / Clubs starts
Year 5 to Battisborough
1620 Year 4 Parents' Battisborough Briefing

Tuesday 30th

1900 Year 7 present 'Chiller'

MAY

Thursday 2nd May

0835 8JC Assembly
1900 Year 7 present 'Chiller'

Friday 3rd

Year 5 return from Battisborough

Tuesday 7th

Year 4 to Battisborough
1600 Year 7 - Elevate Seminar / Memory Mnemonics
1830 Hall Grove London Launch at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, London

Wednesday 8th

Year 1 & 2 Informal Performance
Afternoon
1900 Year 5 Parents - HG in Years 7 & 8

Thursday 9th

0835 3SS Assembly

Friday 10th

Year 4 return from Battisborough

Saturday 11th

1400 HG Garden Opening (NGS Scheme)

Tuesday 14th

0835 4KF Assembly
Year 5 visit to Buddhist Temple

Thursday 16th

0835 6AM Assembly

Friday 17th

0900 2LP Assembly

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

On the last Tuesday of the Spring term, Year 5 transported us to the magical land of Narnia with their two stunning performances of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. With a live band, over 60 children sang and danced their way through this exciting musical adventure.

Special thanks must go to the Year 5 parents who baked an extraordinary array of themed cakes and biscuits ranging from Narnia snowflakes to Lion cakes raising £210.47 before the show. The audience was also particularly generous adding a further £664.85 to the retiring collection. The school's chosen charity of Rosie's Rainbow Fund will be absolutely delighted with this grand total of £875.32.

Well done Year 5 for all of your hard work and for making our journey to Narnia a truly memorable one!

Miss Stein

Co-Curricular Programme - Summer 2019

The Co-Curricular Programme starts week commencing 29th April.

Minibus Service Trial

We plan to offer a trial minibus service from Monday 13th – Friday 17th May, both to and from school. Routes, timings and further details will be sent out via clarion next week.

Hall Grove to Battisborough by bike!

A six-strong team of staff (Mr Tullett, Mr Lewis, Mr Slape, Mr Collier, Mr McLeod and Fraser Graham) are embarking on a gruelling three-day journey to Battisborough by bike, leaving Hall Grove on Thursday 18th July and arriving at Battisborough on Saturday 20th July. The 225-mile journey will present a significant challenge, even to the super-fit and bike-hardened Mr Tullett! The team is raising money for Sebastian's Action Trust, a cause very close to the school's heart given that Sebastian was a Hall Grove pupil.

If you feel able to support our riders, please donate via the [following link](#).

The team are very grateful to Snap Fitness and Surfing Cow Ice Cream for contributing towards the sponsorship of the challenge. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more updates as training gets underway in earnest!

Second-hand Uniform Sale

An amazing £1,300 was raised at the second-hand uniform sale. Some of this has been allocated to provide a defibrillator for Battisborough. The remainder will go to Sebastian's Action Trust.

We hope to arrange another sale if there is demand.

Hall Grove NGS Garden Opening - Saturday 11th May

This is an annual event on behalf of the National Garden Scheme, a charity that supports several good causes. The school grounds and gardens will be open for viewing from 1400 to 1700. There are a variety of trails and walks including the historic ice house in the garden of Field House, the restored walled garden and a woodland walk to the boating lake and the farm. Entry is by way of donation, £5 is recommended, all money going to the NGS. Teas will be on sale at The Lighthouse, and a selection of plants will be available for purchase. This is always a lovely afternoon, do bring friends and family.

Hall Grove Open Morning - Thursday 23rd May

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 23rd May 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.

School Uniform - Years 6 & 7 Girls Only

Could all current Year 6 girls who are going into Year 7 in September and any new Year 8 girls, please order their grey skirt and red/white blouse from The Uniform Shop by Half Term. Telephone 01276 471039.

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

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 Open Gardens

Friday 7th June

Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day

Saturday 8th June

Sports Day Years 3–8

Friday 28th June

Caribbean Evening

NEWSLETTER

ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

MAY HALF TERM & SUMMER CAMPS

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

A reminder that the Uniform Shop opening hours are as follows:

Monday 0800-0915
Tuesday 0800-0915
Thursday 1500-1730

School Nurse Notes

Hay Fever

For those children who suffer from hay fever, please could parents either make sure medication has been administered before coming 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 on site.

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 soon as possible so we can log the information on the school system. Holiday Authorisation Forms can be found on the school website. The school policy is that absence for additional holiday is not generally authorised.

Should your child have an appointment during the school day, please ensure the School Office and the Form Teacher are 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 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 for piano will be held on Friday 3rd May at 1250 in the 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. All are welcome to attend the concert.

Practice Club

Practice Club on Mondays and Tuesdays will resume next week as normal. If you wish to book your child in for practice on either of these days, please email Mr Will Thorne.

Exams

ABRSM music exams this term will be held on Friday 21st – Saturday 22nd June. If your child learns an instrument outside of school and you wish for them to take an exam this term, please email Mr Will Thorne by no later than Wednesday 8th May to be booked in.

Ski Trip New Year 2019/20

Places have become available for the ski trip to Zell Am See Austria departing on 28th December 2019 and returning on 3rd of January 2020. For further details, please contact [Mr Tullett](#).

Sport

Some of our senior pupils enjoyed two very successful trips overseas during the holidays, a netball tour to the Jersey Games and a tennis tour to Portugal. The boys and girls have enjoyed their first cricket sessions this week, it was wonderful to see them all working hard and playing cricket together in their lessons. Please could pupils only bring in their cricket bags for match days or days when they have after-school clubs. It is not necessary to have them for

training. It was also pleasing to see some encouraging performances on the athletics track in preparation for the season ahead.

The U13 and U11 boys have matches against Woodcote on Saturday afternoon. Please check the website for details.

Please follow [the link](#) for further timings and results.

Individual Ski Cross Competition, Whistler

Congratulations to Hall Grove pupil Georgia Hancock who achieved a podium finish (3rd) on the individual Ski Cross competition, a two-day event held at Whistler in March. The final involved racing down a series of jumps and high banked turns.

May Half Term & Summer Camps

Heathfield School, Ascot - Summer Camp for Girls

7th July to 3rd August, girls aged 7 to 15

For a brochure: 01344 885197 or summerschool@heathfieldschool.net

For further information on other Easter and Summer camps, please click the link in the right-hand column.

Great Fosters May Shopping Fayre - Monday 20th May

0930 - 1600, £3 entry fee

Gift Stalls - Raffles - Refreshments

All enquiries: sunitashroff@mac.com

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices are holding several family events. Please see attached flyers.