



Newsletter 639

3rd May 2019

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hiles, and to all the Year 7 boys and girls, for four fantastic performances of their rock musical, Chiller, this week. The set, lighting and ghoulish stage effects marked a new standard for Hall Grove, it was a remarkable production.

Year 5 have enjoyed a great trip to Devon this week. We look forward to meeting with their parents next Wednesday. Year 4 are excitedly preparing for their Battisborough trip on Tuesday.

The school farm took another step forward as two young saddleback pigs arrived on Wednesday. It made for an interesting diversion mid-way through a cricket match! Meanwhile, there are now five healthy little lambs in the nursery field with several more due soon.

The London Launch

A reminder that any parent who would like to support our event at the Royal Thames Yacht Club next Tuesday, or can recommend it to friends or contacts living in London, please register [through this link](#).

BBC 500 Words Competition

Congratulations to Grace Aldridge (Year 8) and Lula Allams (Year 6) who have both received news of first-round success in the BBC 500 Words Competition. Over 130,000 children entered the competition and only 5,000 stories go to the Reading Agency for the second round of judging and so this is a fantastic achievement for the girls.

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.

DIARY REMINDERS

MAY

Monday 6th—school closed

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 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

Saturday 18th

1230-1630 Year 4 Musical Rehearsal

Monday 20th

Year 6 to Battisborough

Tuesday 21st

Year 3 Ancient Greece Day
0835 3KD Assembly

Thursday 23rd

Open Morning for Prospective Parents
1900 Year 4 present 'Beauty & The
Beast'

Friday 24th

0900 Reception Assembly
Year 6 return from Battisborough

Half Term

Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June

Royal Ascot Week

As Royal Ascot commences on Tuesday 18th June, please remember to book any 360 requirements via [360 Sports Education](#) on 01252 918888. Any supper requests should be made by Friday 14th June at the latest via the link above, as it is likely to be very busy!

At the time of going to press, there are only boarding spaces available for Wednesday and Thursday.

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.

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

Monday & Tuesday	0800-0915
Thursday	1500-1730

The Capital Tour Winter Series Champion Golfer 2019

Congratulations to Zahn Bopiah, Year 4, who won the Winter Series on the European Junior Golf Tour. Zahn now has a place on the season finale, Race to Spain in October.

Music

Congratulations to all those pianists who performed in the today's first Informal Concert of the term. There will be an Informal Vocal Concert next Friday at 1250 in New Hall.

Sport

The cricket season is now in full swing, and it is marvellous to see the boys and girls playing fixtures on Wednesday afternoons. Eleven matches were played and six won, but all matches were close. The boys U13 A have started the season very well with wins against Woodcote, St Andrew's and today's victory against Barrow Hills in the first round of the IAPS National Cricket Competition. The U13 A girls looked incredibly smart in their new team kit and played very well against Danes Hill. The three U11 girls teams and the U11 C boys all had good wins. The boys U13 B bounced back from a frustrating weekend fixture to earn an impressive win against St Andrew's.

It was lovely to see so many parents attend the open cricket coaching session for Years 3 and 4 and the staff are delighted with their enthusiasm for cricket. Friday was a special day for the girls from Years 3 to 6 who enjoyed cricket coaching from Surrey County Cricket development coach Gabby Dunnage (ex Hall Grove pupil and staff member).

It was great to see all seven tennis courts in full use on Monday evening as boys and girls from Years 6, 7 and 8 took part in an informal Internal Tennis Tournament. Congratulations to all who played, it was a lovely evening.

The sports department ask that pupils bring their own tennis ball in for break time play and make sure that it is clearly labelled. Tennis rackets are permitted and again should be labelled and stored in their form rooms. Cricket bags and bats are only necessary on match days or when a pupil has after school club.

Individual Sports Coaching

We are delighted to announce that individual coaching is available for **Tennis, Golf and Cricket**. The cost for one-to-one coaching is set at £40 per hour which falls in line with the going rate for private coaching. However, if there were two in the session, then this would be reduced to £25 per hour each (for tennis specifically we ask parents to find the partner should this be the preferred option). The charges for the lessons will be added to the school bill. Lessons can be booked by emailing the School Office.

Monday	1730—1830	Tennis - Megan from Jet Tennis
Tuesday	1530—1830	Tennis - Megan from Jet Tennis
		Golf - Josh Hirst pro from Ascot Golf Club
		Cricket - Ed Young Gloucestershire player and former Hall Grove pupil.

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

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[@hallgrovesport](#)

Wednesday	1730—1830	Tennis – Megan from Jet Tennis
Friday	1730—1830	Tennis – Andy Bennett Director of Tennis at St Mary's Ascot

Hall Grove to Battisborough by bike!

Our thanks to those who have pledged support for this venture. Those who would like to donate may do so by [following this link](#). Funds will go to Sebastian's Action Trust.

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](#).

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.