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24th May 2019

Parents will by now have received details of the Caribbean Evening planned for June 28th. We do hope you will all buy tickets for what will be an amazing party. The last 'Big Bash' was in 2017, and many are still talking about it!

We are keen to recruit a small team of helpers to assist with ticketing and to help market the event. If you would like to lend a hand, please write to the school office. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 4th at 0900 to discuss arrangements.

Please read carefully the information below about Sports Day on Friday, June 7th (Early Years and Pre-Prep) and Saturday, June 8th (Years 3 - 8).

Scholarship

Congratulations to Oliver Townend who has won an academic scholarship to Hampton School. This is a very significant achievement and we are delighted by his success.

Sailing

For the first time in many years, Hall Grove has won the team event in the Prep Schools Sailing Competition in Weymouth. The last time was when Andrew Simpson himself won the competition back in the late 1980s. Andrew was an exceptional sailor, even as a schoolboy, and went on after Hall Grove to compete at the highest level winning Olympic medals with his close friends, Ben Ainslie and Iain Percy.

Andrew tragically died when training for the America's Cup in 2013. He would have been delighted by the success of our young sailors.

Staff Farewells

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Sue Tanner, one of our lovely teaching assistants. Mrs Tanner has been part of our Hall Grove family for nearly 20 years and she will be greatly missed. She is now starting a new position in the health service driving an ambulance. Mrs Tanner's last day will therefore be on Pre-Prep Sports Day when we will be wishing her all the best for her new career.

DIARY REMINDERS

MAY

Half Term

Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June

JUNE

Friday 7th

1000 Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day

Saturday 8th

Year 3 - 8 Sports Day

Tuesday 11th

Whole School Photo

Wednesday 12th

0815 Year 1 & 2 Open Classroom

Thursday 13th

1800 The Good Stuff - A guide to being happier and healthier - parents welcome

Friday 14th

Choristers' Tour to Italy

Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st

Royal Ascot Week

Tuesday 18th

0835 Year 8 Assembly
Year 1 visit to Marwell Zoo
Early Years visit to Windsor Great Park
Choristers' Tour return from Italy
1900 Year 2 Parents - 'What to expect from Lower Juniors'

Wednesday 19th

0900 Reception Parents - 'What to expect from Pre-Prep'

Thursday 20th

0835 3VB Assembly
1900 Year 4 Parents - 'What to expect from Upper Juniors'

Tuesday 25th

0835 4MC Assembly

Wednesday 26th

1900 Year 6 present Treasure Island

Thursday 27th

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Friday 28th

0900 1NS Assembly
1800 Caribbean Evening

Sunday 30th

One of our GAP students, Oliver Hadden-Wight, sets off on his travels after half term. He has worked hard in the grounds this year and been a big help to the teachers in a number of ways. We wish him well for his overseas adventure and thank him for what he has done.

Pre-Prep Easter Reading Challenge

We would like to thank our parents who came into school to take part in their child's book review. It was wonderful to watch the many different styles of review and the children gained so much from taking part as well as watching them.
Katie Hitchcox

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!

The Uniform Shop - Summer Holiday Opening Times

Thursday 1st August 1500-1800
Thursday 29th August 1500-1800
Sunday 8th September 0900-1200

Music

Informal Concerts

Very well done to all who performed today at our Informal Brass Concert, especially for those for whom this was their first concert. Our next Informal Concert is for Piano players and will be held on Friday 28th June 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.

Sport

It has been a very busy and successful week for all our sporting teams and individuals. The highlight of the week goes to the sailing team who won the IAPS Regatta in Weymouth. It was a well-deserved result for the four crews who competed in the U13's and U11's category. In the U13's Oscar Fry and James Woolcock came 2nd, Kaitlyn Wyatt and Edward Bratt 6th while Luca Mc Dowell and Felix Jackson were placed 13th.

Well done to Thomas Dyson who finished in 11th place at the IAPS fencing championships at the weekend, he has worked incredibly hard and pioneered fencing at Hall Grove.

The tennis team enjoyed success on Monday evening against Lambrook, the U13's winning and the U11's coming away with a draw. We wish those playing in the IAPS championships this weekend, at Rugby school, good luck.

The senior girls competed well in the St Mary's senior school athletics meeting last weekend and should be proud of their performances.

On Wednesday afternoon Hall Grove was blessed with lovely weather. The boys and girls cricket teams had very successful afternoons against Crosfields, Feltonfleet and Milbourne Lodge, the teams amassed twelve wins and only two losses. There were some fine individual performances across all the teams that contributed to the excellent set of results. Well done to the 1st XI winning their 4th match of the season. It was wonderful on Thursday to see all the girls from Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 take part in a Surrey County Girls Cricket Festival hosted here at Hall Grove. The girls

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell please
T: 01276 473059 (option 1) or
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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

Friday 7th June

Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day

Saturday 8th June

Sports Day Years 3–8

Friday 28th June

Caribbean Evening

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were joined by pupils from Streatham and Clapham Prep school and had an excellent afternoon with the Surrey County coaches. On Thursday evening the U10 B cricket team played a very exciting game against Valley End U10 B team. The game was won by Valley End with Hall Grove requiring just 2 runs off the last couple of overs.

Sports Day

Pre-Prep and Early Years Sports Day - Friday 7th June

Children may either come to school at the usual time or a little later, but they **MUST** be in their classrooms by 0930. There will be refreshments served near the Lighthouse from 0930 for all adults before the children begin the opening ceremony at 1000. All families are invited to stay and picnic with their children in the school grounds after the final race has finished. Staff are there to picnic with children of any family unable to stay.

All children should come to school dressed in their white PE kit. They will not require their school uniform that day. A reminder that they will need their own NUT-FREE packed lunch to picnic with. Parents are welcome to take their children home after the picnic.

Sports Day for Years 3 to 8 - Saturday 8th June

All children are expected to attend, and their families are invited to come and support. Guests are encouraged to picnic in the grounds before the races start. As this is our major social function of the year, we ask Staff and parents to observe a 'smart casual' dress code. There will be an art display in New Hall and classrooms will be open to visitors.

The children's events will be posted on the sports noticeboard on the side of the Wessex building. All children should come to school dressed in their white PE kit (with House T-shirt).

Prize Giving will follow each session. The timings are as follows:

1100	Year 3 – 5 children to arrive and assemble on the field. Coffee will be available for parents in the Lighthouse
1130 – 1330	Years 3, 4 and 5 Athletics
1330 – 1430	Picnic lunches
1415	High Jump competition
1430 – 1630	Years 6, 7 and 8 Athletics

Teas will be served in the Lighthouse from 1530 for adults. Children will be given an ice cream by the Food Cabin after the final event prior to the prize giving.

Local Girls' Cricket

Both of our closest cricket clubs, Bagshot and Valley End, have thriving girls sections and would both welcome new members. Details can be found on their websites.

May Half Term & Summer Camps

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