

Last Friday was all it promised to be - and more; all the sights, sounds, tastes and colours of the Caribbean came to Hall Grove for one special evening.

The grounds were transformed with large fluttering flags and a village of colourful gazebos; stilt walkers, limbo dancers and a traditional fun fair entertained the young while a steel band drummed catchy rhythms. Caribbean food was served as drinks flowed across the bar. On the big stage the Games Maker Choir gave an impressive opening performance, Years 6 and 7 revived highlights from Treasure Island and Chiller, and a Staff band, with singers Karen Heffer and Lizzie Post, played like professionals to the delight of an increasingly enthusiastic crowd.

Then it was the turn of the band Coyote, with a lead singer who whipped the school into an absolute frenzy as she belted out the favourites (afterwards she said that she had never before had such a brilliant young audience!). As darkness fell, spectacular fireworks closed the show and party-goers left for their cars surprised, thrilled and delighted in equal measure by all they had experienced.

We are very grateful to those who helped with organisation and marketing, and to those who generously supported with sponsorship. Congratulations to those who took to the stage. And thank you to all who came and had fun. Over £850 was raised for Sebastian's Action Trust.

We will do it again, but not just yet!

DIARY REMINDERS

Friday 5th

Co-Curricular Programme/Clubs Finish

Monday 8th

1900 Summer Concert

Tuesday 9th

1730-1830 Year 6 Extended Assembly

Wednesday 10th

Second hand uniform sale 0900-1100 1500—1700

Tuesday 11th

1300 Year 8 Parents' Lunch 1400 Year 8 Leavers' Cricket & Rounders 1630 Leavers' Evensong 1900 Year 8 Fundraising & Music Evening

Friday 12th

0930 Prize Giving - Early Years & Pre-Prep 1030 Term Ends - Early Years & Pre-Prep 1100 Prize Giving for Years 3 - 8 1200 Term Ends for Years 3 - 8

The Uniform Shop

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

Congratulations!

We are delighted by the news of Miss Katie Hitchcox's recent engagement to Mr Al Lipscombe. Congratulations!

End of Year prizes

The list of this year's prize winners will be published on Monday evening.

Pre-Prep Sports Day

It was a case of third time lucky for Pre-Prep Sports Day this year, but it was worth the wait! What a wonderful festival of sport on show throughout the morning and a fantastic opportunity for the children to demonstrate their excellent skills. A special thank you to Mr Tomlinson for his organisation of this much-anticipated event and for preparing our youngest pupils excellently for each activity. They all demonstrated clear progression of sporting ability from Pre-School to Year 2. The whole morning was rounded off with a well-deserved picnic and time to explore their proudly exhibited artwork. Thank you again for your patience and support.

Race for Life

Congratulations to Clemmie Scott-Bolton in 1AE for running 5km in aid of Cancer Research last Sunday with her Mum, Harriet. They raised over £200 for charity. We are very proud of them both, what a fantastic achievement!

Anne Easeman

Prize Giving - Friday 12th July

Early Years and Pre-Prep - A reminder that a special Pre-Prep Prize Giving, tailored for the younger children, will take place on Friday 12th July. Children should come to class as usual in the morning. Parents are then invited to join pupils from Pre-School through to Year 2 in New Hall at 0930 for a review of the year and for the award of prizes. This should be completed by 1015 and the children are then able to go home. Those parents who are also attending the Prize Giving for Years 3 - 8 may take their child with them, or we will look after them. Please let the class teacher know if this is the case so we can ensure that there are staff available. School on the last day will finish by 1030 for Pre-Prep children.

Years 3 to 8 - Parents are welcome to attend Prize Giving on Friday in New Hall at 1100.

As is traditional, our prizes will be presented by a Year 8 parent, this year it will be Mrs Ruth Armitage, whose three children have all passed through the school. All Year 8 leavers will be called to the stage at the end of the ceremony to mark their achievements.

After School Clubs, 360 Sports Education & Twilight

Please note that **ALL** After School Clubs finish **TODAY**. Information for next term's clubs will be sent out in the first couple of weeks of the holiday. On-line bookings will be open from Thursday 5th September and clubs will commence Monday 15th September.

360 Sports Education and **Twilight** will be available to book up to and including Thursday 11th July.

School Reports, Newsletter, School Invoices and the Autumn Term Calendar

School Reports will be posted to parents during the holidays and invoices will be sent out electronically. The School Newsletter and School Insurance information will be sent to parents during the Summer holidays by ClarionCall and will also be available on the School website. A provisional copy of the Autumn Term Calendar will be available shortly after the end of term on the School website, and a hard copy will be sent to parents.

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

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

SUMMER CAMPS

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

End of Term Arrangements - Friday 12th July

- 0930 Prize Giving for Early Years and Pre-Prep
- 1030 Term ends for Early Years and Pre-Prep
- 1100 Prize Giving for Years 3 8
- 1200 Term ends for Years 3 8

Second-Hand Uniform Sale - Wednesday 10th July

Second-hand uniform sale on Wednesday 10th July from 0900-1100 and 1500-1700 in the Pavilion. Cash or cheque payments only. Any parents willing to volunteer their help at the sale, please contact the School Office (office@hallgrove.co.uk). Please drop off clan uniform for sale on Monday or Tuesday.

Junior Library - Pre-School to Year 4

Can all books be returned to the Junior Library by week ending Friday 12th July please.

The Uniform Shop - Summer Holiday Opening Times

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

Lamda Speech and Drama Lessons

Mrs Hiles and Mr Dickens (new drama teacher, who is a LAMDA graduate) will take over the running of our speech and drama lessons. Lessons are thirty minutes in length and can be either individual or paired. Further details will follow ahead of the beginning of the new school year in September, but parents may register interest with the school office before the end of this term.

Music

Informal Concerts

Very well done to all who performed in our final concerts of the year at lunchtime today. There were some very impressive performances, and particular mention goes to Maria Bainbridge for performing after only playing for 6 weeks!

Summer Concert

All ensembles (apart from Hall Grove Choir) are performing next Monday at 1900 outside the cabins. Please have performers back in school by 1840, and congregating in the Admiral Room.

Rehearsals will be as follows on Monday:

0900 - Senior Strings

0930 – Junior Brass

1000 - Tara, Seung-A and Fleur practice with Mr Hiles

1030 - Concert Band

1100 – Choristers

1130 - Junior Woodwind

1200 - Senior Woodwind

1230 - Senior Strings

1330 – Jazz Ensemble

1400 - Upper School Band

1430 - Year 8 Band

1500 - Year 7 Band

1530 - Junior Strings

1600 – Clarinet Trio

1630 – Percussion Ensemble

Leavers' Evensong

Confirmation that the Choristers will be singing at this service next week on Thursday 11th at 1630.

Bagshot Big Bash - Cole Lam

Cole (Year 7) has been given a 30-minute slot to perform his Piano/Singing Covers in the Bagshot Big Bash 2019 festivities this Saturday 4.15pm. Bagshot High Street will be closed for the village celebrations.

https://bagshotbigbash.co.uk/whats-on/

https://www.facebook.com/bagshotbigbash/

Sport

It has been an enjoyable final week of sport for the year, with plenty of cricket and sunshine on show. On Wednesday the boys played Crosfields, winning 5 of their 8 matches while the girls had a tough set of fixtures against Hoe Bridge. There were wins for the U11A and C teams, and all three U10 teams won to round off both a successful season and year for this group of boys.

The U9 girls played matches on Thursday, showing increasing progress and well done to the U8 girls who played this afternoon. A fantastic season where all the boys and girls have developed their understanding of the game; we hope that many of them will continue to play for local clubs over the summer.

For further results, please **follow the link**.

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.

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.

Summer Camps

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

Pony Grove

Pony Grove has had another fabulous year thanks to all of the support of the children that ride and of course, their parents. The ponies are also going off for a well-deserved summer holiday! If anyone is interested in attending Pony Days over the summer, or starting lessons next academic term, please contact us on 07802 766423 or email ponygrovelimited@gmail.com