



Newsletter 649
13th September 2019

The first week of the new school year has gone smoothly and the children have settled well. The recent fine weather has certainly helped. Our sports programme has resumed with 29 school matches and some pleasing results. Tomorrow we are hosting a Football tournament, and on Sunday morning we have the second of our late summer Cricket matches. Families are welcome to come and support.

Next week Year 7's are off to the Somme region of France to practise their French and learn about World War I. We hope the good weather continues.

School Minibus Service

A letter went out today advertising our new morning bus service which will run from Tuesdays to Fridays. We are starting the scheme rather modestly so that we can see if there are issues to resolve before it is extended to a wider area. We hope families will find it to be helpful.

Reminder: After School Clubs

Clubs begin next week. Online booking will be closed on **Monday 15th September at 1100.**

School Database Administration

If you moved house over the summer, recently changed your mobile phone number or email address, please email the front office (office@hallgrove.co.uk) to let us know your details have changed. For any families that have recently relocated to the UK, please can you ensure we have your most up-to-date UK address.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

Over £600 was raised. The Pupils' School Council will decide which charities they'd like to support this term. Clothing donations can be brought to the school office for future sales.

Book Fair - 16th-19th September

The Book Fair arrived today and all children will be able to peruse the wide variety of books with their form or English class next week. There is no obligation to buy but your child may come home with an order slip giving details of a book they would enjoy. This year there will be two ways to make purchases:
Please return the slip with a cheque made payable to "Hall Grove School Ltd" by Monday 23rd September (please do not staple the cheque to the order slip).

DIARY REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER

Week commencing 16th
After School Clubs begin

Monday 16th - 19th
Book Fair

Tuesday 17th
OPRO Impression Visit

Wednesday 18th
1900 Years 3 & 4 Parents' Briefing

Thursday 19th
Year 7 Residential Trip to France
1900 Year 5 and 6 Parents' Briefing

Monday 23rd
Year 7 Residential Trip to France returns

Tuesday 24th
Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm

Wednesday 25th
0815-0900 Pre-Prep Open Classroom

Thursday 26th
0835 6MW Assembly

Friday 27th
0800 Macmillan Coffee Morning
Gillman & Soame Individual and Sibling Photographs

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st
0835 4KF Assembly

Thursday 3rd
0835 5JF Assembly

Friday 4th
Year 6 to Warwick Castle

Tuesday 8th
0835 7ST Assembly

Thursday 10th
0835 3VB Assembly

Alternatively, you may wish to give your child the exact money (apologies, no change can be given) in a named and sealed envelope and they may purchase books between 1100 and 1125 on Monday -Thursday next week.

Whilst there are multiple copies of the books and these will be given (as far as is possible) to the children who have brought payment, please note that it may be necessary to make some additional orders. All such books will be ordered on Monday 23rd September and delivered to school within the next few weeks.

If you have any queries please speak to your child's form teacher or to me, Louise Lovett (L.lovett@hallgrove.co.uk)

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27th September

Please join us in the Lighthouse for a lovely social gathering over tea, coffee and cakes from 0800 until 1030. Home-grown produce and home-made nut-free goodies are welcome for sale.

Catriona Graham

Parents' Briefings

Refreshments will be available for parents in the Lighthouse from 1830 prior to these meetings:

Years 1 and 2	Monday 16th September	1900	New Hall
Years 3 and 4	Wednesday 18th September	1900	New Hall
Years 5 and 6	Thursday 19th September	1900	New Hall

Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 17th October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 17th October from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we would be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

Hall Grove Country Fair and Grandparents Afternoon - Friday 25th October

Please let grandparents and other elderly relatives know about our annual Country Fair and Grandparents Afternoon. Mrs Graham's first honey harvest will be debuting among other lovely produce and there will be plenty to see and do.

Music

Music lessons, Music Practice Club and all Music Ensembles/Choirs start next week. Parents have been sent a rehearsal timetable this afternoon along with details of which children are in each ensemble.

All communication with the Music Department should now be through music@hallgrove.co.uk.

Miss Post has been treated all week to some fabulous singing and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to audition this week for either Choristers or the Semi-Chorus section of Choristers. For those that have not got in, please do not be disheartened, it was a very tough year of auditions, and please do keep on singing – Hall Grove Choir is open to all!

Sport

This week has seen a positive start to the sporting year, the enthusiasm and effort from all the children in their PE and games lessons has been excellent. Years 3 to 8 have performed well in the bleep tests during the PE lessons and now have a target to beat later in the term. On Wednesday, the senior teams performed very well in their first matches of the season and today there were convincing wins in the training matches against Woodcote House. Highlights included the U13 A & B and U12 A girls all winning their hockey matches against Lord Wandsworth and seven wins for the boys football teams against Hoe Bridge.

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

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 (incl)

Summer Term 2020

22nd April – 10th July

Half Term:

23rd – 31st May (incl)

Autumn Term 2020

7th September – 18th December

Half Term:

24th October – 8th November

Battisborough Trips 2020

Year 4 4th – 7th May

Year 5 27th April – 1st May

Year 6 18th – 22nd May

Year 8 29th June – 3rd July

School Uniform Shop Term Time Opening Times

Mondays & Tuesdays 0800 – 0915

Thursdays 1500 – 1730

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

Don't forget to follow us on
Twitter! [@hallgroveschool](https://twitter.com/hallgroveschool)
[@hallgrovesport](https://twitter.com/hallgrovesport)

A special mention for Fleur Gilbert who scored a hat trick for the U12 A girls hockey and Ollie Eliot who also scored a hat trick for the 1st XI football team.

We ask parents to be supportive of the sports staff when selections are made, especially at the start of the sporting year. We always have the individual pupil at the centre of our decision-making. The opportunities we provide reflect our aim to meet each pupil's aspirations and ambitions to enable them to meet their sporting goals.

Good luck to all the teams playing this weekend. All details and results from matches can be found on the school website.

Children 4 Children (C4C) – Autumn Term Fundraising

6 months ago three Hall Grove families established a new foundation, Children 4 Children (<https://www.children4children.org.uk/>), with the purpose of raising funds for global education projects through events by children. Jamie Swanson, Adam Young and Zayn Kubba (Yr8), Emily Swanson, Leila Harris, Tom Chapman and Jad Kubba (Yr6) have recently completed the 3 Peaks Challenge in 3 days and raised over £5,000 with other children to support a digital learning centre in South Africa.

C4C are 12% towards a target of £50,000 and are inviting all Hall Grove pupils to join us in finding a challenge and raising a minimum of £100 each in the Autumn term through family and friends. We would be delighted to have your support. Our fundraising page is at the following link <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/children4>. Do contact us if you would like more information at action@children4children.org.uk.

Reminder: Prize Giving Cups and Awards

If your child was presented with a cup at Prize Giving, please could you have the cup engraved in the same format as the previous winner and return it to the School Office. Thank you.

Dog Walking & Sitting Services

For all your dog walking and dog sitting requirements. Accredited CPD Certificate in Dog First Aid Emergency Canine Care and Public Liability insured. For an informal chat or to arrange a 'meet and greet' please contact Tom on either 07792 625468 or email tomrivers100@aol.com