

Our thanks to parents for good attendance at all the briefing meetings over the last ten days. We always find them to be a good introduction to the new school year.

Another good week with glorious weather, but some rain really is desperately needed now for the gardens and grounds after a very dry year.

Best wishes to the Year 7's who are in France practising their French and visiting some famous World War I sites. We hear that they are getting on well.

The boys and girls have enjoyed the start of the sporting year, and congratulations to the Under 11 A football team for their victory over Shrewsbury House in the Surrey Cup.

The new performance studio has already housed drama, ballet, tap and street dance lessons and will host the first informal lunchtime concert of the school year on Thursday.

Natterhub

Some good news for the former Hall Grove teacher Caroline Allams and current parent, Manjit Sareen, for their Online Safety project Natterhub. Over the summer they joined Twinkl's new ed-tech accelerator 'hive' with a cash and resources investment that will see them to launch and beyond.

Set for a January launch, Natterhub natterhub.com will prepare children to be safe online, learning all about healthy digital behaviour, media literacy and social media on their gated, educational platform. Natterhub look set for a positive response with social media at the forefront of parental and educational concerns. Now that they have partnered with Twinkl, twinkl.co.uk who currently boast a 5 million user reach in 179 countries around the world, Natterhub will hopefully educate a whole generation of children who will understand the importance of being savvy, sceptical digital natives.

Hall Grove has been a valued part of the Natterhub journey so far.

The Independent Schools Inland Sailing Regatta 2019

Mr McChesney is considering entering a Hall Grove team in this regatta which takes place at Burghfield Sailing Club, near Reading, on 2nd (Years 5 & 6) and 3rd (Years 7 & 8) October. If your child is interested in taking part, and has the necessary (RYA Level 3) experience and qualification to enter, please contact Mr McChesney (a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk). Entries close on Monday 23rd September so please could you discuss over the weekend and contact Mr McChesney by Monday morning.

DIARY REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER

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

Tuesday 15th

0835 6HT Assembly
Year 4 to Rural Life Museum
1700 Early Years & Pre-Prep Parents' Meetings

Wednesday 16th

1600 Early Years & Pre-Prep Parents' Meetings

Thursday 17th

0930 Open Morning for Prospective Parents
1250 Informal Strings Concert

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

Individual and Sibling Portraits – Friday 27th September

Gilman and Soame, the school photographers, are coming into school on Friday 27th September to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Please make sure that the children are looking smart on the day with the boys wearing their shirt, tie and blazer and the girls in their Winter uniform.

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

This week has seen all our peripatetic teachers return for the start of the school year, and deliver the first full week of instrumental lessons and ensembles.

Please make sure your child is regularly checking the music timetable board for information on which day their lesson is and what time. All information regarding ensemble rehearsal times is on the music board outside the Clanwilliam for children to look at.

Instrumental Lessons Open Week

In Week 4 (week beginning Monday 30th September) we would like to invite any parents to observe their child's music lessons as part of the 'Instrumental Lessons Open Week'. If you would like to come in, please arrange this directly with the peripatetic music teacher and sign in at the front office when you arrive.

ABRSM Exams

As detailed in the calendar, music exams will be held at school on the afternoon of the 6th December and for as much of the 7th December as is needed. If you are expecting your child to be entered for an exam please double-check with the peripatetic.

Choristers

The choristers have made a fantastic start to the term, but Miss Post would reiterate that all children should be ready to sing at 0750, so arriving at 0748!

Informal Concerts

Our first Informal Lunchtime Concert of the term will be an Informal Piano Concert on Thursday 26th September. **This will take place in the Performance Studio at 1300, and not at the published time of 1250.** If your child has a piece they would like to play and learns at Hall Grove, their peripatetic teacher will enter them. If they learn outside of school and would like to play, please email music@hallgrove.co.uk by **Monday** next week.

Sport

The fine weather continues, and so does the high standard of performance from our sports teams. On Wednesday afternoon, the senior teams enjoyed a big block fixture of hockey and football against Eagle House. There were many fine performances from teams and

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

OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

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

individuals across all the age groups. Last weekend saw many boys and girls taking part in tournaments. Well done to the U11 A and B girls hockey teams for winning the Downsends tournament in their respective categories and following this up with victories against Eagle House on Wednesday – we are very proud of their performances. The U11 A and U13 A football teams won their sections in the annual Hall Grove Football Tournament, the first time Hall Grove has done the double! The U11 A's success continued with a convincing win over Shrewsbury House on Thursday in the first round of the Surrey Cup. The U9 boys started their football season well with one win, one draw and a loss against Hoe Bridge.

We look forward to the U9 girls going into action next week on the hockey pitches against Lambrook.

James Brash and Max Dale played alongside Mr Quartermaine in the ISGA golf tournament at Sunningdale Heath. The team finished a very creditable fifth out of 25 schools. The cricketers had a successful Sunday with a win against Woodcote, playing the new hundred ball format.

Good luck to all those representing the school this weekend, further details are on the school website.

Swimming

Please could all pupils in Years 5 to 8 make sure they have their swimming kit and towel in school for PE lessons.

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.

OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

For half term camp information, please click the link in the right-hand column.

Woking & Sam Beare - Light up a Life

A fantastic family-friendly sponsored walk, 'A Walk to Remember', coming up at beautiful Virginia Water on **Saturday 28 September**. We are inviting families (and their dogs) to walk with us in memory of anyone they wish (they don't need to have been cared for by Woking & Sam Beare Hospices).

For further details, please see the flyer on the school website.

Ski Chalet

Chalet Pic Blanc is a beautiful self-catered chalet that comfortably sleeps up to four families (16 people), situated in an unbeatable ski-in ski-out location in the resort of Oz en Oisans, Alpe D'Huez. As Hall Grove benefits from a later start to the second term in January, we are offering the week of the 4th – 11th January at the low season price of £3,000, (less than half the cost of the week prior!) We will also be donating 15% of this to Children4Children, the charity initiative set up by six Hall Grove students, who are raising funds for a school in South Africa. For more information, please go to www.chaletpicblanc.com, or email hannahlharris75@gmail.com