

It really has been a joy to have the whole school back together again after the Easter break, and to hear so much chatter and laughter around the classrooms and grounds. This week we have enjoyed some of the finest weather at the start of a Summer term that many of us can remember, and it looks as if it is set to continue.

Whilst we are still mindful of restrictions, it is good to be able to plan residential trips to Devon for four of the year groups as well as several sporting events, plays and concerts. The main social occasion of the Summer term is of course Sports Day, July 3rd (Years 3 – 8), July 5th (Pre-Prep and Early Years).

Saturday, May 22nd is the day of our annual charity garden opening. Groups of children have been helping Mrs Buckler in the walled garden with planting vegetables and flowers. Dare we say it – some rain would now be helpful!

Scholarship news

Congratulations to Lewis Hannon who has been awarded a Sports Scholarship to King Edward's, Witley.

Calendar Amendment – Summer Concert, Monday 28th June

Please note that the Summer Concert will now take place on Monday 28th June, not Monday 5th July as previously advertised.

Saturday, 1st May – Monday, May 3rd

This is a holiday weekend with no school activities. There will be no school on Monday.

Summer Programme

We are planning a repeat of the popular Summer School that we initiated post Lockdown last year. The idea is to give the pupils some additional time of structured classroom-based activities as well as plenty of outdoor fun. It will run from July 12th – 30th.

Battisborough Glamping

Over the summer holidays there will be a glamping site available in the grounds of Battisborough House for small groups of families. This is being marketed by a professional company, Ready Tent Hire. Details appear on their website at www.readytenthire.co.uk

Congratulations Monty!

We are very proud of Monty in Reception. He has walked for at least 30 minutes a day for 100 days. He has raised £118 for MIND and £140 for the NHS. He earned 2 medals for his achievements, Mount Everest medal for walking 39 miles and Mount Everest for walking a further 46 miles.

Lisa Butcher

Art at Sunningdale Station

Congratulations to the following Year 7 pupils whose beautiful animal pastels are now on display in one of the frames at Sunningdale Station (London side): Henry Wood, Will Long, Indiana Dickson, Marco Lindeque, Devan Sawhney, Jad Kubba, Artie Bryant, Zikora Abuchi.

Catherine Foley

Heroes Stamp Design Competition

The Royal Mail is running a competition for children aged 4-14 to design a stamp which represents one of the heroes who has worked to keep people safe and the country running throughout the pandemic. Entry form and details can be [found here](#).

Please return all entries to Mrs Foley by Monday 24th May 2021

Catherine Foley

Uniform Shop

Please could all girls currently in Year 6 who will be in Year 7 in September visit the Uniform Shop as soon as possible to be sized for their grey skirts for Year 7. If any girls currently in Year 7 need a new skirt, please also visit the shop for a fitting.

The Uniform Shop will now be open during term time on Monday mornings between 8-9.15 am and Thursday afternoons between 3-5.30 pm. We will continue to offer an online service as well for collection from the brown box outside the Uniform Shop.

After School Care – Summer Term

The online booking system for After School Care is no longer available. However, should you wish to book or make an amendment to After School Care Summer Term booking, please email the **School Office**.

Breakfast bookings

Please continue to book breakfast and morning supervision (£6 per day) through the **School Office**.

Boarding Bookings

Please book via the school website. For further details please contact Mr McChesney, Head of Boarding, a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk

Music

We are delighted that choirs and ensembles will be restarting next week. Please refer to the email sent out to parents of Years 3-8 yesterday for more information on rehearsal timings etc.

Music Exams

We will be holding ABRSM exams on Saturday 26th June (and Friday 25th if needed). If your child learns an instrument outside of school but would like to take their exam at Hall Grove on that date, please contact Miss Post asap at music@hallgrove.co.uk

Sport

Inter school Fixtures

With the easing of restrictions, we are now able to play a small number of inter school fixtures. These are being arranged on a week-by-week basis working closely with the other schools. Parents will receive an email with details if their child has been selected to represent the school and these details will also be published on the school web site. The majority of the matches will happen during the week but there will be occasional matches on Saturdays alongside the Saturday sports programme which is listed below. These fixtures and sessions will continue to be closed to parents until restrictions lift further. If for any reason you do not wish your child to play in a match, please email Mr Tullett.

Summer Term Saturday Sports Dates.

Please be aware that some House events are taking place for which we would like all the children to attend. It is important that school are notified if your child is unable to attend House matches. If a child has a weekend sporting commitment for a local club, we are happy to support this. It is important we encourage the children to be as active as possible and help them enjoy all sports.

April 24th

Years 3 & 4: 0830 - 1000 Year 3 and 4 Girls House Netball, Year 3 Boys House Rugby, Year 4 Boys House Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn)

Years 7 & 8: 1030 - 1200 Year 7 and 8 Girls House Netball, Year 7 and 8 boys, Rugby Sevens or Tennis

1st XI Cricket v Woodcote 1345 meet at Hall Grove.

May 8th

Years 5 & 6: 0830 - 1000 Year 5 and 6 Girls House Netball, Year 5 Boys House Rugby, Year 6 Boys House Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn)

Years 7 & 8: 1030 - 1200 Year 7 and 8 Girls Netball, Year 7 and 8 boys, Rugby Sevens or Tennis

May 15th

Years 3 & 4: 0830 - 1000 Year 3 and 4 Girls Netball, Year 3 Boys House Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn), Year 4 Boys House Rugby (Mouthguards)

Years 5 & 6: 1030 - 1200 Year 5 and 6 Girls Netball, Year 5 Boys House Hockey (Mouthguards and Shin pads must be worn), Year 6 Boys House Rugby (Mouthguards)

May 22nd

Garden Open Day (with some exhibition sport by invitation will be sent prior to the event)

June 12th

Years 3 & 4: 0830 - 1000 Sports tbc

Years 7 & 8: 1030 - 1200 Sports tbc

June 19th

Hall Grove Tennis Tournament: Years 5 - 8

June 26th

Years 3 & 4: 0830 - 1000 Sports tbc

Years 5 - 8: Potential cricket fixtures

Wildhood Adventures

Mr White is offering a woodland camp for children in Years 2 - 8 this August. For more information, go to www.wildhoodadventures.co.uk

King Edward's Photography Competition

King Edward's would like to invite pupils to take part in a Photographic Competition (Years 5 – 8). Entries to be received by Friday 23rd April.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Documents

The following documents can be found on the school website, under the parent information tab:

- Senior Schools Open Mornings Information
- King Edward's Remote Chess Tournament
- The Lost Cookhouse

Bracknell & Wokingham Swimming Club – New Members Trial Night

Wednesday 2nd June at Lambrook School

For children born January 2012 to December 2015 to join their fantastic academy!

Sign up at: bwsctrails@gmail.com / 07787 321 263

Item for Sale

BDK-1 Full size starter drum kit (Black) including three tom-toms, a snare drum, bass drum, 14" hi-hat cymbals, a 16" crash/ride cymbal plus drumsticks, foot controls etc. Padded drum stool and music stand included. Has been used but not much, so in excellent condition. Paid £200 new, looking for £75 for all. Please contact Suzie Brown (07740 873807) if interested.