

During the recent lockdown, we moved the Medical Room into new premises. It is now to be found in the Coach House next to the School Office. Mrs Jackson, our School Nurse, is delighted with her new surgery, as are the children who have visited her!

The School Office has also been extended and has proved to be a great success, being easily accessible from the drive and commanding fine views over the sports pitches.

It has been a busy time on the school farm, lambing started this week. Four sets of twins so far!

### **Sporting Success**

We are always pleased to hear of achievements of former pupils.

Congratulations to Pippa Dixon who has just been selected for the U17 England Netball National Academy.

Pippa first learnt to play netball at Hall Grove and was part of the successful team who came 2nd at IAPS National finals in 2014. Pippa has worked hard throughout her netball journey, continuing to play for her local club and for Berkshire County. Currently a Year 12 pupil at Gordon's, we look forward to welcoming her back to Hall Grove next term so she can inspire our current cohort of pupils.

James Brash won a sports scholarship to Reeds School where he is now in Year 9. He is a very talented golfer. His parents sent this report of a recent tournament success:

*Hope you are all well. We follow with fond memories all the happenings at Hall Grove!*

*We thought you may like to know James played in the Clutch Pro Tour – an amateur event at Sunningdale Heath today. James won with +1, to win by 2 shots in a field of 57 amateur. He started bogey, bogey, par, par, hole in one !!*

*Amazing to think back to those days under the big tree on the back field hitting balls with coach Simon! Sending our warmest regards to you all, so hope we can come back to school at some point.*

### **Calendar Amendment – Summer Concert, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

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

### **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> May – Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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. This will run from 12<sup>th</sup> July – 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Cost**

Approx £170 per week.

**Timings**

There will be a graduated drop off and collection system, which will be confirmed once numbers have been finalised. Approximate timings will be 0900 to 1530.

**Activities**

Each day will be split into morning and afternoon sessions; one indoors and the other outdoors. Children will be grouped in pods, the composition of which will be based on school year groups and sections. Examples of activities are listed below – this is not an exhaustive list, and the exact offering will differ according to age of a child's pod, but it gives an idea of the types of activities that will be offered:

**Indoors:** art, dance, board/card games, film, quiz, reading

**Outdoors:** gardening, low ropes course, mountain biking and bike agility, cricket, football, campfire cooking, bushcraft, minibeast hunts, plant identification, den building, tennis, wide games.

Pre-Prep children will be taking part in some age-appropriate activities building on team-work and problem-solving skills alongside some of the above tasks. Continuous provision will be provided for Early Years children as well as plenty of opportunities to use the Outdoor Classroom.

Please note that there will be no formal academic teaching. The staff will enable and support indoor and outdoor activities. We want the children to enjoy social interaction with their peers, within the organised and structured setting that Hall Grove offers.

**Lunch**

A full school lunch will be provided each day, as well as a mid-morning, and a mid-afternoon snack. Children are not to bring in additional food.

**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](http://www.readytenthire.co.uk)

**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](mailto:a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk)

## **Music**

### **Music Exams**

We will be holding ABRSM exams on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June (and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 me asap at [music@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:music@hallgrove.co.uk)

## **Sport**

It was wonderful to see the playing fields awash with cricket matches against others school on Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately, some of the matches were lost due to the weather but most were able to go ahead. The Boys U11 A cricket team played the first round of the Surrey cup today against King House. It was a very tight match, and after tied scores our team won in a super over. On Thursday the skies cleared in time for the Senior golf team to play their match against Eagle House at Wellington College.

Congratulations to the Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI for their win on Saturday against Woodcote House and the Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, U11 A and U10 A for their wins against St Andrews on Wednesday.

The staff are delighted with the performances of all the teams in the matches, and also with the effort and commitment in training shown by all the boys and girls. The sports department are working hard to make sure all the children get the opportunity to play in a fixture this term during these restricted times. We are grateful for the support from the parents and appreciate patience whilst we are unable to invite spectators to the school. This will be reviewed after the government announcement on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **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.

#### **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: Cricket fixtures v Sunningdale (afternoon matches)

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**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](http://www.wildhoodadventures.co.uk)

**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