

Thank you to all those who supported the garden opening last weekend. It was a lovely occasion with the gardens looking at their best, in spite of some difficult weather leading up to the day. Our thanks and congratulations to Joanne Buckler, our teacher/horticulturalist, who has brought the walled garden up to a standard that matches many National Trust properties. Our thanks also to the children, the caterers (superb teas) and to the teachers. Finally thank you to the Woolseys at Field House for opening their garden and the ice house. Nearly £3,000 was raised for charity, a record amount.

This week has seen another two excellent field trips to Devon, and it has been another busy week at school, with Year 5 recording their performances of 'Aladdin' alongside plenty of activity across all ages around the grounds and in the classrooms. Year 7 were superb guides at yesterday's Open Morning and we have enjoyed welcoming existing parents into school to watch several sporting fixtures, which certainly makes school feel more 'normal'!

Let's Keep it Going – A Covid Reminder

We are all benefitting from each step of the relaxation of the rules and the success of the vaccination programme. However, it remains just as important now as it was in the first days of the return to school last summer that we continue to follow our system of controls to protect the school community and ensure the school remains open to all pupils.

In particular, we must insist that you keep your child at home if they, or anyone else in the household, develop any one of the key Covid symptoms (high temperature, new persistent cough, or loss of or change to the sense of taste or smell). A PCR test should be obtained for the symptomatic individual. Any siblings should also remain away from school until the test result is received.

The Turning Circle

A reminder that cars should not stop on the zebra crossing or the yellow hatching lines which are designed to enable drivers to see pedestrians. Importantly, children should also be encouraged to exit the vehicle on the path side and then to walk around the turning circle to class. We have had a couple of very close shaves this week and are increasingly concerned about the safety of our pupils and staff.

Year 8 Musical Production - 'Honey'

The Year 8's are proud to be performing their musical production, 'Honey' at Camberley Theatre on Friday 2nd July. (Matinee 1415 and Evening at 1915)

'Honey' is a new and compelling original musical based on the invisible role of young carers. Our production is in aid of the Honey Pot Children's Charity.

Sam, aged 15 years, is not only juggling with his school life, GCSEs and a part-time job, but also holding his family together as the main carer for his mother and younger siblings. He dreams of going to Drama School. How can he possibly even consider it with the weight of his obligations at home?

Please support them by [coming to see the show](#)and please spread the word!

Lachlan's Locks!

Lachlan has not cut his hair since March last year when lockdown began. We were coming out of lockdown and haircuts were priority for many, but not for Lachlan. He asked not to cut his and could he grow it for the [The Little Princess Trust](#). It has been over a year now and he has done it.

The Little Princess Trust: When a child loses their hair to cancer, they'll be there with a free, real hair wig to help restore their confidence and identity. You can help them by giving hair and hope to children and young people, by funding real hair wigs and ground-breaking childhood cancer research projects.

Please support Lachlan and [sponsor him](#) before he cuts his locks off next Friday 4 June.

Drama

Congratulations to Year 5 for performing four wonderful performances of 'Aladdin'! Mrs Hiles transformed the Performance Studio into a fantastic set and the children rose to the challenge magnificently. We are enormously grateful to Paul Griffiths (Year 5 parent) and Firebird Events for recording and editing the performances. The children can't wait to see the final cut!

Sport

The last week of this half term has seen another busy week for the children on the sports pitches, courts and even in the sea. It was wonderful to see the Year 3 and 4 boys and girls enjoy their first cricket fixtures against Daneshill.

Sailing

Huge congratulations to Jemima Fry and Jemima Jackson who took part in the Millfield Sailing Regatta at the National Sailing Centre in Weymouth on Thursday. They finished a very creditable 8th place out of the 21 yachts sailing. Jemima Fry has been sailing for the school since Year 5, is currently part of the national squad and has a huge passion for the sport. We wish her well for the future.

Football and Netball

Monday was the last of our winter sports senior fixtures against Eagle House, giving the boys and girls the opportunity to play at least one match for the school in each main sport this year. We would like to thank Eagle House who have worked closely with Hall Grove to make these matches happen for the children.

Cricket

Congratulations to all the girls and boys for their cricketing performances since Easter. It has been brilliant to see everyone back playing matches for the school, and despite the weather, we have managed to play over 50 fixtures. There has been plenty of improvement seen in lessons, both in terms of developing skills and understanding the game, and we look forward to many more enjoyable afternoons after the half term break.

Tennis

Well done to the U13 and U11 tennis team for their excellent result against Bishopsgate on Tuesday night, Mr Quartermaine was delighted with the performance of the boys and girls and delighted to record a victory in this competitive fixture.

Tennis Tournament

We have been delighted with the number of entries from children in Years 5 – 8 for the tennis tournament and look forward to an enjoyable event on Saturday 19th June.

Individual Tennis Lessons

The uptake on individual tennis coaching has been excellent. An additional day has been added – if you would like to book a lesson, please email the school office for further details.

Swimming

Swimming will commence after half term. Children in Early Years and Pre-Prep have been informed of their swimming programme via a letter from Mr Cottrell. Years 3 – 8 are to bring their swimming kit to school on the days they have games. We intend to give all the children the opportunity to swim, but this will of course be weather dependent.

Monday, Wednesday Years 7 and 8

Tuesday, Friday Years 3 and 4

Wednesday, Thursday Years 5 and 6

June 12th

Years 3 & 4: 0830 – 1000

Years 7 & 8: 1030 - 1200

June 19th

Hall Grove Tennis Tournament: Years 5 - 8

June 26th

Years 3 – 6 Girls Cricket fixtures v Valley End Cricket Club (morning fixtures; an 0930 start)

Years 5 – 8: Boys Cricket fixtures v Sunningdale (afternoon matches)

The **Ricky Clarke Cricket Academy** are holding a half term cricket camp from 1 to 4 June 2021 at Cove Cricket Club, Farnborough. They are also running a 12-week Elite Programme from September to December 2021 at Farnham Heath End School in Farnham aimed at boys and girls between 11 and 18 who are committed players seeking success at county trials. Further details can be found online at, and bookings should be made online at, www.rikkiclarkecricketacademy.co.uk.

Babysitting / Childminder

Will Rhodes (Mr Will) the current Gap Student is available with immediate effect for Babysitting/Childminding. Full driving licence, own car and is DBS checked. Please contact 07850 942776 for availability.

The unicorns and the puppy

Tamira Dabasia (2KD) has written a book, 'The unicorns and the puppy' which is available to [buy here](#). All proceeds to the OSCAR Foundation – well done, Tamira!

Adult Art Classes

Mrs McVean (parent to Year 2 & 3 children) will be re-starting art classes for adults for a small group after half term. The 5 classes this term will run each Wednesday 9.30am - 12 noon starting 9th June and finishing 7th July and then will re-start in line with the school year in September. She will cover drawing; watercolour painting and acrylic painting and the classes are open to all levels from beginner up. The sessions will be relaxed and are a great option if you are looking for some creativity in your week. If you are interested in joining the classes this term or are interested in keeping in the loop for classes from September this year, please email catherinemcvean@gmail.com or call Catherine on 07387 357007 and she can send through more detailed information. For more background information please visit www.catherinemcvean.com.

Documents

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

- Senior Schools Open Mornings Information
- May Half Term & Summer Camps
- Cricket Academy