

Year 4 have had their first taste of a Devon field trip, surely one of the highlights of the year. It really is a rite of passage for these children to stay away from home with their friends and teachers for the first time. As many said, they had 'the best time ever!'. There were so many special moments: playing on the beach, exploring rock pools, dormitory life, fish and chips around the fire, ice cream at the farm, the sound of waves on rocks with the call of seagulls.....all these and more blend into a picture of warm happiness. They are already looking forward to their next trip! Our thanks to the teachers who lead these trips and work so hard to look after the children.

For any family who would like to experience a Battsborough holiday, glamping is available this summer. [More details here.](#)

Meanwhile, the second half of term started with Year 8 settling to their Common Entrance exams with maturity and purpose. Congratulations to them all, the children and their teachers. They now have several weeks of activities to look forward to, beginning this afternoon with raft building on our lake!

Scholarship News

Congratulations to Pasha Keray (Charterhouse) and Harry Sadler (St George's College, Weybridge) who have both been awarded academic scholarships.

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.

Mr Tomlin

On Wednesday, Headmaster-elect, Mr Tomlin, visited Lambrook School. The visit was planned so that he would also be able to watch some of our Year 5 girls playing their cricket match. Mr Tomlin commented "The Hall Grove girls stood out as being cheerful, polite, appropriately competitive, and confident." The Lambrook coach also took the time to highlight this to them at the end of the game.

Mr Tomlin and I are keen to ensure that there continue to be lots of opportunities for our girls at Hall Grove. We have plenty of new ideas to implement next year - exciting times!

Leigh Randall, Head of Girls

Pupils' Forgotten Items

Please can we make a polite request that parents do not bring items into school that children have, for whatever reason, forgotten to bring in at the start of the school day. The School Office is being inundated with water bottles, homework, books and kit, all of which the children can (most of the time) survive the day without.

Royal Ascot Week

As Royal Ascot commences on Tuesday 15th June, please remember to book any After School Care via the School Office.

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!

Provisional Key Dates

Further information and confirmation of the arrangements will be provided once Government guidance has been updated.

Saturday 3rd July

Sports Day Years 3 - 8

Monday 5th July

Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day

Friday 9th July

0930 Prize Giving - Early Years & Pre-Prep

1030 Term ends – Early Years & Pre-Prep

1100 Prize Giving – Years 3 - 8

1200 Term ends – Years 3 - 8

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September – Friday 17th December

Half Term: Saturday 23rd October – Sunday 7th November

Spring Term 2022

Monday 10th January – Friday 25th March

Half Term: Saturday 12th - Sunday 20th February

Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 20th April – Friday 8th July

Half Term: Saturday 27th May – Sunday 5th June

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

Half Term: Saturday 22nd October – Sunday 6th November

Sport

The sun has been most welcome this week, the boys and girls from Pre-School to Year 8 have enjoyed their swimming lessons this week and will continue to do so as the term progresses. Pupils from Years 3- 4 must have their swimming kit in school on their games days.

Wednesday afternoon saw a busy afternoon of cricket fixtures against Lambrook for the girls and Papplewick for the boys. The girls had a very successful afternoon, with the running between the wickets being particularly impressive and was certainly the difference between the two teams. The boys finished the afternoon honours even with Papplewick across all the fixtures. A special mention must go to the boys U11 A team who finished runners up at the Wellington Tournament. Today, the U9 and U8 mixed teams played Eagle House and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play another school and use the skills learned in their games sessions

The annual athletics match against Sunningdale took place on Thursday evening and like the Woodcote fixture, our girls team attended to. There were some fine individual performances across all the events. Tom Chapman won a perfectly timed 800m from Kia Evason, Milo Cairns won the U10 100m with a great display of speed and Iwan Tullett (U10) and Ben Miny (U12) won their Long Jump competitions in dominant fashion. The match was incredibly close but honours this year went to Sunningdale. Good luck to all the junior boys and girls who are competing at Claremont Fan Court on Monday.

Congratulations to Josh Thompson who won the Foxhills Junior Tournament last Friday in testing conditions. He shot 80, which was just 8 over par on the Longcross course, giving him a net score of 67. We wish him well in future competitions.

After School Care

We are pleased to announce that we have added a golf activity on Monday. We still space available for all evenings across the week and should anyone like to book on please email the front office at office@hallgrove.co.uk or Mr Cottrell.

Tennis Tournament Saturday 19th June

Further details for the tournament will be sent to those registered on Monday. Year 5 and 6 will be playing from 0800 followed by Year 7 and 8 at 1030. It is a knockout competition, but all players will have a minimum of two matches. Parents are most welcome to come and watch.

Games days for Years 3-8

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 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

A reminder that 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.

Documents

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

Senior Schools Open Mornings Information

Summer Camps

Cricket Academy