This was a week that finished with some excellent CE grades for our Year 8 pupils who are now happily engaged in a rewarding programme of activities, and it was a week that brought the heat wave to a close with a most welcome drop of rain.

Less welcome was the news that Covid restrictions are to remain in force. This has required us to review all our end of term activities and events. We are so very sorry that Sports Day, arranged for the end of term to be beyond the June 21 'Freedom Day', cannot now take place. This is particularly disappointing for the Graham family who were looking forward to a memorable day, and to all the other families taking their leave of the school this year.

For the children however, all is not lost because we will make Thursday, July 8th a very special day of fun and celebration, a suitable close to this year of disruption that we have all had to endure. More news will follow.

Mental Wellbeing Talks

As part of the Year 8 Leavers' Programme, the children were fortunate to spend Friday afternoon with Mr Dick Moore from the Charlie Waller Trust (https://charliewaller.org/ and https://www.dickmoore.org/). Mr Moore came to speak about mental health and, in particular, helpful and unhelpful coping strategies. It was an inspiring afternoon and will certainly have given the year group plenty to think about as they move forward on their journey to senior school.

Mr Moore has kindly recorded a talk for parents which we will circulate in due course.

Earlier in the week, Year 5, 6, and 7 children heard from Mr James Shone (https://www.icanandiam.com/), a motivational speaker with his own inspiring story which he used to illustrate how to face the ups and downs of life.

We feel very fortunate to have been able to host two such exceptional guests and look forward to welcoming them back to Hall Grove in the future.

Summer School 2021

We have now closed the online booking form for sign-ups of the programme so we can ensure suitable staffing levels. Should any parent wish to add their child to the reserve list for the Summer School, please email Mr Cottrell - j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk

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 Honeypot 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 showand please spread the word!

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

Another busy week of sport will draw to a close this weekend with the Hall Grove Tennis Tournament on Saturday. Good luck to all those playing from years 5-8. The week begun with a very successful athletics meeting at Claremont Fan Court. The boys and girls from years 3-6 conducted themselves well and competed successfully, ending the day with a pleasing number of wins. The meeting had lots of excitement and drama for those involved, especially during the relays at the end of the evening. Mr Tullett is very excited by the number of impressive athletes in the junior team and he looks forward to seeing them mature on their journey through the school.

Cricket

Well done to the U13 A girls team for their excellent victory at Lambrook in their first hard ball match. Mrs Randall was most impressed by all the girls, but a special mention must go to Daisey Blackburn for her hattrick when bowling. The girls' success also continued in the other matches with wins also for the U13 B against Lambrook and the U11 A, U11 B and U10 A teams against Holme Grange.

The boys had an equally successful day against Ludgrove. The U12 A and B teams had dominant performances to win, there were also good wins for the U10 B and C teams. The squads have played well and must now rally for the last few weeks to finish the term on a high.

Swimming

Pupils need to have their swimming kit with them on their games day

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 26th

Years 3–4 & 5-6: this will be a girls sporting morning with a range of activities Years 4 – 8: boys cricket fixtures v Sunningdale (afternoon matches, sorry – no parents) The Ricky Clarke Cricket Academy is 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 and bookings can be found online at www.rikkiclarkecricketacademy.co.uk.

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