



11.2.20

## **Dear Parents,**

What a great start to 2020. I am particularly pleased with the progress pupils are making in reading this year. We are looking forward to sharing what your children have been learning about at parents evening this Thursday 13.2.20. We will have curriculum displays up in the early years and middle school hall. They really do show some of the excellent work your children have been doing at Grove.

## **Reading**

Our new reading scheme for pupils in early years and key stage 1 has been well received by all. I hope parents are enjoying the home readers that are more closely matched to your child's stage in their phonics learning. I always look forward to this coming half term with Book Week in March.

Year 1 Books by Babette Cole

Year 2 Books by Anne Fine

Year 3 The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman

Year 4 How To Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Year 5 Midsummer Nights Dream by William Shakespeare

Year 6 Holes by Eric Louis Sachar

## **Internet safety**

This week we focused our assemblies on internet safety. Our children know what to do, the important thing is how we all help them to remember this when they are playing games or talking to their friends on line.

A good link for parents is: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

As part of internet safety we have revisited our work on anti-bullying from last term. I'm sure you'll remember your children coming home with the wrist bands, 'Change starts with us.'

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together. I've attached to this newsletter some ideas to help you keep your children safe online at home and start some of these conversations. Do let me know if they are useful.

Thank you to also to all the parents who attended the internet safety workshop last week.

## **Educational visits and visitors**

We have a lot of visits coming up this half term, we are out and about as scientists, geographers and historians.

We place great emphasis on the first hand experiences our children have through visits and visitors.

28.02.20	Year 1 & 2	Hobgoblin Theatre – The Greatest Fairytale Every Told
4.3.20	Year 4	Birmingham Canal walk
5.3.20	Year 3	Visit to Handsworth Library on World Book Day
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6.3.20	Year 4	Birmingham Canal walk
12.03.20	Reception	Lego Extravaganza workshop
16.3.20	Year 3	Visit to Gurdwara, Nishkam Soho Road
19.3.20	Year 3	Visit to Gurdwara, Nishkam Soho Road
24.03.20	Year 5	Hands On Science CSI Day
26.03.20	Reception	The Brighthouse day visit
27.03.20	Reception	Brighthouse day visit
31.03.20	Year 6	Lightdome an exploration of science in school
01 - 03.04.20	Year 5	Whitemoor Lakes residential visit

## **Term dates for this academic year**

### **Spring Term 2020**

Half Term: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term Ends: Friday 3 April 2020

### **Summer Term 2020**

Term Starts: Monday 20 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Parent's evening: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Term Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Staff training Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Thank you for your tremendous support, it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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