



5.11.19

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended parents evening just before the half term break. Staff really enjoyed sharing your children's progress with you. Thank you also for your response to our parental survey, we are busy looking at your responses.

Sports Hall

I am very pleased to let you know that our sports hall is now completed. It is a really impressive space for learning and will greatly enhance our sports offer at Grove. I would like to take this opportunity to invite parents to an opening of the sports hall on Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 2:00pm. More details to follow nearer the time of our opening.

Reading

This term all pupils in Years 3-6 have been given a copy of the novel their class are reading. We have asked children to read part of the class novel for homework, I hope you have enjoyed supporting your child with this reading. Children in school are really enjoying reading the class novel. Next term the following books will be read in class:

Year 3 Butterfly Lion by Michael Murpurgo

Year 4 The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black

Year 5 Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Year 6 A Series of Unfortunate Events, The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket.

Thank you to all parents of pupils in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 who joined reading workshops to find out more about our new home reading scheme. Pupils will bring home a reading book which is closely matched to their learning in phonics once a week. Once the book is returned to school pupils will be issued with a new book to read at home.

I hope you enjoyed reading your child's homework report. Reading at home will help all children make progress in school.

We are holding workshops on reading for parents of pupils in Years 3-6. The dates are:

Friday 15th November 9.00am Year 3 and 4

Friday 22nd November 9.00am Year 5 and 6

After school clubs

This term we have offered 24 clubs after school. A total of 313 pupils have taken part in learning after school in a whole range of subjects in the first half term. Clubs include: keyboard, ukulele, brass, drumming football and cricket in key stage 2; lots of sentences detectives, code breakers and problem- solving clubs across the school in addition to GCSE mathematics in Year 6. What a great range of opportunities for our children at Grove and all the clubs are free of charge.

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.

19.11.19	Year 6 visit to Thinktank being scientists for the day handling fossils, learning about prehistoric life.
20.11.19	Year 6 visit to Thinktank
20.11.19	EYFS - Teddy Bear Hospital at Grove
20.11.19	Year 2 visit to Aston Hall being historians for the day studying The Great Fire of London
21.11.19	Year 2 visit to Aston Hall
21.11.19	Year 6 visit to Thinktank
26.11.19	Year 3 Clive Chandler, puppeteer, at Grove
26.11.19	Year 5 Museum of the Jewellery Quarter to explore as scientists the journey of gold.
27.11.19	Year 5 Museum of the Jewellery Quarter
27.11.19	Early Years experience the Teddy Bear Hospital at Grove
28.11.19	Year 5 Museum of the Jewellery Quarter
04.12.19	Reception Severn Valley Railway to explore a steam train experience.
05.12.19	Year 1 visit to Shri Venkateswara Balaji Temple
10.12.19	Reception visit to Severn Valley Railway
11.12.19	Reception visit to Severn Valley Railway
11.12.19	Year 4 visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery being a historian for the day finding out about The Staffordshire Hoard.
16.12.19	Year 4 visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
17.12.19	Year 4 visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Term dates

General Election day: Thursday 12.12.19 – school closed to all pupils

Staff training day: Friday 13.12.19 (note this is a change of date due to the elections)

Term Ends: Friday 20.12.19

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6.1.20

Parents evening: Thursday 13.2.20

Half Term: Monday 17.2.20 to Friday 21.2.20

Term Ends: Friday 3.4.20

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20.4.20

Half Term: Monday 25.5.20 to Friday 29.5.20

Parents evening: Thursday 9.7.20

Term Ends: Friday 17.7.20

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P Matty

Headteacher