



Dear Parents,

What a busy term. I am very pleased with the progress the children are making in each year group. We have recently been looking in detail at the progress of every single child across the school. This is a great opportunity to celebrate each child's success and also ensure that extra help is given where needed.

### **GCSE Award ceremony**

Thank you to all the parents and families who attended the evening celebration in November 2017. Lord Hunt of Kings Heath presented the certificates to the 15 children who attained their mathematics GCSE whilst at primary school. This really is a great achievement for them.

### **Welsh National Opera**

We have been very fortunate to have a singer and pianist from the Welsh National Opera visit Grove. The children enjoyed an Opera taster day with cast members from the Welsh National Opera. This term's work has focused on refugees and those seeking refuge. The opportunity to sing with professional singers is amazing. Next term the work will focus on the theme of Peace.

### **Music Festival**

At the end of term, classes across key stage 1 and 2 have had the opportunity to perform. The quality of their music performances has been of a high standard. We have many budding musicians at Grove.

### **School Council**

Over the term school council have been busy preparing for the Children in Need event. They raised £519.810. Both upper school and lower school councils have been collecting for the Birmingham Vineyard food bank. Our children have a great sense of care for others.

### **Young People's Parliament (YPP)**

Our YPP representatives from upper school have attended the Council House in Birmingham to participate in debates with other Birmingham schools. They asked thought provoking questions of our Birmingham city councillors on the bin strike and environmental change. Over the year they will be fundraising for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

### **Staying Safe on the Internet**

During the holiday period, I am sure a lot of the children will be using the internet. Please don't forget to remind your children about staying safe on the internet and of your internet rules at home. Do ensure that any internet searches are conducted safely. The world-wide web gives children access to a lot of people in many different places. For more information and guidance please visit:

<http://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/e-safety>

### **The curriculum at Grove**

Over the autumn term the children in all year groups have had many visitors as well as the opportunity to go on visits. These experiences really make a great difference to children. They are memorable and bring their learning alive through first hand experiences. I am very proud when members of the public compliment our children on their behaviour on these visits. Last week I received a letter from the education manager at the Botanical Gardens complimenting our Year 3 pupils for their enthusiasm, behaviour and impressive attitudes to learning.

## **Spring 1**

<i>16.01.18</i>	<i>Reception an interactive Lego Workshop at Grove</i>
<i>17.01.18</i>	<i>Year 1 visit to Birmingham Hippodrome to see Cinderella</i>
<i>19.01.18</i>	<i>Nursery have the Hobgoblin Theatre visiting Grove to watch 'The Frog Prince' at Grove</i>
<i>23.01.18</i>	<i>Year 5 visit to National Memorial Arboretum Alrewas as part of a Peace project</i>
<i>29.01.18</i>	<i>3G visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to take part in a Greek Artefacts workshop</i>
<i>30.01.18</i>	<i>3R visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to take part in a Greek Artefacts workshop</i>
<i>31.01.18</i>	<i>3Y visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to take part in a Greek Artefacts workshop</i>
<i>01.02.18</i>	<i>2Y visit to Soho House as part of the history project</i>
<i>02.02.18</i>	<i>2R visit to Soho House</i>
<i>05.02.18</i>	<i>Year 3 a visiting puppeteer make and perform a Greek Myth using shadow puppets</i>
<i>07.02.18</i>	<i>2G visit to Soho House</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>visit to St Martins Church in Birmingham and mathematics trail in the city to be confirmed</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>ICT programming project with Link2ICT</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Weekly work with the Welsh National Opera</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Prevent Project with Recre8 January to February 2018</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>As part of a local history project Year 6 will be going on local visits within Handsworth.</i>

### **Prevent Parental workshop**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 there will be a parental workshop at 8:45am in upper school for Year 5 parents to share what the children will be exploring as part of our Prevent project. All year 5 parents are invited to the workshop, we do hope you will be able to join us.

### **Residential visits**

Parents of Year 5 are invited to a meeting to find out all about the residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes, the meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm in upper school hall. Do come along and find out about this year's residential visit which will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

School closes for the holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 at 3.15pm. School re-opens from **8.30am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Thank you for making the autumn half term so successful.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher