

Grove School Newsletter

December 2016

Dear Parents,

December has been a busy month in school. The children have continued to work hard and assessment results show they are making good progress. On behalf of all staff at Grove, we wish you an enjoyable and restful holiday.

Mrs Matty, Headteacher

Reception Nativity

On Wednesday 14th December, Reception children performed The Nativity to many proud parents and carers. The quality of the singing and acting was excellent. We are so proud of our talented children.

Celebrating Eid, Diwali and Christmas

All children enjoyed the end of term parties on Thursday where they celebrated some of the important festivals within our community. A lovely end to a very successful term and thank you to all parents for your generosity in providing party food and drinks.

What's on in Birmingham

The German Christmas Market until 29.12.16

At the Children's Library in Birmingham there is a performance of: What The Ladybird Heard

19.12.17 from 1.30-2.30pm

Christmas Ice Rink and Big Wheel at Centenary Square

Key dates

Events for parents and carers

Maths Inspire workshops

Nursery 10/11/12. 1.17 at 9am

Reception 17/18/19.1.17 at 9am

Year 1 1/2/3.2.17 at 9am

Year 2 7/8/9.2.17 at 9am

Year 3 7/8/9.3.17 at 9am

Year 4 14/15/16.3.17 at 9am

Year 5 14.2.17 at 9am and 5pm

Year 6 14.2.17 at 9am and 5pm

Year 6 SATS workshop 5.4.17 at 6pm

Road safety meeting for all parents and carers on 31.1.17 at 9.00am upper school hall

Term dates for 2017

Spring term begins for pupils on Tuesday 3rd January 2017



Childline 0800 1111

Childline offers excellent advice to children, who can call childline anytime. The Childline website says – Childline online, on the phone anytime. This month they have some great advice on how to stay safe online. Do look at the website with your child on **childline.org.uk**

Road Safety

Thank you to all parents who attended the road safety meeting on 7.12.16. Parents were able to share their concerns about safety on the roads surrounding our school and had some excellent ideas about how to improve the situation. Look on the website under curriculum/ travel plan tab for more details. The next meeting is arranged for 31.1.17 at 9am. PCSO O'Dell and Fareeda Khan from the Birmingham City Council transportation team will be attending.

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 94.5%. We will keep working towards achieving our target of 96%.

Well done to 5G, 5Y, 5R, 6B, 6Y, 6R, 6G who have all achieved 96% attendance this term.

Our class with the highest attendance is 5R.
Congratulations.

Holiday projects

All children will be bringing home a flyer today with details of their holiday project. We look forward to reading these when school re-opens on Tuesday 3rd January.

Educational visits and visitors

Spring 1st half term

Nursery Living eggs project
3.1.17

Hobgoblin theatre performing Goldilocks and the three bears
31.1.17

Reception *What the Ladybird Heard* theatre visit 10.1.17

Y1 *Room on a Broom* at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre
6.1.17

Y2 *Soho House*
15/16/17.2.2017

Y3 *The Ancient Greeks*, Birmingham Museum
16/17/24.1.17

Clive Chandler, puppeteer
3.1.17

Y5 *Whitemoor Lakes* residential visit 5/6/7.4.17

Parents evening is on 16.2.17, 4-7pm

School finishes for the half term holiday on Friday 17th February 2017.