

# Grove School Newsletter

# January 2017

Dear Parents,

## **Language development**

We have started the new year with lots of theatre visits. These visits have been immensely enjoyable and are a brilliant way to develop language and writing. In nursery the children talked about the eggs hatching into eggs; reception children saw the production of 'What the Ladybird Heard' at Birmingham Town hall; year 1 saw the 'Room on a Broom' at the Rep theatre, year 2 asked lots of questions when we had a visit from Dr Robert Stephen from Saint Mary's Church, Handsworth; year 3 will be developing their story writing skills through the work with a puppeteer; year 4 have been discussing how canals in Birmingham have been and still are an important feature of our city; year 5 children are working with a drama company to help them understand issues around radicalisation and extremism and year 6 asked lots of questions about Handsworth when they were visited by a member of the Handsworth Historical Society.

Mrs P Matty, Head teacher.

## **Road safety**

We have a new crossing warden who will be helping families cross Grove Lane safely. We are sure you will all make her feel part of the community. This is great news! Our road safety meeting on 31.01.17 was well attended. Thank you for your support. Look out for a newsletter with the latest road safety news.

## **Key dates**

### ***Events for parents and carers***

#### ***Parent workshops***

#### ***Mathematics***

*Nursery 10/11/12.01.17*

*Reception 25/26.01.17 9.00am*

*Y1 1/2/3.02.17 9.00am*

*Y2 7/8/9.01.17 9.00am*

*Y3 7/8/9.03.17 9.00am*

*Y4 14/15/16/03.17 9.00am*

*Y5 and Y6 14.02.17 at 9.00am and  
5.00pm*

***Come and find out what your  
child is learning about in  
mathematics.***

***Half term 20.01.17 – 26.02.17***



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## **Childline 0800 1111**

### **Curriculum weeks**

Safe internet week 6-10.02.17

Reading and book week 27/02– 03/03/17

Fair trade week 6-10.03.17

Science week 13-17.03.17

### **Swimming**

We are very proud that 6 pupils have achieved their 5m swimming badge. The children will continue to travel to the leisure centre by coach during the spring term.

### **Chance to Shine**

Congratulations to one of our year 4 pupils who has been picked to play for Warwickshire Cricket Club. As a result of this, year 4 and year 5 pupils have been invited to participate in a cricket training programme led by cricket professionals from Warwickshire in May and June. The coaching will culminate in a cricket festival at Handsworth Cricket Club in July.

### **Attendance**

School attendance for January is 95%. Well done to the 94 children who achieved 100% attendance in the autumn term. Wear your badge with pride! Congratulations R Red, R Yellow, 1 Green, 1 Red, 2 Red, 4 Red, 5 Green, 5 Yellow, 6 Blue, 6 Green, 6 Red and 6 Yellow. All these classes have attendance of 96% for January 2017.

### **Educational visits and visitors**

**Nursery** 31.01.17 A performance of 'Goldilocks and the three bears' by the Hobgoblin theatre company.

**Reception** 10.01.17 A performance of 'What the ladybird heard' at the town hall in Birmingham.

**Y1** 06.01.17 A performance of 'Room on a broom' at the Repertory theatre in Birmingham.

**Y2** 15/16/17.02.17 A visit to Soho House.

9/10.02.17 A visit to St Mary's Church

**Y3** 16/17/24.01.17 Birmingham museum and art gallery, The Ancient Greeks

**Y4** 7/8/9.02.17 A canal walk in Birmingham city centre.

**Y5** 14/15/16/17.03.17 A visit to the Museum of the Jewellery Quarter.

**Y6** 24/26.01.17 A visit from Handsworth Historical Society.