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| |  | | --- | | **Grove-School-logo-for-Sue**  **Grove School Newsletter June 2017**  Dear Parents,  June has been a busy and exciting month with a number of exciting educational and visits, sports days and the children continuing their good work engaged in the citizenship project at Grove. A particular highlight of the month was the year 4 residential visit to the newly opened Brighouse in Atherstone, Staffordshire. Many of you will remember this as The Hostel which Grove used extensively until 2005. Have a look at the photos on the website. <http://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/gallery-160-the-brighouse-residential-trip-14th-to-16th-june-2017school>  Mrs Matty, Headteacher  **Citizenship at Grove**  Our citizenship programme remains a strength with many children volunteering their free time to help and support other children. Playleaders and peer mediators are on duty daily in the KS2 playgrounds leading play and mediating where necessary. Children in years 3 and 4 work as assistants in Early Years classrooms whilst others give of their time to buddy read with our younger children. We will be rewarding 5, 10, 20 and 30 hours of citizenship time with exciting events for the children at the end of term including a fun day in upper school playground, a circus skills workshop and a swimming session. Children with 30 or more hours will be visiting Boulders Central.  **Sports Days**  Throughout the month, the children will be taking part in year group sports days where they are participating in a range of sporting events.  ***Key dates***  ***Events for parents and carers***  ***Events for parents and carers***  ***Awards events:***  ***Year 5*** *Monday 17 July 5.00pm*  ***Years 3 and 4*** *Tuesday 11th July 6.00pm*  ***Years 1 and 2*** *Tuesday 11th July 5.00pm*  ***Reception*** *Thursday 20th July RG 9.00am, RR 10.15am, RY 2.15pm*  ***Nursery*** *Wednesday 19th July 9.00am all morning pupils and 2.15pm all afternoon pupils.*  ***Year 6 awards evening 6.00pm and end of term ball*** *Thursday 20th July*  ***Year 6 production*** *18th and 19th July 6.00pm*  ***Whole School Parents’evening*** *Thursday 13th July 4.30pm – 7.00pm*  ***Summer Term dates for 2017***  *Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017* *Term dates*    Anti Bullying  If you are concerned about your child  Children in Need fundraising  Chi | |  | |  | |  |

***Educational visits and visitors***

***Nursery*** *Local visits*

***Reception*** *Local visits*

***Y1*** *Twycross Zoo 1Y 3.7.17, 1G 4.7.17, 1R 5.7.17*

***Y2*** *Weston Super Mare 2Y and ½ 2G 17.7.17 2R and ½ 2G 18.7.17*

***Y3*** *Lunt Fort 3G 19.6.17, 3Y 20.6.17, 3R 21.6.17*

***Y4*** *Residential visit to The Brighouse 14/15/16.6.17*

***Y4*** *Safeside 4G on 4.7.17 , 4Y on 6.7.17 and 4R on 7.7.17*

***Autumn term dates for 2017***

*School opens to pupils on Tuesday 5th September 2017*

***Attendance at Grove***

*Since February 2017, 14 penalty notices have been issued to parents for taking their children out of school during term time.*

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**Chance to Shine**

Following the outreach work in school by coaches from Warwickshire Cricket Club, children in years 4 and 5 enjoyed a cricket tournament at Handsworth Cricket Club. Children participated in a number of matches against local schools. The children enjoyed the day and we are delighted to announce that our year 5 pupils came first, second and joint third! Ten year 5 cricketers have now been invited to represent Grove at the county finals which will be held at Edgbaston Cricket Ground on Thursday 20th July 2017.

**Educational visits and visitors**

Year 3 enjoyed a day out at Lunt Fort where they experienced a fun and interactive day of Roman history brought to life. The year 4 residential visit to The Brighouse was greatly enjoyed by all children and included a day out at Plantasia, cooking, outdoor games and a visit to a local church. On Friday 30th June we were delighted to welcome Lord Hunt of Kings Heath who talked to upper school children about the Houses of Parliament and the structure of the different Houses. We were impressed with the thoughtful and intelligent questions our children asked about democracy.

**Maths Olympiad 2017**

Grove School once again hosted the annual maths Olympiad with 10 local primary schools taking part this year. The children enjoyed a morning of maths problem solving and puzzles supported by year 10 pupils from Hansdworth Grammar School. The pupils worked very well in teams, displaying great perseverance and resilience. We have some outstanding young mathematicians in our local area.