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|  **Grove School Newsletter May 2017** ***Key dates 2017*** ***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* ***General election*** *Thursday 8th June* *School open to GCSE pupils only****Summer Term dates for 2017****Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017* Anti Bullying If you are concerned about your child Children in Need fundraising Chi  |
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Dear Parents,This week the children have enjoyed a range of activities as part of our annual road safety week. I am so impressed with the way our children have developed their understanding of staying safe on the roads and all year groups have produced some excellent work.Have a look on the website to see some of their work. <http://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/travel-plan>Mrs Matty, Headteacher **EYFS**In nursery, the children have read the story 'Topsy and Tim: Safety First'. They have learnt how to cross the road, how to play safely in their gardens and about using their special booster seats in the car. Reception children have also practised crossing the road safely using the zebra crossing and have written rules for how to stay safe on the road. Thank you to Mrs Kaur, our school crossing warden, for her work in school this week. **KS1**For road safety week, year 1 have made green cross code leaflets and road safety adverts. The children have also designed their own road safety signs, car seats and seat belts. In year 2 the children have planned and made road safety adverts, filming their work on the Ipads. They have designed a poster for their road safety campaign, incorporating instructions on how to be safe on the road.  |  |

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**Lower KS2**

Children in year 3 have written road safety poems and raps this week. They have performed their work to children in year 2, reinforcing the message of crossing the road safely. Year 4 children have worked hard this week to write a Grove School parking pledge, asking parents to agree not to park on the zig zag lines outside school. When finished, this will form part of our induction pack for new parents.

**Upper KS2**

Children in upper school are spearheading our campaign to petition the council to make Woodstock Road a one-way street. The children have gathered data and have used this to create graphs and tables. They have written a questionnaire to gain parents’ views as well as interviewing residents of Woodstock Road. All of this information has informed their letters to Birmingham City Council (BCC).

**Road safety workshops**

All children from year 1 to year 6 have participated in a road safety workshop run by a transportation officer from BCC. The workshops were very informative and hugely enjoyed by all our children. Key messages included: speeding and driving at 20mph; use of seatbelts and booster seats; safe crossing places; be safe be seen on the roads and people who help us to use the roads safely.

**Competition time**

School councillors will be judging the entries in the first week after the holiday. Winners will be announced in assembly on Monday 12th June.

***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*

***Y5 & Y6*** *Drayton Manor – homework reward 10.7.17*

***Y6*** *London Residential**28 – 30.6.17 (Governors are currently reviewing this trip in light of heightened safety alerts. Governors will inform parents of their decision during the week beginning 5.6.17.)*