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Dear parents,

OFSTED Inspection

We have had a busy and enjoyable half term. On 16th May we welcomed two inspectors from OFSTED, the children talked to inspectors about their work, how they keep safe and how teachers help them to make progress. We look forward to sharing the report with parents after half term.

Year 6

Our year 6 pupils took their end of key stage SATs in May. We were proud of the way in which they approached these tests and of how hard they have all worked this year. To celebrate their hard work and stimulate writing for next term the children all visited The Harry Potter Experience. 60 children have then stayed overnight in London and have visited the Houses of Parliament today. Do take a moment to look at the images of their visit on the school website.

Reading

Children have continued to study a poem and an author each term. The children talk with confidence about authors such as Nick Butterworth, Roald Dahl, David Walliams and Christopher Edge. If you want to find out the author and poet your child is studying please go to www.grove.bham.sch.uk/curriculum. Our phonics and reading workshops for EYFS, Key Stage One and Years 3 and 4 were immensely popular this term. Parents commented on how attending these workshops helps them to understand how we teach reading in school.

Our library has a fantastic range of non-fiction texts. Please encourage your child to join the librarians on Mondays after school to loan a book.

Attendance

Current school attendance is 95%. 90 children received awards, certificates and prizes for good and improved attendance for the spring term 2018. We are planning a celebration award for all pupils who achieve 100% for the school year so please continue to encourage good attendance and punctuality.

The Sports Hall

This week saw the demolition of the school huts at the back of the school site. We await the start of the build of the sports hall later this term.

Educational visits and visitors to school.

The children have developed their scientific knowledge and enquiry skills over this term.

The children in nursery and reception thoroughly enjoyed watching chicks hatch, this project has stimulated talk and writing. The children have shown lots of care and concern in looking after the chicks. The children also enjoyed seeing and handling a giant spider, owl, rabbit and a snake when the Animal Man visited.

Year 1 children started the term with a topic day; they made fruit salad and took part in country dancing.



Year 2 children worked with Hands on Science. They were animal rescue officers and investigated materials that would keep a cat warm who was lost on a mountain. Their project finished today with a sports day. We have some fantastic hula hoops in Year 2.

Year 3 children worked with hands on Science to find out how to keep their bodies healthy. Did you know a can of coca cola contains 8 teaspoons of sugar?

Year 4 visited Kingsbury Water Park, they explored pond habitats and had great fun identifying insects using magnifiers.

Year 5 continue to work with The Welsh National Opera. This term they visited Jodrell Bank to learn about the solar system and find out what life as an astronaut is like.

After school clubs

In this academic year, 426 pupils have participated in out of hours learning. We are proud of the range and quality of clubs we offer to the children. Next half term we will continue to offer clubs in music, football, cricket, drama and literacy, choir, mathematics, reading, athletics, art and craft, chess, street dance, social skills and a detective club.

Dates for your diary

Internet Safety Workshops.

Tuesday 12th June – Internet Safety Workshop for parents of pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 4.30pm in the upper school hall.

Wednesday 13th June – Internet Safety Workshop for parents of pupils in nursery, reception, year 1 and 2 at 4.30pm in the lower school hall.

Educational visits

Tuesday 5th June – 30 children from year 2 are visiting Symphony Hall, Birmingham to take part in a inter- school singing workshop.

Monday 11th June – 4G maths trail in Birmingham

Tuesday 12th June – 4R maths trail in Birmingham

Wednesday 13th June – 4Y maths trail in Birmingham

Monday 18th June – 3G visit Lunt Fort.

Tuesday 19th June – Year 2 visit Weston Super Mare.

Wednesday 20th June – 3R visit Lunt Fort

Monday 25th June – 3Y visit Lunt Fort

Wednesday 4th July – Year 1 visit Twycross Zoo



Secondary Transition

Wednesday 4th July – Secondary Transfer day

Wednesday 11th July – Secondary transfer meeting for parents of year 5 pupils at 3.30pm in upper school.

Parents Evening

Thursday 12th July, 4.30-7.00pm

Nursery Graduation

Monday 16th July – for all nursery afternoon pupils

Tuesday 17th July – for all nursery morning pupils

Reception Graduation

Wednesday 18th July – Reception Green 10.00am, Reception Red 10.45am, Reception Yellow 2.00pm

Year 6 production

Tuesday 17th July and Wednesday 18th July at 2.00pm

Awards Events

Tuesday 17th July – Year 1 and Year 2 at 9.00am

Wednesday 18th July – Year 3 and 4 at 9.00am

Thursday 19th July – Year 5 at 9.00am

Thursday 19th July – Year 6 at 6.00pm followed by the end of year ball.

School finishes for pupils on Friday 20th July 2018.

The new school year commences on Tuesday 4th September, Monday 3rd September is a staff training day.

School will be closed on Friday 26th October 2018 for staff training.

We hope all our families have an enjoyable half -term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th June.

Yours sincerely

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