



Dear Parents,

What a busy term. I am very pleased with the progress the children are making in each year group. We have recently been looking in detail at the progress of every single child across the school. This is a great opportunity to celebrate each child's success, and also ensure that extra help is given where needed.

GCSE Award ceremony

Thank you to all the parents and families who attended the evening celebration this week. GCSE mathematics certificates were awarded to 9 of last year's Year 6 pupils who attained their mathematics GCSE whilst at primary school. What a tremendous achievement this is.

Music Festival, Year 2 finale of their project and Reception Nativity

At the end of term, classes across key stage 2 have had the opportunity to perform. The quality of their music performances has been of a high standard. We have so many talented musicians. I am very pleased that this term over 80 pupils have benefited from music instrument lessons free of charge at Grove. Music lessons include brass, keyboard, African drumming, Asian instruments, ukulele and choir.

Congratulations to all of our Reception and Year 2 pupils who participated in the end of term events. We have some very confident narrators, singers, dancers and performers in our school.

School Council

Over the term school council have been busy preparing for the Children in Need event. They raised £371.93. Both upper school and lower school councils have been collecting for the Birmingham Vineyard food bank; our children have a great sense of care for others. Their discussions this term have also focused on what we like to do at lunchtimes and road safety.

Young People's Parliament (YPP)

Our YPP representatives from upper school have attended the Council House in Birmingham to participate in debates with other Birmingham schools. They asked thought provoking questions on homelessness in our city.

Road Safety Parents Group

Miss Mills is looking forward to working with any parents who are interested in joining us on Thursday 17.01.19 at 9:00am. We will update you on our Soho Bid and the council civil enforcement team advice. Thank you to everyone who is making such a difference to keep our children safe.

Sports Hall

The new sports hall building is going well. I look forward to updating you in January on progress. Thank you to all our neighbours for their patience and support during this building project.

Staying Safe on the Internet

During the holiday period, I am sure a lot of the children will be using the internet. Please don't forget to remind your children about staying safe on the internet and of your internet rules at home. Do ensure that any internet searches are conducted safely. The world-wide web gives children access to a lot of people in many different places. For more information and guidance please visit:

<http://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/e-safety>

Saheli Hub

Thank you to all the parents who attended the coffee morning on 5.12.18. Your ideas were really appreciated. I would like to personally thank Rakhyia Begum, one of our parents, for organising this event. Keep a look out on our notice boards for the new timetable for Saheli Wednesdays at Handsworth Well Being Centre.

The curriculum at Grove

Over the autumn term the children in all year groups have had many visitors as well as the opportunity to go on visits. These experiences really make a great difference to children. They are memorable and bring their learning alive through first hand experiences.

Nursery	<i>Living Eggs arriving at Grove on 28.01.19</i>
Nursery and Reception	<i>Nursery and Reception Hobgoblin theatre company visiting Grove 18.01.19</i>
Year 1:	<i>Hands on Science visiting Grove to ask - Will it Float? On 07.02.19</i>
Year 2:	<i>Cadbury's World on 2R on 4.02.19, 2G on 5.02.19, 2Y on 6.02.19</i>
Year 3:	<i>Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery as part of their Ancient Greeks project on 3R on 15.01.19, 3G on 17.01.19 and 3Y on 21.01.19</i>
Year 3	<i>Clive Chandler the puppeteer will be working with Year 3 on 4.02.19</i>
Year 4	<i>Birchfield Mosque in Birmingham on 14.01.19</i>
Year 4	<i>Mathematics trail in the city centre on 4Y on 12.03.19, 4G on 13.03.19, 4R on 14.03.19</i>
Year 4	<i>ICT programming project with Link2ICT</i>
Year 5	<i>Weekly work with the Welsh National Opera in the spring term 2019</i>
Year 5	<i>Prevent Project with Recre8 January to February 2019</i>
Year 5	<i>Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas 29.01.19</i>
Year 5	<i>Residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes 10.04.19 – 12.04.19</i>
Year 6	<i>As part of a local history project Year 6 will be going on local visits within Handsworth, including to Soho House on 31.01.19 / 01.02.19</i>
Year 6	<i>Visit to St Mary's Church on 24.01.19</i>

Prevent Parental workshop

On Tuesday 8th January 2019, there will be a parental workshop at 8:45am in upper school for Year 5 parents to share what the children will be exploring as part of our Prevent project. All year 5 parents are invited to the workshop; we do hope you will be able to join us.

Residential visits

Parents of Year 5 are invited to a meeting to find out all about the residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 3:30pm in upper school hall. Do come along and find out about this year's residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes.

School closes for the holidays on Friday 21st December 2018 at 3.15pm. School re-opens from **8.30am on Monday 7th January 2019.**

Thank you for making the autumn half term so successful.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P Matty
Headteacher