



18th July 2024

Dear parents/carers

It is the final week of the year, and I cannot believe how quickly the time has flown by. It seems ages ago that I was meeting your children for the first time, and talking to them about what a fabulous year we would have. And we really have...

Our year has been full of learning, fun times, exciting times, happy times and challenging times, which is just how every school year should be. This term we have had a residential for Year 2, Samba with Year 5, story times and dental checks, St. George's day and SATs. Year 3 went to the Black Country Museum and Year 6 went on their Geography walk. We had Firefighters visiting Year 4, and our Year 5 children visited Colton Hills.

Transition day was wonderful, and Year 1 still found time to go the Exotic Zoo. Our sports days were given the seal of approval by an Olympic athlete (Charlotte Dunkley) and we had TV cameras in to talk to our children from Newsround! Year 6 had their residential and our Reception children went to Baggeridge. And even with all this, our Year 6 children still managed to achieve excellent SATs results, with a huge improvement in outcomes from last year. Oh, and we also had our Ofsted inspection, that judged the school to be good in every area and one where all children feel safe, happy and valued. So we are very proud of all that we have done this year and are already looking forward to next. I cannot tell you how proud I am to be your children's Headteacher: they are a credit to yourselves and are a joy to teach. I also want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff here at Grove, including those who work in our office, or look after the site, or work in our kitchens, or look after our children at lunchtimes. And, of course, the fabulous teachers and assistants that make this school the special place it is.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and manage to do some amazing things. As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss about your child, or their education, please feel free to contact me at school. But otherwise, I will see you all on **Wednesday 4th September** for the start of another wonderful year at Grove.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury
Headteacher

