



May 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

School finishes on Friday 26th May at the normal time and re-opens on Monday 5th June at 8.50am.

Manchester Arena Incident

We were all shocked and devastated by the attack in Manchester on Monday evening.

On Thursday, we stood shoulder to shoulder on the playground in silence to remember all the families of the victims and all those who have been hurt by these events. As Mancunians we feel the pain that Manchester feels. As a school community we will remain united against terrorism in all its forms.

We have seen the true spirit of Manchester shine through and we are so grateful for relentless effort of our incredible emergency services.

Words will not provide comfort for the families who have lost their loved ones but we stand with them and do everything that we can to help.

Music showcase

Our spirits were lifted by the music showcase on Tuesday night. We were treated to some incredible performances by the choir, boomwhackers and African drummers.

Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child says that, 'Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. Every day, Mrs Morgan provides a wonderful opportunity for our children to participate in musical activities and the outcomes were there for all to see on Tuesday night.

Jane Kerr – author visit and MCBF filming

The term started with a visit from author of The Elephant Thief, Jane Kerr. This provided the inspiration for a writing competition and the winners were filmed by Manchester Children's Book Festival.

Debate Mate Cup success

Unfortunately, following the raising of the terror threat to critical, we cancelled our participation in the Debate Mate finals in London. However, the team won the Debate Mate Cup in Manchester and will compete in the Debate Mate Cup Final at the Oxford University Union on the 29th June.

Sporting Success

Team PG have continued their sporting success and are continuing to make us all proud.

The Year 3/4 boys' football team won a tournament against four other schools, as well as beating Stanley Grove's football team 10-3. They also came third in the Manchester United football tournament.

The Year 5/6 boys' football team beat Stanley Grove, in a close game, finishing 6-5 and have another friendly match against St. Luke's this week. Hopefully they will get their second win of the week!

The Year 5/6 basketball team came second in the East Manchester tournament and gained a well-earned place in the citywide finals, where they competed against the winners from other areas of Manchester. The team finished fourth in this tournament, which was a huge achievement.

The hockey team won the East Manchester tournament and also gained a place in the Citywide finals. They then came second in the finals and progressed to the regional finals, which consisted of a full day tournament against other winners from all over Greater Manchester. They represented Plymouth Grove exceptionally well and resulted 6th out of 16 schools, which is an exceptional achievement.

The Year 5/6 cricket team attended the East Manchester at Cedar Mount and won, giving them a place in the Citywide finals, which will take place in June; fingers crossed. They had some tough decisions to make and did themselves and the school proud, showing how collaborative they are.

We also took a Year 5/6 netball team to a High 5 competition for the first time. They are a newly formed team and have the second part of the tournament this week. Last week they had 3 wins and 1 loss. Fingers crossed that they continue this good run.

Reception have also been taking part in a Manchester United training programme this half term and have enjoyed learning fundamental movement skills. This will be taking place until the summer holidays.

Eco-team

Our Eco team have been busy preparing environmental art for the Envirolution Festival in Platt Fields Park on June 3rd from 1-7pm. Everyone is invited to attend and join in the celebrations.

Punctuality

Unfortunately, punctuality is an increasing problem and despite our efforts to support parents it isn't improving. Not only does this mean that children are missing out on valuable learning time but also staff in our admin offices are taken away from their work to take the children to their classes. I am making parents aware that you will be fined if your child is persistently late arriving at school. We will also charge parents who are consistently late when picking

their child up from school.

Ramadan Mubarak

The holy month of Ramadan is expected to start on the evening of Friday 26th May this year and I want to take this opportunity to wish you Ramadan Mubarak and best wishes in all your preparations. I know this will be a very special time for many of you and your children. I will send out an additional letter outlining the schools guidelines for fasting.

Key Dates

Monday 19 th June	Year 1 Whitworth Art Trip
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 3 Whitworth Art Trip
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 4 Whitworth Art Trip
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 6 Alton Towers
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 5 Whitworth Art Trip
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 4 Violin Assembly
Friday 23 rd June	Year 4 Violin Assembly
Wednesday 28 th June	Eid Party Days Wednesday
Thursday 29 th June	KS1 Eid Assembly
Thursday 29 th June	Debate Mate Team to Oxford
Friday 30 th June	KS2 Eid Assembly
Friday 7 th July	Nursery Open Day (Closed for current Nursery children)
Tuesday 11 th July	Meet your child's new class teacher
Wednesday 12 th July	Boomwhacker Club perform at the RNCM
Wednesday 12 th July	Transition to new classes
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 Romeo and Juliet performance
Friday 14 th July	Reports to go out to parents.
Monday 17 th July	Year 6 Beauty and the Beast performance for KS1
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 Beauty and the Beast performance for KS2 and evening performance
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Graduation and disco

Kind Regards



PLYMOUTH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CALENDAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016-17

AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Monday 4th September	Staff training day
Tuesday 5th September	School opens
Friday 20th October	School closes at 3.15pm
HALF TERM	
Monday 30th October	School opens
Friday 22nd December	School closes
SPRING TERM 2018	
Thursday 4th January	Staff training day
Friday 5th January	Staff training day
Monday 8th January	School opens
Friday 16th February	School closes
HALF TERM	
Monday 26th February	School opens
Thursday 29th March	School closes at 3.15pm
SUMMER TERM 2018	
Tuesday 16th April	School opens
Monday 7th May	BANK HOLIDAY - CLOSED
Friday 25th May	School closes at 3.15pm
HALF TERM	

Monday 4th June	School opens
Friday 15th June	Staff training day
Monday 18th June	Staff training day
Friday 20th July	School closes at 3.15pm

