



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

Newsletter Friday 13th October 2017 (Issue 225)

Stars of the Week!



1ST	Leo Goodey
1AS	Amari Manyika
1JF	Willow Coates-Lillywhite
2G/B	Isabelle Barnes
2CA	Whole Class
2EL	Whole Class
3DS	Kelsie Yates
3F/C	Luke Kelly
3KO	Sophie Jago
4TA	Becky Hammond
4CF	Poppy Cooper
4LS	Zehra Shukru
5CS	Whole Class
5HR	Whole Class
5HT	Whole Class
6JK	Adam Fawell
6DP	Fraser Cooper
6MB	Jonathan Beattie

Attendance Stars for first week of term are

**KS1...2CA, 2EL with 99.3%...
and KS2... 5HR with a fabulous 100%**

WOW!—WELL DONE

KEEP UP THE GOOD

ATTENDANCE!



Play Leader of the Week—Matthew Barney

Diary Dates**Dinner Menu A**

Wednesday 18th October —Late Parent Consultations 5-8pm.

Thursday 19th October —Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm.

Thursday 19th October—2GB Forest Schools pm.

Friday 20th October—Reception parents invited to share Diwali celebrations—2.15pm.

Friday 20th October—Year 2 Wild Week Dress up/Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company.

**HALF TERM—BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY
30TH OCTOBER**

Monday 30th October—PAGWPS
Halloween Disco.

Secondary School Admissions for 2018

The new secondary school admission round is now open for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2018.

The statutory National Closing date for applications is **31st October 2017**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

Reminders..

Please ensure that **all Data collection Sheets** are returned to school fully completed signed and that all details are correct including **email addresses and medical boxes completed.**

We politely remind parents and carers that we expect the children to have **sensible hairstyles** for school please.

AUTUMN

Photography competition

You are invited to join in our
Autumn themed photography competition!

The subject of your photograph can be anything that depicts this time of the year: conkers, fallen leaves, spiders' webs, frosty mornings etc.

Think carefully about what would make your photograph really stand out. Consider your use of colour and light, unusual perspectives and angles, interesting compositions and unusual subjects.

Please print your photograph and bring it into school during the week beginning 6th November – they will be judged on THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER with winners announced in assembly on FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER.

So...get outdoors and get snapping!



Harvest Festival



On Thursday 5th October Year 1 and Year 5 performed a lovely Assembly to parents and carers for the Harvest Festival at the Holy Trinity Church.

Anti-bullying week will now be held the week commencing 17th February 2018 and not October as originally planned.



Year 2 had a fantastic time on their trip last week at Wat Tyler Country Park. The children loved taking part in pond dipping and a bug hunt in the meadow, where they found all kinds of fascinating insects!



The weather was lovely and sunny too!



Kitchen Relief Staff wanted - please contact Mrs Mark.

PAGWPS Happy Bags (previously Bags 2 School) will be coming home with your child. If you have already filled bags, PAGWPS will be happy to store them for you until the final collection date of 25th January 2018.

All photo orders must be handed in to School by **Thursday 19th October**. You will need to deal directly with the photo company for any late orders.

We need **volunteers for Forest School** on Thursdays 1.15-3pm. If you are interested, please email forestschooll@grovwewood.essex.sch.uk or let the Class Teacher know.




These are just some of the unnamed Year 1 cardigans and jumpers that were in Year 1's classroom lost property boxes. Please come in and claim before we recycle them.



Yesterday the Reception children went on lovely walk through the woods for a Percy the Park Keeper sponsored hunt with parents.





Parentalk is about
helping mums and dads
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Covers essential topics for parents

Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

Thurs. 9.30-11.30am

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Nov.

Parish Centre

No cost

cara.parker@parishofrayleigh.org.uk



parishofrayleigh

www.careforthefamily.org.uk

Come along to our free, informal, fun course for parents!

Parentalk - The Primary Years

Session 1 It's not just me - Sharing how hard it can be sometimes as a parent helps us to realise that it's not "just me" feeling this or facing these challenges. We all find parenting hard at times, there is no instruction manual!

Session 2 Love them and let them know - for children to really thrive they need to know that they are loveable, that they are valued and that they are safe - this session helps us to think about the different ways we can help our children feel reassured that they are loved and valued, whether it is with conversation, practical help or just a cuddle.

Session 3 It's good to talk - how to talk so our children will listen - and practicing "being there" for our children.

Session 4 Boundaries and Battles - and how to choose them. This session will help look at behaviour and what triggers it and also how to be consistent - but flexible!

Session 5 - Parenting with elastic - Considering how to encourage independence in the way that is right for our children and at the time that is right too. We will also think about how the parental role changes from control, to care, to counsel.

Session 6 Creating a sense of belonging - helping your child feel part of the bigger picture within your family - creating the "relationship glue" by way of shared memories, traditions and fun. This all goes towards building stronger relationships to help during any tricky times.

Tuesdays 1.00pm - 2.30pm

31st October, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November, 5th December

To book your place or for further information please contact

**Julie or Jan at families@megacentrerayleigh.co.uk or ring 01268 779100
extension 1029**

*The ~~Megacentre~~ Rayleigh is an Essex based, Christian charity which exists to bring
joy, hope and life to the whole community*



Animal Activity Days

at Grove Wood Primary School



Join us at Grove Wood Primary School this October half term for a day of Halloween-themed activities with birds of prey and creepy-crawlies.

Face your fears as you get to see and handle a range of invertebrates including our colony of crickets and hairy tarantulas along with some incredible birds of prey. Then take a step into the shoes of an invertebrate with activities designed to challenge your senses and to help you experience the life of a creepy-crawly.

We will also be making our very own spooky animal themed Halloween decorations to take home.

When do I need to be there and what do I need to bring?

The fun starts at Grove Wood at 9:30 am, pick-up is at 2:30 pm.

Make sure to dress for the weather and don't forget to bring a packed lunch!

£25 Per Child

Date: Friday 27th October 2017 | Grove Wood Primary School

We have limited availability so book early to avoid disappointment.



To book please email us at info@owldisplays.co.uk
or call us on 07763 625790

www.owldisplays.co.uk



PAGWPS



PRESENTS...

Glitter Ball

DJ • Raffle • Private pay bar

Saturday 25th November 2017
6.30pm - Midnight

The Rayleigh Club
Hullbridge Rd, Rayleigh, SS6 9QS

£50 per person

(Tables available to reserve in 8s, 10s and 12s)

Includes a welcome drink, 3 course meal,
half a bottle of wine per person and tea / coffee.

Dress to impress - smart attire, no jeans.



FREE FAMILY EVENT

one Sunday per month
@ GroveWood School
10:30am-12pm

 Rayleigh
Baptist
Church

Gymnastics

SportsPlus is a FREE sports-based family event run monthly by Rayleigh Baptist Church at GroveWood School.

Activities include: Football, rounders, gymnastics, badminton, under 5's area, Free Drinks, snack, half time talk on life issues from the Christian perspective and more!

Football

**Under
5's Area**



**WHEN? 17th Sept, 15th Oct,
19th Nov & 10th Dec 2017**

BLENHEIM'S FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

School Way, Blenheim Chase, Leigh on Sea 01702 474684

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Gates open at **6pm**

Display starts at **7:30pm***

*Refreshments and other entertainment
will commence from 6pm*

Advance tickets are available from the School Reception

Adults

£4.50 in advance (£5.00 on the gate)
16 years and over

Children

£2.50 in advance (£3.00 on the gate)
5-15 years

Under 5s FREE

Organisers reserve the right to refuse admission

**Please note the display start time may differ slightly dependant on air traffic changes on the day*

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

NERFTM GAMES

The exhilarating Nerf battle game craze



After a full safety briefing and under the watchful eyes of your safety commanders we will play a series of Nerf games around the Nerf battle zone using numerous movable obstacles and barriers.

IMPORTANT: Children must bring own authentic guns (must have the 'Nerf' logo on as above). For safety reasons guns from other manufacturers are not allowed. Limited places. Reserve a place now by calling us on **01268 574121**, text or call on **07841 483771** or you can Email us at nerf@elitesportcoaching.co.uk

Please bring a packed lunch (please ensure it doesn't contain nuts) and a drink. Staff are DBS checked, insured and have first aid training.

See you there!

A children's activity event by

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WHEN and WHERE

Monday 23rd October, 10am to 3pm
Heycroft Primary School, Leigh on Sea

Monday 23rd October, 10am to 3pm
Wickford CLC, Wickford

Tuesday 24th October, 10am to 3pm
Grove Wood Primary School, Rayleigh

Wednesday 25th October, 10am to 3pm
Jotmans Hall Primary School, Benfleet

Ages 5 -12 Cost £14



Meet Father Christmas at Stow Maries 10th, 16th, 17th and 23rd December 2017



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FLAMBIRDS CHASE, HACKMANS LANE, PURLEIGH, NR MALDON, ESSEX CM3 6RJ

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY BOOK ONLINE

www.stowmaries.org.uk/events

£25 per Child, Including Gift from Father Christmas
(Maximum of 60 children per day)

£5 per Adult, Includes Hot Drink

Arrive at 11am till approx. 2pm

**FATHER CHRISTMAS TO ARRIVE BY PLANE TO GREET THE CHILDREN AND REINDEER -
DECORATE GINGERBREAD MEN - MAKE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS -
MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS AND CHOOSE A GIFT - FEED THE REINDEER -
HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN IN SANTA'S SLEIGH - FESTIVE FAYRE IN THE MESS**

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