



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

Newsletter Friday 19th January 2018 (Issue 234)

Stars of the Week!



1ST	Maisie Hegwein
1AS	Nathan Lee Roberts
1JF	Rosa Allaway
2G/B	Jacob Brooks
2CA	Pearl Clancy
2EL	Oscar Keys
3DS	Ethan Welton
3F/C	Isobelle Peralta
3KO	Maisey Rawles
4TA	Nathan Bradbrook
4CF	Jessica Dangerfield
4LS	Chloe Venables
5CS	Finley Price
5HR	Harry Selvage-Potter
5HT	Aysa Whiteley
6JC	Ryan Trinnaman
6DP	Billy Peters
6MB	Blain Sutton/ Ella Lindsay (last week)

Play Leader—Ben Berns

Play Buddy— Zoe Puczynska

Diary Dates Dinner Menu A

Monday 22nd January—pm—Year 1 Dads and Grandads/Adult invited to join Year 1's reading challenge.

Tuesday 23th January—am—Year 2 Parents and Carers invited to join in Space Buggy morning in the Sports Hall.

Tuesday 23th January—5pm—Selected children at Children's University Graduation.

Wednesday 24h January—am—Year 4 environment walk to Grove Park/Woods.

Wednesday 24h January—2.15pm—Reception Grandparents Afternoon Tea.

Friday 26th January—am—Selected children in the Badminton County Finals at the Deanes School.

Friday 26th January—PAGWPS Bags2 School Final Collection Date/PAGWPS Movie Night.

Attendance Stars for last week are

KS1...Yellow class....and KS2... 5HT both with 99.7%



WELL DONE!



KEEP UP THE GOOD ATTENDANCE!



The Book Fair is coming to Grove Wood the week commencing 29th January 2018—KS1 Hall 3.05pm—4pm. For every £1 spent the School receives 60p so come along and have a look.

Reminder...Breakfast Club **MUST** be booked at least 24 hours ahead. Children cannot turn up on the day without prior booking.

Attendance—Please Read

Absence from School

It is the school's legal obligation to record all absences from school. On the first day of absence from school, for any reason, a telephone call should be made to the school sick line (01268 743445 option 1) **before 9am** explaining the reason for absence. This **MUST** be followed up by a letter or email explaining the absence to ensure that attendance is accurately measured.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives late for school, for whatever reason, they must enter via the school office and **MUST** be signed in by a Parent or Carer. We do require **FULL** details explaining the lateness (please avoid writing 'late' or 'doctors' without further explanation).

With full and correct information for all absences we can ensure that your child's attendance is accurate. With correct absence authorisation codes we can help work towards excellent attendance awards for all.

Administering of Medication Policy

*Could we please remind you that the current policy on administering medication in schools states that we **do not administer non-prescription painkillers such as Calpol/Nurofen** other than in very exceptional circumstances once agreed by a member of the SLT. For **prescribed medication**, where possible, parents should request the GP to prescribe medication in a form that can be taken 3 times a day or less and will therefore not be needed in School. To avoid Class disruptions, if prescribed medicines must be given at school, we are only able administer these at the beginning of the lunchtime period. **Please see the full policy which is available on our web-site.***

The Reception children enjoyed a wet walk to the post box on Monday. Thank you to everyone



who walked with us to post our letters to the Little Red Hen. We are now eagerly awaiting the replies!

The Reception children had lots of fun when we had the opportunity to ride in the minibus and visit Rayleigh Library for a traditional book sharing session.



Grove Wood attended the annual Sports Hall Athletics competition this week with two very talented teams. Children attended from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 this year as we looked to take back the crown of Sports Hall Athletics champions. Prior to the event, the children had dedicated copious

amounts of time to training and it certainly paid off. All children performed brilliantly with a huge amount of determination to achieve the fastest time and/or the longest distance. Of the 17 teams that took part, Grove Wood team One finished 2nd and Grove Wood team Two finished 7th. It was a wonderful effort from everyone and they did the school proud.

Dinner winners 18.01.18

The lucky winners of the prizes for today's special lunch are:

REC BLUE	Imogen Tierney
REC GREEN	Madeleine Barnes
REC YELLOW	Hayden <u>McLellan</u>
1AS	Pepper <u>Barteluk</u>
1JF	Thomas Smith
1 ST	Chloe Bedford
2EL	Chloe Bridge
2JB/CG	Andy Pau
2CA	Aimee Bowman
3F/C	Austin <u>Tutt</u>
3DS	Nicholas Davies
3KO	Theo Brian
4CF	Isabella Pound
4LS	<u>Livi</u> Montgomery
4T/A	Jack Gregory
5HR	Daniel Spicer
5CS	Hayden Bacon
5HT	Abbie Ringer
6JK	Taylor Curry
6DP	Callum Wyatt
6MB	Kacey Stringer

Reception winners have their prize sent to class.

Winners in years 1,2, 3,4,5 & 6 should come to Mrs Tuck's office to choose their prize.



Friends of Grove Wood Primary School

Are pleased to invite you to our

Family Race Night!

Saturday 24th February in the Sports Hall

Doors open at 6pm, First race starts 6.30pm

Support your school and enjoy a great family night out!

Adult £2.50 / Children £1.50

Bring your own drink (alcohol in moderation) and snacks
All welcome so invite Children, Grandparents, Friends and Neighbours
You, your family or company can also sponsor a race for only £10 and
win BIG!!!!

Sponsor Name/Reason _____

Tickets will be sold on a first come first served
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!!!!

I will require the following tickets:

_____ Adult tickets @ £2.50 each

_____ Child tickets @ £1.50 each

I would like to sponsor a race

Race Sponsorship _____ @ £10.00 per race. Total Amount £ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Lead Name: _____

Childs Name: _____ Childs Class: _____

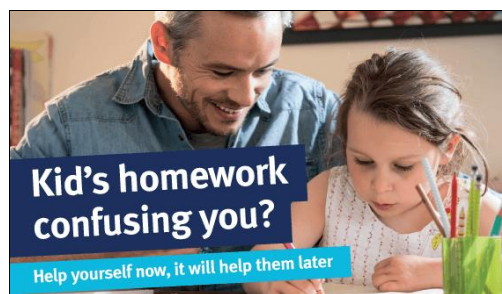
Please make cheques payable to PAGWPS. Return to PAGWPS box in office marked Race Night.

If you want to improve your maths and English skills, ACL Essex offers free courses from beginners to GCSE. You can learn in the classroom at one of our centres, or if online learning is more your thing, that is available too.

If you need a confidence boost with speaking, reading and writing, or perhaps with numbers and calculations then please get in touch.

Call 0345 603 7635 or visit www.aclessex.com

ACL Essex | Adult education courses and apprenticeships in ...www.aclessex.comACL Essex - courses and apprenticeships in Essex. English, maths, arts, Spanish, French, German and many others. Courses available in centres near you.





This week your child has been provided with login details to access MyMaths; a maths website used in the classroom and to support home learning. Also, there are many maths games your child can access freely to develop their understanding of timetables and maths topics.

As MyMaths is a fully online resource you will need nothing but an Internet connection and an up-to-date web browser with inbuilt Flash, or a recent version of Flash installed on your computer. MyMaths will continue to work in older internet browsers but in order to get the best possible learning experience, you will need to upgrade to a more recent version. MyMaths will support the following browsers over the next academic year:

- **Windows**
- IE 11 or above
- Firefox 13.0 or above
- Chrome 21.0 or above

- **Mac:**
- Safari 5.0 or above
- Firefox 13.0 or above
- Chrome 21.0 or above

MyMaths can currently be used on iPad and other tablet devices through the free Puffin Academy app on **iTunes** and **Android**.

What's
on at

COALHOUSE FORT • Park



Cannons at Coalhouse

Make a cannon and build a fort. Will your fort stay standing?

Recommended for ages 5-12

Coalhouse Fort, East Tilbury RM18 8PB

13 & 15 February



Sessions run from 10am-12pm repeating at 1-3pm

Price: £5 per child per session. Accompanying adults go free
Places must be booked in advance

Contact: Thameside Theatre box office on: 0845 300 5264
Or online: Thurrock.gov.uk/events

Please note: Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
Come dressed for the outdoors!




Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



**School Nurse
Drop-in service**

No appointment necessary

Are you worried or have concerns about your child's health?

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

We offer support and advice on the following topics and any other health or developmental issues which may be concerning you.

- Continence problems
- Hearing tests
- Weight and dietary issues
- Sleep
- Behaviour
- General health concerns

No appointment necessary

As this is a drop-in clinic we may limit the time to 15 minutes per child at busy times. For more in-depth problems please contact the service directly to speak to a member of the school nurse team.

0300 247 0013

Little Lions Children's Centre
Northwick Park Academy
Third Ave, Canvey Island, SS8 9SU
Phone: 01268 683671
3 - 4pm

30th January
6th February
13th & 27th March

Oak Tree Children's Centre
Grovetown Primary School
Grove Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8UA.
Phone: 01268 775910
3 - 4pm

16th & 30th January
20th February
6th & 20th March

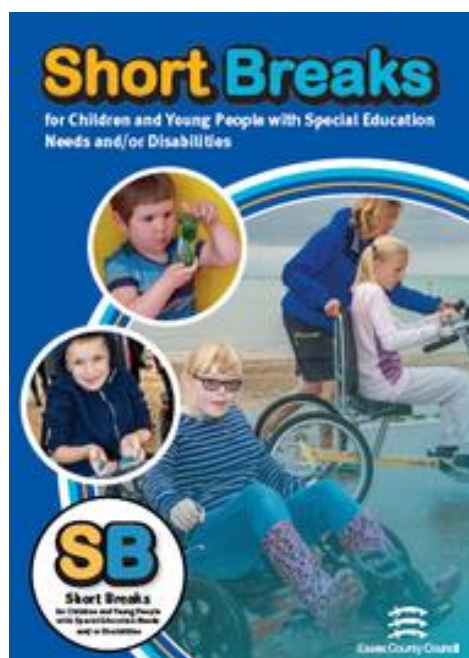
Wishing Well Children's Centre
Waterman Primary School
The Boulevard, Rochford, SS4 1QF.
Phone: 01702 541460
3 - 4pm

17th January
7th February
14th March

Little Hand Prints
Thundersley Primary School
Dark Lane, Thundersley, SS7 3PT
Phone: 01268 753557
3 - 4pm

25th January
22nd February
22nd March

Service to families of eligible children with SEND (or similar)



Essex County Council

Early Years and Childcare



The Essex Short Breaks programme enables children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and their families to join in with safe, entertaining and interesting activities, while allowing family members/carers the opportunity to have a break from their normal caring routine. They also give children and young people the chance to do fun and different activities to help build their confidence and independence. They are open to all children and young people with SEND who:

- Are aged between 0-18 or 19-25 and in receipt of a personal budget
- Have a diagnosis of special educational needs and/or a disability
- Live within the borders of Essex County Council (excluding Southend and Thurrock as they have their own local offer of short breaks)

Visit the Essex Short Breaks website for more information about the range of activities available and to download the new brochure: shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/. Hard copies of the brochure are also available upon request via email to shortbreaks@essex.gov.uk quoting your name and address. To access Short Breaks services you would need to be registered, this can be completed online via [Register for Short Breaks](#)



Keep up to date with early years and childcare specific information by visiting our dedicated practitioner website. Visit www.essex.gov.uk/earlyyearsandchildcare