



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2018 (Issue 236)

Stars of the Week!



Blue Class	Rex Thorpe/ Layla Shorter
Green Class	Sidney Jameson/ Caitlyn Warren
Yellow Class	Seth Buckle/ Freya Bell
1ST	Summer Sapsford
1AS	Poppy Lee Griffiths
1JF	Alfie Fishlock
2G/B	Orla Kinsella
2CA	Maisie Gregory
2EL	Sienna Day
3DS	David Churches
3F/C	Spencer Tibbenham
3KO	Alfie Bones
4TA	Jack Fordree
4CF	Jessica Hooper
4LS	Jack Bishop
5CS	Evie Redgrave
5HR	Emma Woolgar
5HT	Alex Douglas
6JC	Joe Shimmen
6DP	Jacob Palombella
6MB	Ben Jolley

Diary Dates Dinner Menu C

- Monday 5th February** —Year 6 Parent Consultations during the day 8am –5.30pm.
- Monday 5th February**—Year 5 Chinese Tasting.
- Tuesday 6th February**—Year 5 Chinese Day.
- Tuesday 6th February**—selected children in Tag Rugby Tournament at Benfleet RC.
- Wednesday 7th February**—Rec to Year 5 Parent Consultations 2-8pm.
- Thursday 8th February**—9.15am Reception Chinese New Year celebrations siblings welcome.
- Thursday 8th February**—10.30am—Year 4 Parents invited to Mad Hatters Tea Party.
- Friday 9th February**—**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR NON PUPIL DAY**
- HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Back to School Monday 19th February**

Farewell Mr Sangwin....

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to our Site Manager and Football Coach Mr Sangwin, who leaves us today for pastures new. He will, however, still be here next week for his Football Clubs after school if your wish to say your goodbyes.



We are sure that you would to join us in thanking him for all his hard work and dedication to the School over the past two years and send him all our good wishes for the future.

Attendance Stars for last week are



KS1...Green Class and 1AS



...and KS2... 4CFand 5HT all with 100%

WELL DONE!

KEEP UP THE GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Don't forget **World Book Day will be on Thursday 1st March**. The children can dress up as character from a book and will be taking part in lots of activities.

Play Leader of the Week —Lester Ward

Play Buddy of the Week– Isabelle Barnes

Last week, the Grove Wood Badminton team ventured to Grays for the County competition against the best schools in Essex. They were placed in a pool against three other schools and needed to finish in the top two to progress to the semi-finals. Within each game, the team had to play 2 singles matches and 3 doubles. The team, made of Jamie L, Ben H, Anisha J and Eloise P, won all three of their pool games to progress through to the knockout stages. It was there where the team met Lee Chapel who had finished second in the other pool. In a close battle, Grove Wood came out on top with a 3-2 win and progressed into the final against a talented Little Thurrock team. In the final, Grove Wood won both singles matches



played by Ben and Jamie but unfortunately couldn't make it past the very well organised doubles pairings of Little Thurrock and lost all three doubles games. Finishing in second place is a huge achievement for the Grove wood team who are now able to call themselves the 2nd best badminton team in Essex - a huge feat! A huge congratulations must go to Jamie, Ben, Anisha and Eloise who worked incredibly hard across the day and did everything they could to win the competition and were very close in doing so. We are all very proud of their achievements.



The netball team

played 2 matches on Monday against Rayleigh primary. Both the teams played exceptionally well and the

games were very close. The league team won 6-5 and the friendly team won 4-3.



Important—Please read. It has been brought to our attention that there are unofficial websites listing our term dates incorrectly. Please always use the School website for the most up to date and accurate information

www.groveswoodprimary.co.uk

Thinking of trying a new sport?

....See our Club Links.

www.sufccommunity.co.uk for

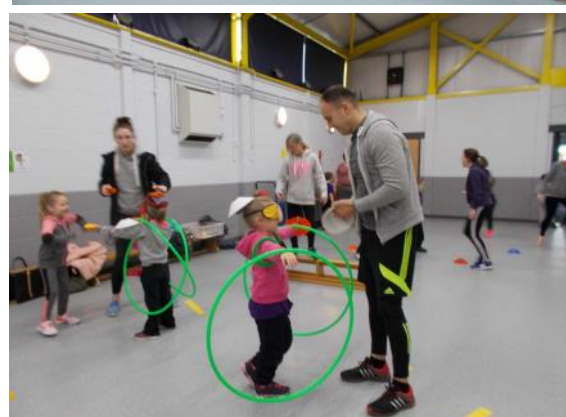
Southend United Community Cup.

www.academysoccerfc.co.uk for Academy Soccer FC.



Year 1 PE with Parents...

Thank you to all the parents who could attend our Year 1 PE with Parents session today. We worked with our parents and grandparents to practise some balances, movement patterns and catching skills. We even looked at winning and losing with respect in our Dice Dance game. If any parents that could not attend would like a booklet of the session, please see Mr Seaman. Stay Active Year 1!





Grove Road, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8UA
01268 747322

JOB VACANCY

Pre-school Practitioner

Relief Team Member required

Job Description

- To care for the children while offering support & stimulation.
- To attend in service training courses/staff meetings and annual events.
- To assist with cover for other members of staff.
- To support the pre-school and committee.
- Be able to work at short notice
- Be available from 8am – 3pm

Essential Criteria

- Willingness to learn
- Previous Experience Working with Children
- Commitment to Equal Opportunities
- Commitment to young children and families
- Friendly, Flexible approach
- Suitable both mentally & physically to care for children

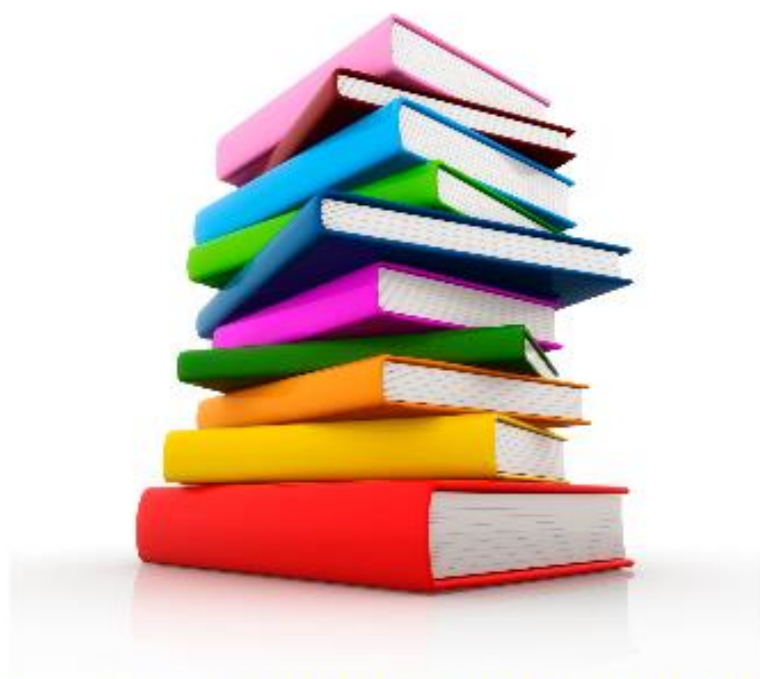
Rate of Pay: £7.50

If you are interested and would like more information or an application form, please contact the pre-school on 01268 747322, groveroadpreschool@hotmail.co.uk, or come in and see us

Closing date for application: Thursday 8th February

WORLD BOOK DAY

BOOK COVER COMPETITION



ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO DESIGN A NEW BOOK COVER FOR EITHER YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK OR AN IMAGINARY BOOK - REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE TITLE AND AUTHOR AND ALSO GIVE A SENSE OF WHAT THE BOOK IS ABOUT. ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE A4 BUT CAN BE IN ANY MEDIUM.

HAVE FUN READING AND DESIGNING!

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO MR PASCOE BY MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

500 WORDS

2018

AGE 5-13?

CAN YOU WRITE
AN AMAZING
STORY USING
NO MORE THAN
500 WORDS?


DO YOU WANT IT
READ BY A SUPERSTAR
CELEBRITY LIVE ON
THE RADIO TO NEARLY
10 MILLION
PEOPLE?

ENTER NOW!
BBC.CO.UK/500WORDS
WIN A ONCE IN A LIFETIME
EXPERIENCE AT THE
HAMPTON COURT PALACE

CLOSING DATE:
THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY, 7PM

500
WORDS





Parentalk is about
helping mums and dads
do the best job they can

Covers essential topics for parents

Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

Thursdays 9.30-11.30am

22nd February;


1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March

Parish Centre

No cost

cara.parker@parishofrayleigh.org.uk



 **parishofrayleigh** www.careforthefamily.org.uk



IN THE COOL INITIATIVES EDUCATION CHALLENGE

Cool Initiatives is looking for innovative and creative education technology ideas that are still in the early stages of development. There's a **£10,000** cash prize for the best idea and £5,000 for the runner-up, plus £500 for all other finalists.

We're excited by projects that help our schools operate more efficiently or that drive new ways of teaching and learning.

In our ever-changing world, education matters more than it ever has; we want to unearth new tools and platforms that make the education process slicker and more engaging, allowing teachers to do what they do best – teach!

To apply for a chance to win the Cool Initiatives Education Challenge, please visit:
coolinitiatives.com/competition



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.



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**.



LAUNCH EVENT

We are the new independent parent carer forum for families of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs aged 0-25 across the whole of Essex.

Are you a parent carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with additional needs or disabilities?

Do you believe families' voices should be heard to ensure services in Essex meet the needs of our children and young people?

Then, come along to our Launch event and discover how together we can help shape the future for our families.

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED AND ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BOOK EARLY

EMAIL: hello.essexfamilyforum@gmail.com

TELEPHONE: 07742958003 / 07707110592

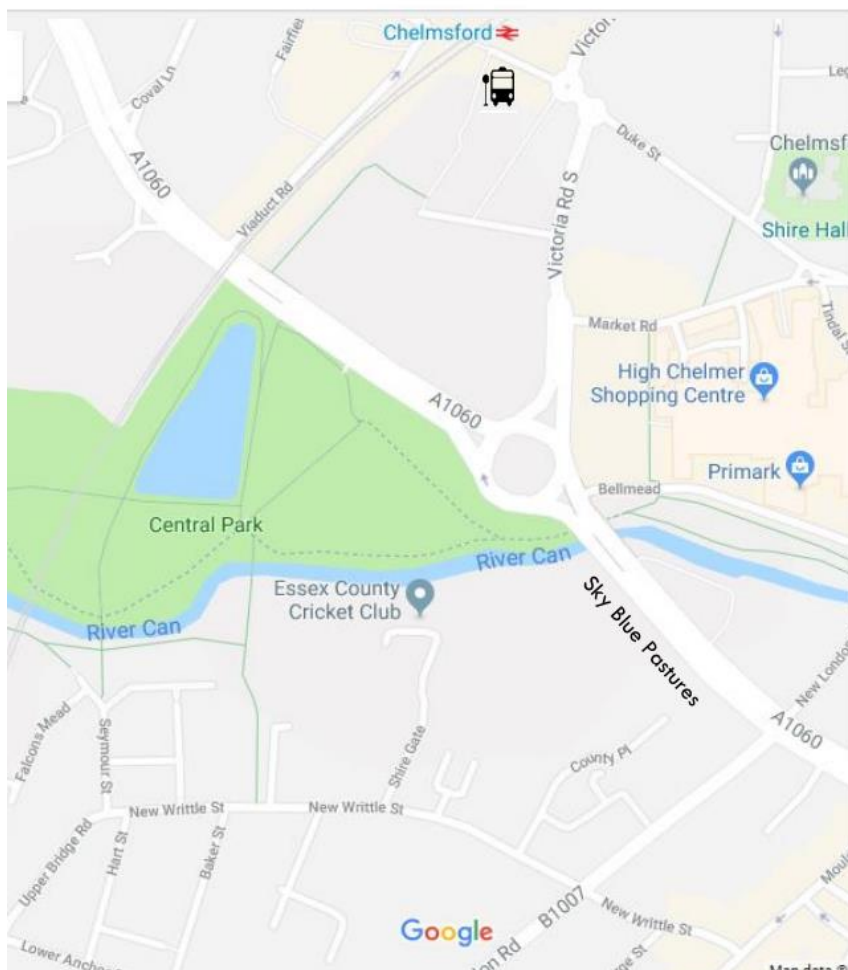
www.essexfamilyforum.org

7th February 2018

10am – 2pm

Essex County Cricket Ground, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford, CM2 0PG

Refreshments & Lunch will be provided



Disabled Access:

Via New Writtle Street. Accessible car park spaces are available.

By Train:

Chelmsford Railway Station is an approximate 10 minute walk from The Essex County Cricket Ground.

By Bus:

Chelmsford Bus Station is situated on Duke Street, next to Chelmsford Train Station, Bus numbers 42 and 100, stop on New London Road, which is approximately a two minute walk to the Ground, via New Writtle Street.

By Park & Ride:

Sandon CM2 7RZ – Located at Junction 18 on the A12.
Chelmer Valley CM3 3PR – Located on the A130 east of Essex Regiment Way.

On Foot:

The Main Entrance is on New Writtle Street, but the Ground can be entered via Sky Blue Pastures from the City Centre either via Parkway near High Chelmer car park and market, or from New London Road (by Marks & Spencer).

By Car (Pay & Display Car Park at Cricket Ground): New Writtle Street, Chelmsford CM2 0PG.

From the North: Junction 19 on the A12 (Boreham). Take A138 to Town Centre, then A1060/Parkway to B1007 New London Road.

From the South: Junction 15 on the A12, take A414 exit to Harlow/Chelmsford. At the Wood Street roundabout take the first exit onto New London Road/B1007.

Parking Costs up to max. of £4.00 will be reimbursed

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

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Forest School with Essex Wildlife Trust



Abbotts Hall Farm

Drop Off Day

- 9.00am—4.00pm
- Drop off and pick up.
- Must be signed in and out
- £20 per child per session



February Half Term

Tuesday 13th February (over 8's)

****Thursday 15th February (over 5's)****

****Friday 16th February (over 5's)****

****FULLY BOOKED****

Little Foxes

Forest School

Abbotts Hall Farm

- 10.00am—12.00pm
- Under 5's
- £7 per session

February Half Term

Wednesday 14th February
(under 5's)



Tiptree Heath

Family Morning

- 10.00am—12.30pm
- All ages welcome (Adults and under 18 months free)
- £8 per child per session

Drop Off Afternoon

- 1.30pm—4.00pm
- Drop off and pick up
- £10 per child per session

February Half Term

Monday 12th February (family)

Monday 12th February (over 5's)



To book contact:

reception@essexwt.org.uk
or 01621 862960



Facebook—Essex Wildlife Trust—
Forest School and Outdoor Learning



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

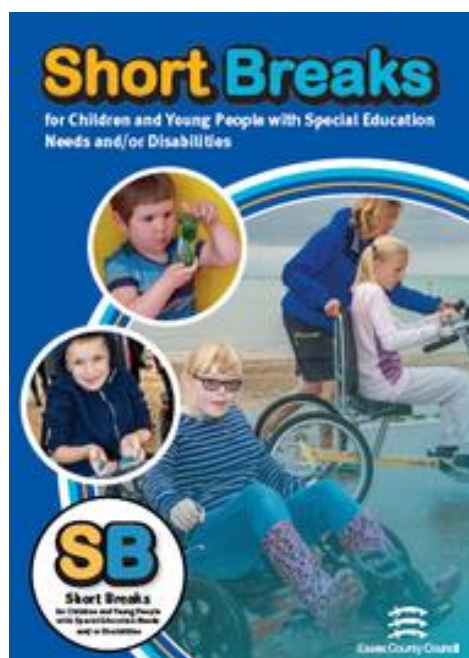
Wishing Well Children's Centre
Waterman Primary School
The Boulevard, Rochford, SS4 1QF.
Phone: 01702 541460
3 - 4pm

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