



# GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Achieving and celebrating success for all.....*

Newsletter Thursday 8th February 2018 (Issue 236 )

## Stars of the Week!



Blue Class	Anais Miles/ Jenson Henman
Green Class	Alf Solomons/ Teddy Hodgson
Yellow Class	Codie Constable/ Scarlett Earls
1ST	Summer Sapsford
1AS	Elysha Yates
1JF	Alfie Fishlock
2G/B	Owen Freeman
2CA	Harrison Embleton
2EL	Imogen Paine
3DS	Jamie Fraser
3F/C	Florence Hodgson
3KO	Violet Rich
4TA	Yasmin Byron
4CF	Billy Giles
4LS	Evie Bradford
5CS	Ian Leslie
5HR	Lucy Speed
5HT	Amelia King
6JC	Owen Holbrook
6DP	Liam D'Arcy
6MB	Lillie Fensome

## Diary Dates .... Dinner Menu A

**Friday 9th February—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR NON PUPIL DAY**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Back to School Monday 19th February**

**Monday 19th February** —Year 4 Birds of Prey visit..

**Wednesday 21st February**—7pm Growth Mindset Presentation.

**Thursday 22nd February**—Rainbows, Brownies and Guides World Thinking Day—wear your respective uniforms to school.

**Saturday 24th February** —6pm PAGWPS Family Race Night.

## School Absence through Sickness/Diarrhoea

Following directive from the Public Health Guidance for Schools, pupils recovering from diarrhoea or vomiting should **NOT** attend school until completely symptom free for **48 HOURS**. **Children returning to school within the incubation period will be sent home.**

**If your child falls ill while at school and needs to go home, we will contact parents/carers as soon as possible to arrange for their immediate collection to avoid the spread of infection.**

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.

## Attendance Stars for last week are

**KS1...1JF with 99%**



**...and KS2... 5HT with 99.4%**



**WELL DONE!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD ATTENDANCE!**

**Play Leader of the Week—Fraser Cooper**  
**Play Buddy of the Week—Thomas Partridge**

**Book Fair History...** A huge thank you to all those who visited last week's Book Fair. It proved to be the



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most successful one ever with a massive £2,922.15 being spent on books. This means that £1753.29 comes back to the school to spend on resources. We really appreciate your generosity!



### LEGOLAND Windsor Activity Pack and Discount

We're pleased to announce that we have updated our LEGOLAND partnership and added a new activity pack to the Downloadable Learning Activities page on our site. This pack can be used during a visit to LEGOLAND Windsor and includes a number of fun activities to be completed in various attractions at the resort. Completion of 4 or more activities is worth 4 stamps which can be provided by the resort's Guest Services. Alternatively, an answer sheet has also been included for those who don't finish the activities at the park so that parents can mark their child's sheet and submit it as usual.

If visiting the park as a Children's University member and completing the activity sheet, children and parents are also eligible for an exclusive discount.

### BBC Radio 2's 500 Words Competition

A fantastic opportunity for children to exhibit their writing talent, BBC Radio 2's 500 Words competition has returned for 2018. Billed as the world's biggest writing competition for children, 500 Words is available for entry from anyone aged 5 - 13 and boasts some great prizes, including the chance for winning stories to be read by celebrities live on Radio 2.

To get involved, guardians and teachers can register for a submitter account from which stories can be uploaded as either single entries or as a whole school's worth of stories. The deadline for submissions is 22nd February, and the final will take place in June of this year. If you have any budding writers in your cohort, get them entered!

Entry into this competition is worth 2 Children's University stamps and has been validated and added to the ePassport.

Children's University passports will be collected on the first week back after half term. Please can all passports be given to Miss Brooklyn **no later than** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Late passports will not be accepted. Hours will be counted and given back to the children shortly afterwards.

### Thinking of trying a new sport? ....See our Club Links.

Interested in fencing?...check out [www.littlemusketeers.com](http://www.littlemusketeers.com) and for youth football visit Rayleigh Boys and Girls YFC at [www.rayleighfc.org.uk](http://www.rayleighfc.org.uk)

### Dessert Menu changes Pancake Day Tuesday 20th February

Traditional Pancakes served with assorted toppings

### Wednesday 21st February

Fruit Jelly and Cream

Year 5 children enjoyed Chinese Day this week.

They enjoyed

tasting some Chinese food and learning some Mandarin Chinese. The children also had great fun taking part in Chinese ribbon and fan dancing and made their own willow pattern plates.



### Grove Wood Rocks at the O2...

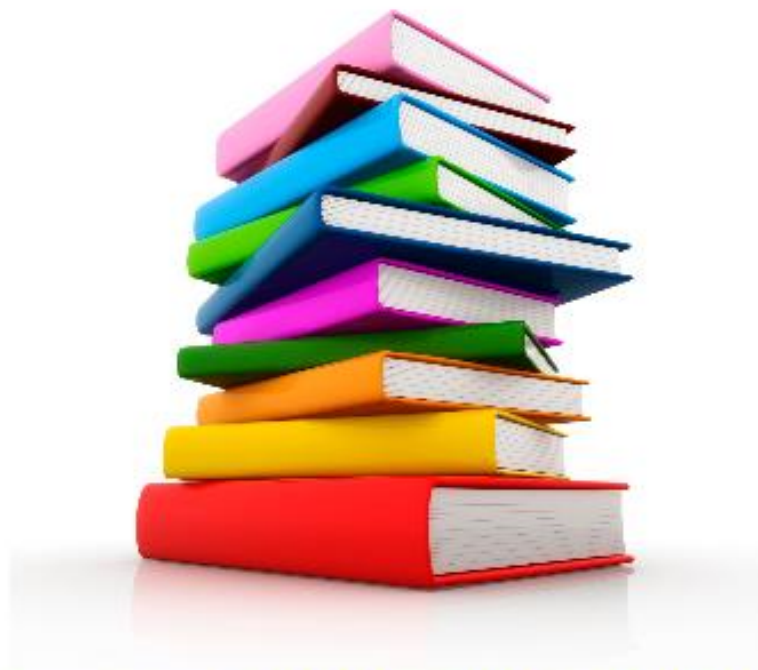
As always those who went to the O2 for the Young Voices concert had a fantastic time participating in this special event. A special thank you

to Alfie Buckley's dad who caters for the O2 and provided the children with well received pizza and chips during the evening.



# 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](http://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**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February;**


**1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Parish Centre

No cost

**[cara.parker@parishofrayleigh.org.uk](mailto:cara.parker@parishofrayleigh.org.uk)**



 **parishofrayleigh** [www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)



# TEN PIECes

GET CREATIVE WITH  
CLASSICAL MUSIC



*Every child a musician*

## Orchestral Day!

Are you learning an orchestral instrument?

Would you like to play in an orchestra?

Come and work with top professionals from the  
BBC Symphony Orchestra

Thursday 12th April 2018

9:30am - 4:30pm

St. Mary's Prittlewell C of E Primary School,  
Boston Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6JH

To book visit  
[www.musiconseasouthend.co.uk](http://www.musiconseasouthend.co.uk)



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# 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](http://coolinitiatives.com/competition)**





## 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](mailto:hello.essexfamilyforum@gmail.com)

TELEPHONE: 07742958003 / 07707110592

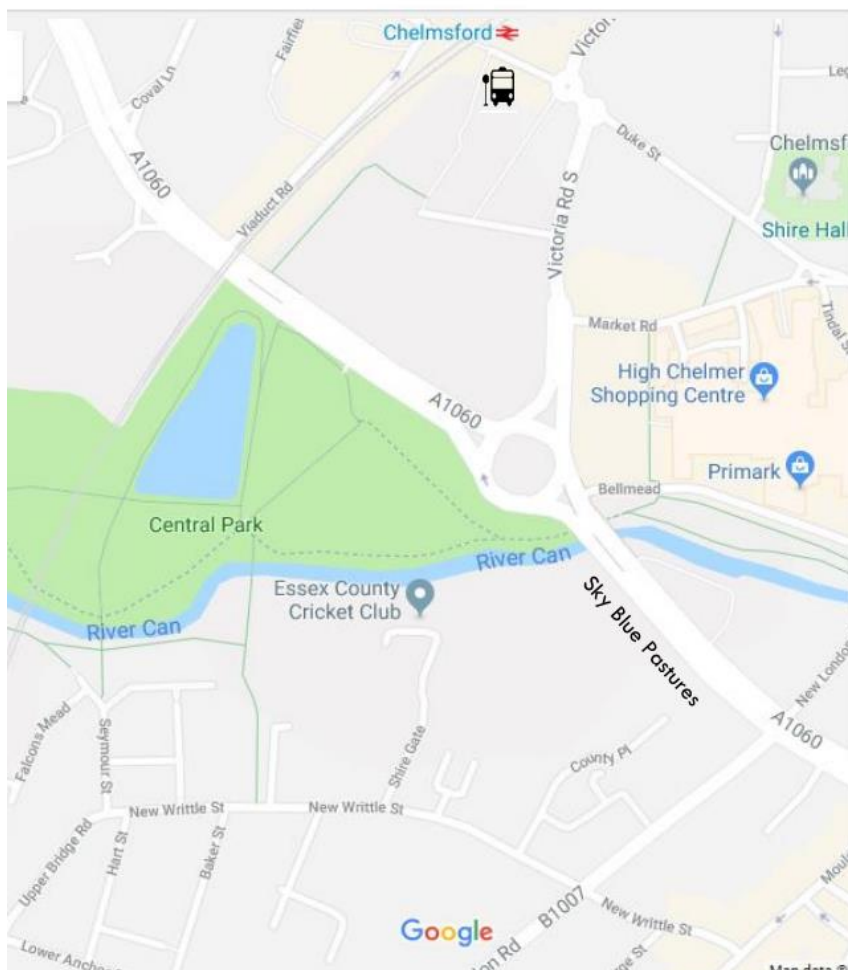
[www.essexfamilyforum.org](http://www.essexfamilyforum.org)

**7<sup>th</sup> 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**





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](http://Thurrock.gov.uk/events)

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





## 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






**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  
Groveswood 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

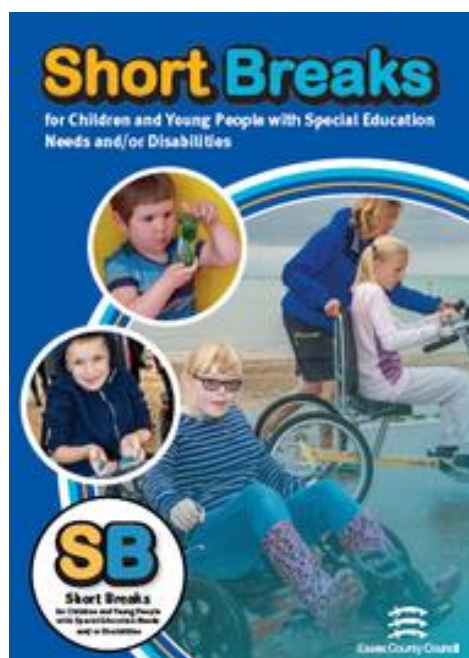
17th January  
7th February  
14th March

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/](http://shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/). Hard copies of the brochure are also available upon request via email to [shortbreaks@essex.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/earlyyearsandchildcare)