



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

Newsletter Friday 4th May 2018 (Issue 244)

Stars of the Week!

Blue Class	Harry Pullen/ Jamie Murray
Green Class	Archie Wand/ Lois Hobbs
Yellow Class	Phoebe Douglas Kian Meehan
1ST	Rhys Spiller
1AS	Oliver Loxton
1JF	Harry Howard
2G/B	Mason Poore
2CA	Kyle Chapman
2EL	Tyler Brian
3DS	Kimberley Bown
3F/C	Ben Hodge
3KO	Theo Brian
4TA	Keira Curtis
4CF	Caitlyn Mantle
4LS	Evie Bradford
5CS	Anya Walford
5HR	Callum Bones
5HT	Alanna Paton
6JC	Jasmine Lamb
6DP	Dylan Taylor-West
6MB	George Heathcote

Attendance Stars for last week are

**KS1...2EL with 99%
and KS2... 6DP with another
fantastic 100%**

WELL DONE!



Diary Dates

**Monday 7th May—BANK HOLIDAY
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 8th May—Back to School

Dinner Menu A

Tuesday 8th May—Selected Year 2,3 and 4 children in Gymnastics Competition at the Deanes School.

Wednesday 9th May—No Open Door due to Staff Training.

Friday 11th May —Reception Animal Encounter morning. No parents please.

**Dates for the Diary—Friday 18th May is
PAGWPS non School uniform Day**

Important - Online payments system

From the end of April the School's Scopay system will no longer accept online payments from devices using Windows XP or Windows Vista. This change is due to data processing compliance and is the same for all online payment systems (not just Scopay).

Personal ChallengeDon't forget there is only one week left to submit your skipping challenge

<http://www.grovetwoodprimary.co.uk/sports/personal-challenge>



On Tuesday our Year 6 mixed netball squad took part in an all-day netball rally



at Deanes School where they played 6 10 minute games throughout the course of the day against different schools. The team displayed sheer determination throughout the whole day, but did not get off to the greatest start and lost a game. Through great commitment and stamina they then went on to win 3 games and draw 2, only narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-final. Well done to all of the Year 6 netball team, you were a credit to the school and displayed all SPARK values throughout the day.

Year 4 visit the Garden of England



This week Year 4 went on the brand new residential trip to Kent. The children were full of excitement despite the soggy weather and couldn't wait to explore Leeds Castle, get lost in the maze and visit the Battle of Britain exhibition. In the evening the children had a fantastic time on the toboggan and snow-tube runs at the Chatham Ski and Snowboard Centre. Day 2 was equally fun-packed as the children experienced a submarine and made ropes during their visit to the Historic Chatham Dockyard. A great time was had by all!



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.

Requests

Reception would like donations of any good condition 2 wheeled bikes or toys.

The office would welcome donations of underwear (particularly girls) for spares.

PAGWPS—there are still some School of Rock tickets left.
Email pagwps
clare@gmail.com.

Reception got to meet



and greet the new ducklings after they hatched this week.



Thinking of trying a new sport?

....See our Club Links.

www.sufccommunity.co.uk for Southend United Community Cup.

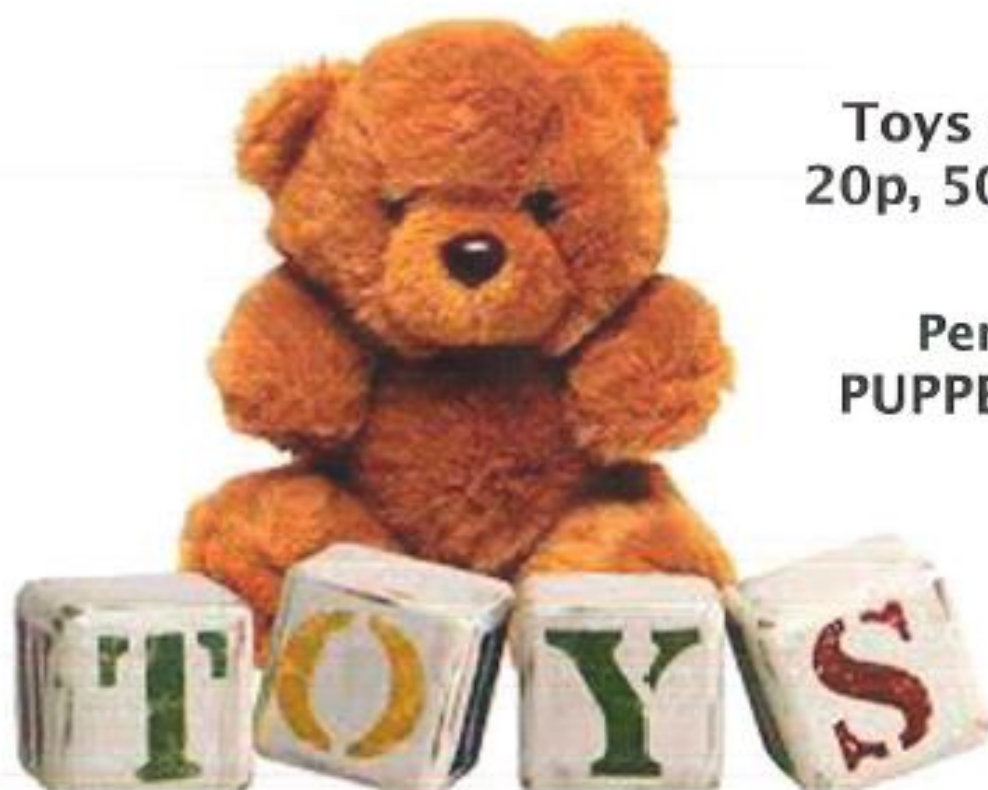
www.academysoccerfc.co.uk for Academy Soccer FC.

Play Buddy of the Week—Lillie Ann Dyer
Play Leader of the Week—Lester Ward

SECOND HAND TOY SALE

Saturday 12th May 2018
12noon-3pm

Rayleigh Evangelical Church
Eastwood Road



Toys priced at
20p, 50p & £1.00

Performances by
PUPPET PARTNERS

REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

In aid of Operation Christmas Child

FREE ADMISSION

UK Charity No. 1001349



PAGWPS are proud to present The Greatest Showman, Open Air Cinema
Friday 14th September 2018

Doors open at 7.15pm, movie expected to start at 7.45pm (dependent on Sunlight)

Adults and children £8 each

Feel free to bring alcohol within moderation

Food and hot drinks will be available for purchase from Manhattan Grills American Diner, Slushy Stand and Coffee and Doughnut Tram

This event will go ahead no matter the weather, so come prepared!

Please bring chairs, blankets or beanbags to sit on as none will be provided by the school

Greatest Showman

Name..... Email address.....

Contact number.....

Childs name & class.....

Number of Children's Tickets.....

Number of Adult Tickets.....

Date form completed.....



Half Term Fun! Kite Making

Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 May
10am-12pm & 1pm-4pm



Make a kite to fly in the park! Alternative easy kite art for 3-5 years
£3.50 per child aged 3-16, adults and under 3's go free!

No need to book in advance, just turn up and pay in the onsite café
Last tickets sold at 3.30pm

Coalhouse Fort, East Tilbury RM18 8PB

Contact: CoalHouseEnquiries@thurrock.gov.uk or call 01375 842 306 for further information.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times



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• THE FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL CENTRES •
GET INVOLVED WITH SSE WILDCATS
HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, **PLAY FOOTBALL**
SIGN UP NOW

Starts 7th April 2018 and then every Saturday from 10.30am -11.30am @ The Warren, Old London Road, Rawreth SS11 8UE.

School years 1-4 (under 6 - under 9) age group welcome! Just £3 per session!

Those attending our #SSEWildcats sessions for 10 weeks or more will receive a free Academy training shirt, shorts & socks

Contact Shane on 07790 938009 or email: generalmanager@academysoccer.co.uk



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For All

A great day for all the family!

Dirty Dancing



**Raising
Money for
Alzheimer's
Society**



FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 16th June

Time: 12-3pm

**GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8UA**

£4.00 Adults

£1.50 Children

**(All entry tickets
will receive a raffle ticket)**

**Plus Zorbing, Giant Skipping, Stalls
Food and Refreshments and much more...**

**Live
Singer
Julie
Jive**

**Dirty
Dancing
Lessons**

**Bouncy
Castle**

**Giant
Hungry
Hippo**

**Tickets available from Saskia Marklew - 07947 200213
or tickets can be purchased on the day**

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Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

Come along to a free course for parents of primary school age children

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.

Fridays 1pm – 2.30pm

20th & 27th April and 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May

For more information or to book your place please contact

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



Parentalk

THE TEENAGE YEARS

a free course for parents of teenagers (or soon to be teenagers!)

Session 1 Understanding your teenager – the teenage years can be a time of transition and turmoil for teenagers. They are going through huge changes, physically, emotionally and mentally and as parents it can be tough and challenging – but we're all in the same boat!

Session 2 Stay connected – teenagers can seem as though they want to withdraw from family life, but it is important to stay connected and maintain open lines of communication – even though we can feel taken for granted as a taxi service or butler.

Session 3 Identity – our teens have so many pressures on them, from all sorts of directions, it can be hard to keep up with their world. We need to try and understand how it is for them so we can help them develop healthy self-esteem and discover who they really are.

Session 4 Communication and conflict – it is normal for parents and their teens to find it hard to communicate with each other, the trick is to find a way that works for you! Choose your battles, practice negotiation, set realistic consequences and follow through with sanctions

Session 5 Big pressures – good choices – try to understand the big pressures on your teen – alcohol, sex, drugs, bullying – there is a lot of pressure on them to grow up fast – but they do take notice of us as parents believe it or not (even if they say they don't!)

Session 6 Creating a sense of belonging – letting go of our teenagers can be hard, but that is what we need to do to enable them to grow and flourish as independent adults. We have to allow them to make mistakes and learn from them.

Tuesdays 7pm – 8.30pm

17th & 24th April and 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd May

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