

Brinkley Grove Newsletter

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This month at Brinkley Grove ...

As you would expect it has been a busy start to the term with the year 6s in the final weeks before their SATs tests, the year 2 SATs just after that and not forgetting the year 1 phonics tests that will be happening in mid-June.

I would like to thank all families that have attended the meetings during the year to explain how these tests will work and for supporting their children in their learning. Of course, we wish all the children the best of luck over the coming weeks.

PARENT FORUM

Our school's Ofsted report has now been published and we have already been working hard to develop the areas that were judged to require improvement. In order to keep families informed and updated on our progress I would like to invite you to the next Parent Forum meeting which will be held on **Wednesday 17th May at 2 p.m.** Please contact the office and let them know if you would like to attend so that we can accommodate everyone. If this meeting is not convenient, again please contact the office and we will do our best to run additional sessions should there be sufficient demand.



UNIFORM

Can I please remind all families that as the weather is warming up to make sure that their child's name is on their jumpers and cardigans. This makes it much easier to reunite lost clothing with the correct owners.

Also, please make sure that your child is wearing school shoes rather than trainers. If there is a need for a child to not wear school shoes, please provide a brief note to the class teacher explaining why this is the case.



Times Tables

How to get them cracked!

Learning times tables is an essential skill for all children and starting work on this can never come too early. There are lots of fun apps out there to help your child practice; at school we have found that the children particularly enjoy Squeebles (<http://keystagefun.co.uk>) but there are many others out there. Take a moment to download an app and give them a go with your child - they will enjoy the games and get better at maths too!



“Pupils are confident that if they have concerns adults will listen and put things right” - Ofsted 2017

Medicine In School

As a school, we are not able to administer Calpol or other pain relief medication to children on an ‘as and when’ basis. If your child needs regular medication, please see the office, but bear in mind we are not able to store and use medicine such as Calpol ‘just in case’.

Congratulations

As many of you know by now, Mrs Jennings gave birth last month to a wonderful little boy. Both mum and Noah are doing very well - in fact they even popped into school to see her class after only a couple of weeks. Congratulations!

We would also like to wish all the best to Miss Johnson who has just gone on maternity leave.

Report Format

Thank you to all the families who responded to the survey regarding the end of year report format. We are keen to make sure that parents receive all the information they need and want.

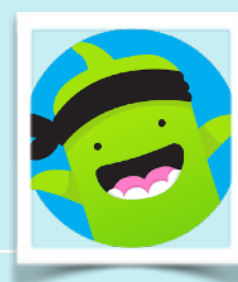
We have taken your comments and suggestions in to account for the new format and will be sending out the reports in July as normal.

School Field

We have had to repair the school field which is why the children have not been using it for a while. Due to the unusually dry weather, we will only allow limited access until the new seed has taken.

CLASS DOJO MESSAGES

There is no doubt that Class Dojo has become a great way for us to communicate, helping to support your child. Can I please ask though that all families contact the school office in the normal manner if a child is off sick or needs to attend an appointment. You can call in to the office or email info@brinkleygrove.essex.sch.uk



Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd May	Bug Man Visit Year 3
Friday 5th May	Year 3 Home Safety talk
Monday 8th - Thursday 11th May	Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 15th May	Year 4 trip to British Museum
Wednesday 17th May	Year 5 and 6 Rounders Tournament
Wednesday 17th May	Parent Forum 2 p.m.
Thursday 18th May	Great Geography Assembly
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 5 climbing event @ Gilberd
Friday 26th May	Class photos
Saturday 27th May	FoBG Inflatable Day
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd	HALF TERM
Monday 5th June	Non-pupil day
Thursday 8th June	Year 6 Aladdin trip
Friday 9th June	Reception trip to Easton Park Farm
Monday 12th - Friday 16th June	Year 1 phonics tests
Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th June	FoBG Fathers' Day presents
Tuesday 13th June	Year 5 climbing event @ Gilbert
Tuesday 13th June	Year 6 to Crucial Crew
Friday 16th June	Urban Dance Day
Thursday 22nd June	Sports Day
Friday 23rd June	Non-uniform day
Thursday 29th June	Reserve sports day
Saturday 1st July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th July	Transfer days
Monday 10th July	End of year reports published
Thursday 13th July	Year 6 Production to parents
Wednesday 19th July	Year 4, 5 and 6 Achievement Assembly
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Party 5.30 p.m.
Thursday 20th July	EY, Year 1, 2 & 3 Achievement Assembly
Friday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July	Last day of term