

# Brinkley Grove Newsletter

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## This month at Brinkley Grove ...

Reading continues to be a key focus for us here at Brinkley Grove and we have been working hard to make sure that every child reads regularly and for their own enjoyment.

We have renovated the library in order to help children make interesting book selections as well as seeing reading as an activity that can be enjoyed with others. I would like to thank the parents who have helped us with this project, in particular Arek and Daryl for giving up their time to paint the walls and paint some fantastic murals. The library opening will be at the end of June and we can't wait to get the ribbon cut and the children using the new facility.

## CLASS DOJO MESSAGES

Can I ask that if families wish to contact a teacher who is not their child's class teacher, then they should do this via the school office. A number of parents have sent Class Dojo messages to differences members of staff who have not received them as they do not always check Class Dojo. If calling into the office in person is not practical you can call 01206 852266 or email [info@brinkleygrove.essex.sc.uk](mailto:info@brinkleygrove.essex.sc.uk)



## SCHOOL BAGS

Space in the school can be rather limited and the cloakrooms are a point of congestion.

In order to make it easier for all children to use, from September we are asking that **children do not bring in rucksacks.**

The school supplies all the equipment the children need, so they will only need to bring in their reading books and reading diaries. Book bags can be bought at the school office for only £4.50

PE bags are also the best way for children to bring in their PE kits and again these are available for only £4.50 from the office.

## School Farm

I imagine that many of you will have seen the transformation of the old pond area in to a working farm. To make the area as productive as possible, we are looking for a couple of volunteers who can give an afternoon a week to supervise the children when gardening. It would be working with a small group of children at a time and would be a rewarding way of spending an hour or two. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping.

We are also looking to home some **guinea pigs** in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for the hutch when it appears. Thanks to the grant from Tesco's we will be able to buy mobile hutches for them to enjoy the grassed areas around the school. If you would like to look after a pair of guinea pigs for a weekend or even a week or so during the holidays, please let the office know so that we can plan for them to be well looked after when school is closed.

## Race for Life

We are organising a Race For Life in the school where the children will run for a set time and raise money for Cancer Research. We are inviting families to come and join the fun too. You can walk, jog or run our course any time from 1.45 pm until 3 pm. The entry fee is £2.50 and children will be cheering you on as you go. Please speak to office to sign up and get involved.

## PE Kit

Can I ask for all parents to make sure that their child has the appropriate PE kit, especially with



sports day approaching. We ask for all children to have blue shorts and a plain, unbranded, white t-shirts and plimsolls for the KS1 and trainers for KS2.

**“Children make a good start to the education as the quality of provision in the Early Years is good” - Ofsted 2017**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Johnson who gave birth to Harriette on 17th May 2017. We are glad that the new family are doing well and settling into their new routines.

## MORE BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

We are encouraging all families to visit the following website and enter our details so that we have an increased chance of winning £5000 worth of book tokens. Please go here and complete the form: <http://caboodle.msgfocus.com/q/122odjiXNYb4pAPuR3BP/wv>



Friday 9th June	Reception trip to Easton Park Farm
Monday 12th - Friday 16th June	Walk to school week
Monday 12th - Friday 16th June	Year 1 phonics tests
Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th June	FoBG Fathers' Day presents
Tuesday 13th June	Year 6 to Crucial Crew
Wednesday 21st June	Race for Life
Thursday 22nd June	Sports Day
Friday 23rd June	Non-uniform day
Thursday 29th June	Reserve Sports Days
Thursday 29th June	20th Birthday Celebrations
Saturday 1st July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th July	Transfer days
Thursday 6th July	Open evening
Friday 7th July	Year 2 trip to Walton
Monday 10th July	End of year reports published
Thursday 13th July	Year 6 Production to parents
Friday 14th July	Year 1 trip to Colchester Castle
Friday 14th July	Year 5 trip Walton
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
Monday 4th September	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5th September	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 6th September	First day for pupils