



## Theydon Bois Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy half term and I thank everyone for all the support they have given their children and the school.

### **Sports Fixtures**

We have participated in many sporting events this term. The football and netball leagues have begun. The cross country league has been completed with both boys and girls teams finishing in third place respectively. Joe D finished third overall and Rosemary K finished second overall. Running success continued this week at the KS2 event at Davenant Foundation School. Congratulations to all cross country runners. Some KS1 children have also participated in football and 'capture the flag' events.

### **Wanted**

Theydon Bois School Football team are looking for a referee and/or coach/team manager. If you have any qualifications, or know someone who has, and are interested please contact me.

### **Parking**

This week I have again received complaints again from residents living near to school about people parking over their driveways, I have suggested that the residents contact the police if it persists. I have seen cars reversing round the corner outside school, parking on the double yellow lines at the end of Elizabeth Drive and others pull up and let children out into the road. I appeal to **all parents** – if you need to bring your car to school please drive and park considerately ensuring our children are all safe and our neighbours can access their own property.

### **Guy Fawkes Assembly and Fireworks Night**

As usual this year we will be holding our Guy Competition which will be judged in assembly on **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. Please bring your Guys into school by 8.55 am on that morning. Following the assembly they will be placed in the playground to greet everyone for the Firework Display. Please ensure that your Guy is clearly marked with your child's name and remember that they should be taken home with you at the end of the Firework evening, otherwise we will dispose of them. You will all have received a letter from the PTA concerning the Firework night on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, but as a reminder the gates open at 6.30 pm and entry is £5.00 per person on the night, pre-school children are free. Family tickets at £15.00 and individual ones at £4.00 can be purchased in advance.

### **Children in Need**

This year we will be joining in with fundraising for Children in Need and pupils are invited to come to school wearing spots! Further details will be available after half term but this is advance notice to get thinking about clothes or costumes. Children in Need is Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## Textile Collection

As previously notified, we are once again asking you to collect un-wanted textiles, clothes & shoes. These will be collected from school and weighed. The heavier the bags the more money the school will receive to benefit the school and pupils. We hope you'll help us out by having a de-clutter and donating your unwanted items for recycling. Please fill and bring your bags to school foyer **on the morning of FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> November** when these will be collected. We are able to recycle all clean, dry clothes including bed linen and towels. We can also collect trainers, boots, sandals and shoes if they are in pairs. Unfortunately, we cannot collect pillows, duvets, sleeping bags, curtains, slippers or single shoes. Please note textiles can be collected in any bags.

## Second Hand Uniform

Whilst you are having a rummage at home for unwanted clothes can we appeal in particular for any unwanted BOYS long grey trousers – particularly ages 5 – 7? Although we do keep a stock of most school uniform items we are particularly short of these.

## PTA News

*Thank you so much for all the 'Firework Night' ticket orders, please continue to support us and invite your friends and families too. With the DJ this year and Quality & Excellence who are supplying the BBQ and cooking, it will be an exciting atmosphere! Today we are launching our 'Cutest Christmas Creature' photography competition, to start our festive preparations. Please encourage your children to have a go, they can practice in the half term and enter more than one photo if they wish at £2.50 per entry. Photo forms need to be handed in to their class teacher with the fee by 24th November, I'm sure the children will find this fun, I can't wait to see them! The children will help is vote on the winning picture. The 'local giving' campaign was another success promising to bring in another £500. A massive thank you to those who supported us again, every penny counts in providing new equipment for the children in the new year.*

*We have a couple of requests on the financial side:*

- **Independent examiner:** *We are searching for someone who is a qualified accountant to be our independent examiner. The accounts are prepared on a cash basis by our Treasurer - a parent volunteer - and if we can find another volunteer to act as independent examiner, we would save accountancy fees.*
- **Trustees:** *Two of our long-standing trustees no longer have children at the school and we are looking for parent volunteers to replace them. The role of a trustee is to oversee the charity and ensure that our spending decisions are in the best interest of the children.*
- **Corporate matched funding:** *If any of our parents work for companies offering matched funding, please keep the PTA in mind! Schemes vary from companies offering to donate money for every hour of time volunteered to matching income for a given event. We have recently received generous donations from Thomson Reuters, Schroders and RBS.*

*If you can help with any of these things, please contact us on the PTA email address [pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk) or contact the Treasurer directly at [Hannah.r.williams@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Hannah.r.williams@hotmail.co.uk)*

## Poppy Appeal

From Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, we will be selling poppies in school on behalf of the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal. If you would like your child to buy a poppy please send them in with an appropriate donation. Thank you. Please note that our school Remembrance Assembly will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, so please ensure that poppies are kept at least until then.

## **Non Uniform Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

A big thank you to all those who have supported this worthwhile cause today. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Leahy and his colleagues the best of luck for next weekend. There is still time for you to make a personal donation at: <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/PaT3Peaks>.

## **Year 6**

Essex County Council have asked us to remind all parents that the deadline by which they should apply for a secondary school place for their child is Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

## **Reminders**

- Data Collection Sheets – thank you to all of those parents who have already checked, signed and returned these to the school office. It would be appreciated if those which are still outstanding are returned as soon as possible.
- Dinner Money for the next half term to Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017, will be **£87.40**. Payment can be made on Agora or by cheque, payable to “Theydon Bois Primary School”, and may be sent in with your child in a sealed envelope which is clearly labelled with their name, class and “dinner money”. Any credits or amounts owing should have already been notified if applicable. Please remember that if possible we ask that dinners are booked and paid for on a weekly basis as it is not efficient for the kitchen to cater for changes in numbers on a daily basis.
- The schools’ Winter Menus will start on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October. These are now available on the website should you wish to view them.
- School closes for half term today, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15 pm and will re-open again after half term at 8.55 am on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Yours sincerely

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