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Dear Parents and Carers,

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas”. The hall looks amazing with our Christmas themed hoops and the amazing tree, kindly donated by Mediterranean Plants, decorated with decorations made by all of our pupils.

Pupil Achievements

- Congratulations to our tag rugby team who competed in the competition last week.
- Pupils designed Christmas cards for the Parish Council – details of all the class winners appear in the Village News. Congratulations to Bobby P who was the overall winner.

Staffing News

Mrs Alexander and Mrs Davies have joined our team of midday assistants.

Christmas at Theydon Bois Primary School – a reminder

Performances: Letters regarding the Reception and KS1 Christmas performances have been sent out with tickets attached. Please read letters carefully for full details of your child’s performance dates and times together with ticket arrangements. A DVD of each performance will be available, together with photographs, and full details of how/when to order have been given in a separate letter.

Christmas Lunch: Christmas Lunch is taking place this year on Friday 15th December.

Christmas Cards: The post box is out in the foyer. Please ensure that names and classes are **clearly** written on the front of each card so it reaches its intended destination!

Christmas Jumper Day: Like many other schools across the country we would like to invite children and adults to take part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, December 15th. Wear your Christmas jumper, decorate your own jumper or wear “seasonal festive jumpers”. By doing this we will be raising money for Save the Children. If pupils would like to take part in this fundraising event we ask for a donation of £1.00 from each child.

Christmas Choir: The Christmas Choir will be singing at the village Christmas Market this evening.

School Meals

There are amendments to the school dinner menu for next week. On Wednesday it will be fish fingers as on Friday it will be Christmas dinner – turkey and all the trimmings! Miss Vince and her fantastic team in the kitchen continue to provide excellent meals and the number of pupils having school dinners is increasing week on week.

PTA News

What a lovely Christmas Fair! We raised £3200 with all your help from donations of bottles, games and cakes, the children from the 'school council', our new committee members 'Alison, Charlotte, Rachel and Richard' offered up their time on and before the event. Thank you also to the teachers for running the grotto with 'Father Christmas' and on stalls. Stephanie and Mary for running around for donations and raffle prizes and the 'Rotary Club' for running the toy stall. Thank you also for the parents and children who ran stalls too.

The Christmas Fair is a big fund raiser but big to organise too and I must thank the Committee who have been committed all along too. (I can't mention everyone)! The PTA hope our pupils enjoyed the photo competition and fair. The donkey has asked if he can come back next year as he loved greeting you and eating our grass.

Please book 2nd February in your diaries for a 'Quiz Night' with James Crossley.

School Closure Advice

In the event of Theydon Bois Primary School needing to close due to adverse weather conditions parents can find the notification on www.essex.gov.uk or on our school website. The radio stations are no longer issuing names of school closures.

Reminders

- Classes will be having end of term parties during the afternoon of Wednesday, 20th December – they **do not need** to bring in any food but they may wear their own party clothes all day.
- I would like to thank you all for your co-operation during Mr Bristow's' recent absence when other staff have had to be on 'gate duty'. Please remember that the gate closes promptly at 8.55 am.
- If you bring in younger siblings when you are collecting your children please remember that they should **NOT** be playing on any of the equipment in the playground or on the bars outside the KS1 classrooms. Thank you.
- School will be closing for Christmas at 3.15 pm on Wednesday, 20th December and will re-open at 8.55 am on **Wednesday, 3rd January 2018.**

Yours sincerely

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