



## Theydon Bois Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this final newsletter of 2017 by thanking pupils and staff for their hard work this term. It has been a long term and staff are proud of the progress that has been made by all the children. Thank you to governors, members of the PTA committee and volunteers who help in school endlessly and for their commitment to all our children. Christmas really has been great in school – the children and staff looked festive in their Christmas jumpers and the hall was full of excitement at lunchtime on Friday as we enjoyed our Christmas lunch. I am very pleased to report that we raised £298 for Save the Children by wearing Christmas jumpers!

The Reception and KS1 performances of “The Nativity” and “Baubles” were amazing and I know parents enjoyed watching the children sing, perform and speak so confidently and with so much enjoyment. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations in the retiring collections, as a result we will be able to purchase an iPad for Early Years and KS1. Those of you who have ordered a DVD should have collected them from the school office, and orders for the photographs from Bentley Photographic can be made on-line at [www.bentleypics.com](http://www.bentleypics.com), username: 0109917C2 password: A18873. .

### **Christmas Choir**

Pupils in the Christmas Choir have sung at the village Christmas market, visited Frank Foster House, Honey Tree Court and a senior citizens Christmas party in the village hall to sing Christmas songs, these visits have been greatly appreciated.

### **Staff News**

Miss Chudasama will be leaving at the end of this term as teacher of Pakes class. We would all like to take this opportunity to wish her good luck in the future and thank her for all her hard work.

### **School Clubs and Activities**

Information about the various clubs and other activities run at the school have been sent out either by the school office or directly by the providers themselves. We endeavour as far as possible to keep you informed of start dates and times, however, it would be helpful if you could retain this information yourselves for each activity your child might attend. Please be aware that there may be occasions when a club does not run either due to a scheduled break (eg. Consultation Evenings) or illness. We will, of course, endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if this is the case.

### **Diary Dates**

Term and School Holiday dates for the remainder of the academic year can be found on the school website. A list of other key dates will be provided early in the new year.

## Class Assemblies and Parent Tea Mornings

Class assemblies will take place on **Wednesdays** next term, starting with Woburn class at 9.05 am on **Wednesday, 10th January 2018**. On this day we would also like to invite parents of Woburn children to stay on after the assembly ends to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and sample the class's cooking skills. This will also provide you with an opportunity to meet the new Headteacher, Mr Rall.

The dates for Class Assemblies and Parent tea morning next term are listed below. All parents are invited to attend, at 9.05 am:-

<b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Woburn Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Piercing Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Baldocks Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Coppice Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Buxton Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Blackacre Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Purlieu Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Harewood Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Pakes Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Orchard Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Forest Class Assembly</b>

## 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk) or on our school website/ twitter. The radio stations are no longer issuing names of school closures.

## Reminders

- Dinner Money for the next half term to Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 will be **£64.40**. 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.
- School will be closing for Christmas at 3.15 pm today, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open at 8.55 am on **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of the staff, pupils and yourselves for all your support throughout my time as acting headteacher and look forward to welcoming Mr Rall in January. I wish all members of the school community a very Happy Christmas, an enjoyable time with families and look forward to seeing everyone in January.

Yours sincerely

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