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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all children, staff and parents!

It is with a great deal of pride and enthusiasm that I am writing the very first newsletter of a new calendar year, and my first as the new Headteacher at Theydon Bois Primary School. It is a tremendous privilege for me to take on this role in such a well-respected and highly-regarded school. In these increasingly challenging times for all schools, I look forward to working with Staff, Governors, Parents and, most importantly, the children in moving the school forwards, never losing sight of its' distinctive character and what makes it so special to those who work and learn here.

Woburn Class Assembly

Well, well, well! What a brilliant way to start 2018 for Woburn class. The quality and variety of work they showcased was wonderful to see. Children, you should be very proud of the high standard of work you produced. Thank you to all the parents who enjoyed the assembly with us. Your support is always greatly appreciated. Well done Miss Lane, Mrs Beard and Mrs Arthur for all your hard work with Woburn to enable them to share their work with pride and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank Mr Bristow who set up the hall and Mrs Bedwell and Mrs White who prepared the coffee, tea and biscuits.

We are looking forward to our next class assembly - **Wednesday, 17th January Piercing Class.**

Online Safety

With the increasing use of social media with our children, can we please remind parents of the importance of online safety. Each month we update the school website with newsletters from Internet Matters and Ditto (Alan Mackenzie our online safety specialist). Plus lots of helpful links to use for all aspects of online safety. <http://www.theydonbois.essex.sch.uk/learning/online-safety>

PTA News

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all!

We have got some exciting things planned for fundraising this year!

*Tickets are now available for the Quiz Night on Friday, 2nd February 2018 and if you cannot make it maybe buy some raffle tickets from us in the playground? There will be the children's Easter Raffle and also Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls. Please book **Friday, 29th June** in your diary which is the date for the Summer Fair where we will be having a 'colour run' and BBQ straight after school so we hope parents can watch the fun. Please support us with our fundraising. All funds raised go to facilitate our school and children i.e. ipads.*

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 available on the website early in the week beginning 15th January 2018.

Roding Valley High School Survey

If your child is a potential Roding Valley Student can you please complete the survey:

At Roding Valley High School, we strive to continuously improve our school with the aim to become the school of choice within our local community. To help us achieve our goal, we would like to ask the parents of potential students to complete the survey below and aid us in our continued success.

[Please click to open our survey](#)

We have also included a link to our most recent school newsletter and student magazine; RVHS Exposed, both of which are produced and emailed to our parents termly:

[Please click to open our Termly Newsletter](#)

[Please click to our student magazine](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to complete our survey.

Kind regards

Mrs S Jenner, Head of School, Roding Valley High School

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.

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/ twitter. The radio stations are no longer issuing names of school closures.

Reminders

- Please ensure that if your child has long hair it is neatly tied back. This is important for both hygiene and safety reasons.
- It is a uniform requirement that children wear suitable shoes for school and not trainers. Should your child need to wear trainers for a specific reason (for example if they have hurt their foot and shoes cannot comfortably be worn) please notify this in a letter to their class teacher.
- If your child attends netball practice on Friday mornings it is requested that you do not drop them at the kerbside outside the main entrance. Please park safely near to school and allow your child to walk in/walk with your child. Thank you.

Attendance

At Theydon Bois Primary we recognise the crucial importance of good attendance and the impact it can have on the progress and attainment of our children. For that reason we are launching a few initiatives to improve our attendance overall. From next week onwards we will introduce a weekly attendance trophy. It is very simple – the class with the best attendance will walk away with the trophy. Results will be displayed in the hall on our Attendance Race display. On the last day of each half term the winning class will receive a special treat which will be announced closer to the end of the half term. The race is on!!!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher