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Dear Parents and Carers,

Time flies! This half term is rushing to an end. I am sure we are all looking forward to lighter mornings and evenings very soon.

### **Ofsted**

As you are all aware, we had our Ofsted inspection on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. I am sure you are all very curious about the findings of the inspection team. Before we can disclose any further information about the inspection we need to wait for the report to be written and finalised. Be assured that we will publish the outcomes as soon as we receive the final report.

### **Piercing and Baldocks Class Assembly**

Well done to Piercing and Baldocks! Your assemblies were a wonderful showcase of the work you have been doing in class. The confidence in presentation and pride you took in sharing your work was impressive. Well done! I would also like to thank Mr Bristow who set up the hall and office staff who prepared the coffee, tea and biscuits.

We are looking forward to our next class assembly - **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January - Coppice Class.**

### **Attendance**

Our Attendance Race is on! Congratulations to **Orchard** class who won the race last week with a super attendance percentage of 99.5%! Well done! This week's champions, walking away with the trophy, is **Harewood** with a percentage of 99%! Superb and well done! Let's see who can be first over the line next week!

### **Reading**

Thank you for reading with your children at home. It might not always be the easiest thing to do as not all children enjoy reading.

Reading and discussing text regularly with your child at home is crucial to improve not only the word recognition and fluency but also their comprehension. Understanding the text is the most important part of our reading assessment.

If you need advice on how to support your child during home reading please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Gardening**

We have been really lucky! One of our parents – Mrs Louise Green – offered to do gardening workshops with our children every Friday from 9.30 to 2.30, starting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. More details will follow soon. We would also like to ask for some donations – no not money... If you have any empty flower pots, unwanted plants, seeds etc. lying around it would be very kind if you could donate them to the school. Be sure it will be appreciated.

### **Victorian Days**

Classes Buxton, Harewood and Piercing will be visited by Victorians on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. How exciting! We can't wait for all the workshops, fun and dressing up. Luckily they decided to visit us when we are learning about the Victorians.

### **Young Voices 2018**

On Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 the Young Voices Choir is going to perform at the O2 Arena in London. This is a huge and spectacular event that causes mums to keep tissues to hand and dads to rub down the goose bumps. Good luck to the choir and thanks to Miss Eldridge for preparing the children for this wonderful event.

## **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.

## **Parking Reminder**

Can I please remind parents to keep the safety of our children and parents in mind at all times when dropping off your children. Please ensure you do not park on the double yellow lines, parking over driveways or endangering lives by reckless driving. You can park further up the road or in the Village Hall car park (please speak to a member of staff in the school office to arrange for a free Village Hall parking permit). It is everybody's responsibility to keep our children safe.

## **PTA News**

**Quiz Night** tickets have sold well, we have 15 teams! If you are unable to support us on this night, you might like to buy some **prize draw tickets** from us in the playground at pick up time Thursday and Friday next week. Our local sponsors are giving us vouchers for the Indian Ocean, Balti House, The Bull, Marcia Cut & Blow dry, Esquires and Theydon Beauty along with a few donated bottles and a bag from Sacha London.

**PTA Vacancies.** We have the following vacancies at the moment. You will be welcomed into a sociable group of parents who enjoy using their skills and contacts to raise money working as a team to run the events we put on for our children to enjoy.

- **Vice Chair** – we are looking for a parent to join us to assist the Chair. You would be responsible for assisting the Chair in organising events.
- **Chair** – from September, we will be looking for a new Chair. Volunteering for the Vice Chair role now would be a good opportunity to see how we run the PTA and see what if you could take on the role of Chair.
- **Trustees** – we are looking for Trustees. You would be responsible for ensuring that PTA money is spent wisely to benefit our children.

For more information on any of the roles, please email us on [pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk)

**Free money for our school.** We have arrangements with the following organisations so, if you shop with them, the school receives donations at no extra cost to you:

- **Riverford**, the organic veg box company, is offering a donation to the school for every parent who becomes a customer, on their third delivery. This is a great way to raise funds for the school and to encourage kids to eat healthily. Further details will follow but you can sign up at [www.riverford.co.uk/chi/vegfund-schools-using-our-ID SCH1312](http://www.riverford.co.uk/chi/vegfund-schools-using-our-ID-SCH1312).
- **Easyfundraising** – If you shop online, go through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/theydonboisps](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/theydonboisps) and hundreds of shops (Amazon, John Lewis etc.) donate to our school at no extra cost to you. Please consider this when booking your holidays and renewing insurance as we get some really good donations.
- **Matched funding** – please check if your place of work allows volunteer time off or any matched funding opportunities. We received over £1000 in donations last year and are keen to add to this!
- **Micro scooters** will donate to us if you buy from them, our code is **115026**.

## **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.

Yours sincerely

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