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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the spring term has come to an end. I am sure every child, teacher and parent at Theydon Bois Primary School are looking forward to a well-deserved break.

Ofsted

As you are all aware – we had an Ofsted inspection on Wednesday, 17th January 2018. Since the inspection everything was kept confidential until the report was checked and quality assured.

We are very pleased to inform you that the outcome was **'GOOD'**!

I would like to thank every child, member of staff, parent and governor for your positive contributions and support to our lovely school.

Thank you to all the staff at Theydon Bois Primary for all your hard work and dedication every day to ensure we create a positive culture of care, enthusiasm and good work ethic. Have a well deserved rest over half term.

Coppice and Buxton Class Assembly

Well done Coppice and Buxton! We were all super impressed with the confident and proud way in which you showcased your work! I thought the range of impressive work shows that our broad curriculum ensures that every child in Theydon Bois Primary has the opportunity to shine.

I would also like to thank Mr Bristow who set up the hall and Mrs Bedwell and the office staff who prepared the coffee, tea and biscuits.

We are looking forward to our next class assembly - **Wednesday, 21st February Blackacre Class.**

Victorian Days

Classes Buxton, Harewood and Piercing had a wonderful time on Monday, 29th January and Tuesday, 30th January. All the children, staff and volunteers really enjoyed all the workshops and activities facilitated by Mr Ian Agnew from 'History off the Page'. This is truly a great way to enrich our curriculum and enhance our children's understanding of life in Victorian times.

Young Voices 2018

Since October, the Young Voices Choir had been very busy rehearsing a repertoire of songs in preparation for their concert at the O2 in London. The songs ranged from 80s pop hits to cartoon theme tunes and they even learned to sing in Swahili! On Thursday, after an afternoon of rehearsing, parents, friends and family gathered to watch the choir perform alongside 8000 other children.

The atmosphere was magical as they sang and danced their hearts out! It was a pleasure to spend the day with the children and the way they maintained their energy and enthusiasm throughout the day was truly admirable. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive and we can't wait to return next year! Please visit the website for videos of our choir in action. Miss Eldridge.

Cross Country

A huge well done to all 48 children in KS2 who participated in the cross country races last Friday at Chigwell Hall. They braved the elements and every runner was a great ambassador for the school showing good sportsmanship cheering one another on.

Congratulations to Austin K, Oscar E, Izzy C and Rosemary K for winning their individual races, Hope R who finished third and they will now move onto the county finals with Dylan Q, Billy M, Frankie L, Demelza O and Lily E who all finished in the top 10. Year 3 boys' team finished first overall and will go to the team county finals. Year 3 boys and year 6 girls finished third overall. Out of approximately 700 children running from 17 schools, Theydon Bois finished second overall. Congratulations to every runner you all played an important part. Miss Williams.

Art Competition

We are running an art competition over half term. Children can produce a piece of art work with the theme of the Winter Olympics in 2D or 3D.

Entries need to be in school by 9.00am on Wednesday 21st February 2018. Please ensure your child's name is clearly attached and that they hand it in to their class teacher.

PTA Quiz Night

Friday, 2nd February was quiz night. I would like to thank each parent, teacher or friend of Theydon Bois Primary School who came along to battle to the very end in our yearly quiz challenge. It was a fantastic evening where we all had a lot of fun and laughter and at the same time raising money to the benefit of the children at our school. We raised an amazing **£1,200** for the school. Thank you to Mrs Joanne Bird and the PTA for organising such an exciting event. I must mention the fantastic skill of the Quizmaster, Mr James Crossley, who kept the whole evening running like clockwork! Shuuuuush!

Attendance

Last week's winner of our attendance trophy was Buxton Class with an attendance of 98.7%! Congratulations Buxton!

We have a winner for this half term! The winning class is Orchard Class with an incredible winning percentage of 99.5%. Congratulations! Orchard Class will be spending the afternoon on the KS2 playground with Mr Rall playing action cricket.

B-Word – Anti Bullying Production

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the Anti-Bullying production brought to us by FireHorse Productions. The message was clear from the start and children and staff were very engaged in the scenarios acted out. This very informative production will be a great starting point to support us to teach our children strategies to deal with bullying. Thank you for your monetary contributions, enabling us to make this possible for our children. It is very much appreciated.

Multi-Academy Trust

I would like to remind all parents that the parent meeting regarding the MAT will take place on **Thursday, 22nd February 2018 at 6pm** in the school hall.

Parent Governor Election

Just a reminder to parents to vote for the candidate of your choice by **Wednesday, 7th March 2018**.

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

- Dinner Money for the next half term to Thursday, 29th March 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.

Back to School

Thank you everyone for a great half term. The school will reopen for the children on **Tuesday, 20th February 2018**.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher