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Dear Parents and Carers,

Two weeks in and we are ploughing full steam ahead towards Easter. With Assessment Week completed and the 'Beast of the East' defeated we can now get back to normal routine.

### **Blackacre and Purlieu Class Assemblies**

They did it again! Blackacre and Purlieu both impressed us all with the enthusiasm and pride in which they presented their work. The range of work was truly impressive. Well done!

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

We are looking forward to our next class assembly - **Wednesday, 5th March Harewood Class.**

### **Reading Challenges**

#### **Ten Million Minutes**

We hope the Ten Million Minutes challenge will encourage more children to read, and for longer, both at home and at school. The school which reads for the most number of minutes by the end of the week could win some amazing prizes to boost provision for reading within the school. All you have to do is encourage your child to read as often as they can during the week. All reading counts – whether it's a book, magazine, newspaper or e-book, whether they read on their own or with an adult. Just make sure they time themselves and keep a note of it on the special bookmark that has been sent home so their teacher can add it to the school total each day. Thank you for your support and we hope that the whole family enjoys this exciting challenge!

### **Extreme Reading Winners**

Congratulations to our extreme reading winners! The photos you sent in are absolutely amazing! The photos will be available on our website soon for all to enjoy!

Our winners are: Cary in Forest class, Breesha in Blackacre, Albert, Harley, Florie and Isabella in Baldocks, Marnie in Piercing, Fynn in Buxton, Hope in Coppice and Poppy in Woburn. Well done!

### **Book Week**

Book week has come and gone! Thank you all for supporting Book Week! It was great to see the enthusiasm in which our children picked books to add to their personal libraries. Thank you to all parents that encouraged and supported the children in choosing and purchasing books so that their experiences can continue to grow through reading a good book. With your support the school took £1519.27 in sales.

### **Gardening**

Gardening will definitely start this week for KS 1. Mrs Green will take groups out on Friday to introduce them to the joys of gardening – digging, planting, composting, weeding and pruning. If your child has been notified it is their turn, please remember to send wellies in on Friday.

### **Parent Evenings**

Parent Evenings will be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall. A letter has gone out via In Touch today with the time slots available. Please complete and send back to the relevant class teacher by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### **Walk to School – Eco Race**

As part of our commitment to being a 'Healthy School' Theydon Bois Primary will be participating in the Sustrans Eco-Race. Schools across Essex will be encouraging their pupils to come to school either on foot, by bicycle or on a scooter to promote both sustainable forms of travel and a more active, healthy lifestyle.

The race begins on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** and will run **for 3 weeks**. For the first week of the race children and parents can meet a member of staff in the Village Hall car park from 8.40am onwards and walk down to school together as a group. The group will leave the car park promptly at 8.50am to arrive at school in time for registration at 8.55am.

### **PTA**

*On Friday, the 9th March, the PTA will again be opening its Mother's Day stall. The children will be able to purchase a reasonably priced gift and card for their Mothers, Grandmothers or special Carers during school hours. This is always a popular initiative with the children as it provides them with an opportunity to enjoy choosing and paying for a gift independently in the company of their friends. On the day, please send any money into school in a secure envelope, clearly marked 'Mother's Day', with your child's name and class on the front. It would be appreciated if the money is in small denominations (50p, £1, £2 and £5) to aid processing purchases. Gifts will be priced from £0.50 to £5.*

### **Attendance**

Last week's winners of our attendance trophy were Piercing and Purlieu with an amazing attendance of 100%! Super Congratulations to you both! We will announce this fantastic achievement on Friday in our celebration assembly.

### **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.

### **Multi-Academy Trust**

I would like to remind all parents that presentations and minutes of our meetings so far are published on the website.

### **Parent Governor Election**

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher