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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the Spring Term has arrived and so has Easter. I am sure we are all looking forward to a warm and sunny Summer Term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all children, parents and staff for your ongoing support and dedication this past term.

Orchard and Forest Class Assembly

I must say these two classes chucked all my expectations of four and five year olds out of the window! The confidence and pride in which they showcased their work was absolutely amazing. Super Dooper to everyone in Orchard and Forest classes! Most impressive.

Gardening

Mrs Green will continue to run the gardening sessions every Friday for the whole of the summer term. For the first part of the summer term Harewood, Buxton and Piercing will have the opportunity to develop their gardening skills and enjoy the great outdoors!

Olivia

What a wonderful performance! Buxton, Piercing and Harewood classes have really impressed with their exceptional talent in acting, singing and dancing. The scenes were acted out brilliantly with a combination of humorous and more serious and emotive scenes. All children sang beautifully and the solo performances were truly outstanding. Well done to all children and staff for bringing 'Olivia' to life on stage. The retiring collection raised an amazing sum of £547.57 which will be spent next term on ICT resources for school.

Football

On Tuesday the football team played against St Johns C of E Primary from Buckhurst Hill. Our team really impressed with their determination and tenacity throughout the game. Although we lost the game against this very strong team we did ourselves proud in being sportsmen who refused to give up and recognised our own strengths through a hard game. Well done boys!

Netball

On Monday 19th March our Year 5 and Year 6 netball teams played against St John Fischer Primary school here at Theydon Bois. Both teams took control of their respective matches from the start. Both teams won very convincingly! Congratulations to our two netball teams! The games were played in a very friendly atmosphere where all teams showcased their netball skill as well as displaying great sportsmanship. Well done!

Attendance

Last week's winners of our attendance trophy was Purlieu Class with a super amazing attendance of 100%! Congratulations! We would also like to congratulate all the children with 100% attendance this term. An amazing 90 of you came to school every single day this past term!

PTA

Your PTA wish you all a lovely Easter break and while planning your summer holidays, please remember to book through 'easyfundraising' where the school can earn donations. More importantly please book the time off work to join us for our 'SUMMER FUN COLOUR RUN' on Friday 29th June , the fair begins at 3:15 with BBQ and PIMMS finishing with a colour run on the field, where we hope some parents will join in! Thank you for your support for the Easter Raffle. All the lucky prizewinners have been given their prizes today.

New Lunch Menu

We are making a few exciting changes to the lunch menu after Easter. The new menu is already on the website. A letter also went out today to explain the changes as well as new procedures in more detail. In short the changes are as follows:

- Children will choose their lunch on a daily basis during registration
- We are adding a school packed lunch option

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.

Staff

Unfortunately we have to say goodbye to two staff members this term. Mrs Jones, who was teaching Purlieu on Mondays, will not return after Easter. I would like to thank Mrs Jones for all her hard work and dedication the past two terms and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Rogers will now teach Purlieu for the whole week. Mrs N Atkinson, our 'in house' speech and language specialist, is leaving to spend more quality time with her family. We are truly grateful for the positive impact she has had on those of our children who are on speech and language interventions. Mrs Harris will continue this great provision after the Easter holidays.

Reminders

- Dinner Money for the next half term to Friday, 25th May 2018 will be **£66.70**. 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.
- If you have not already done so, swimming permission forms and donations should be returned as soon as possible. Information on the swimming timetable will be given out after Easter. If you have any spare swimming costumes, trunks or swimming towels we would be grateful to receive donations here at school.

Next Term

School opens on Monday 16th April 2018 at 8.55

I would like to wish all children, staff and parents a very happy Easter! Enjoy the break and rest well.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Rall

