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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a very exciting time at Theydon Bois this time of year. Every week is packed with sport and fun filled learning! Cricket, tennis, multi-sports, Mad Science, cat protection – it's all happening right here!

### **Mill Rythe**

I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Capocci, Mrs Bullock and Mrs Beard for accompanying myself and Year 6 to Mill Rythe last week; the children had an amazing time.

Miss Lane

### **Mill Rythe**

#### **A child's holiday to build Confidence**

#### **By Ella Barnes**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2018, 42 Yr6 children went to Mill Rythe Holiday Village on Hayling Island for 5 days. We went there to witness fun and confidence building activities. "Mill Rythe was a great experience and the instructors helped to encourage our ability's." quoted by Sophia H. We learned lots of songs there and did a beach walk to Hayling Island beach opposite The Isle of White.

#### **The Journey**

It took 2 hours to get there from Theydon Bois: it did not seem that long. After 1½ hours, we stopped at Portsmouth and went onto the HMS Victory. We also bought some things from the tuck shop on the ship. It was quite a nice little journey.

#### **Activities**

There were a lot of fun and confidence building activities that give you exciting new skills. The activities like Gladiator Wall, Leap of Faith and abseiling help you to conquer your fear of heights. Survival also can help you and you might be surprised by how much you already know.

#### **Accommodation**

The accommodation was very nice. There were rooms that had doors that go into others and the rooms were fairly big. They had 4 beds (3 normal and one on the floor) and a bathroom including a shower. They had nice outdoor space as well. I would definitely recommend it.

Ella Barnes

### **Mad Scientists come with a Bang!**

Chemistry geniuses arrived at Theydon Bois Primary School on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June to educate students on the bizarre world of science: Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

Atomic Andy, Matt from Mars, Lightning Lisa and Louise Freeze created an explosion in children's minds by showing them amazing things. Matt from Mars – the electricity teacher – was a favourite and demonstrated static electricity and how electricity can run through people's bodies to create light. Louise Freeze taught them about sounds and how it travels. They used a variety of different instruments to see what noises they would make and why. At the end of the far from ordinary day, the children left school amazed at what science can do.

Sophia Hazelwood

## **Gardening**

Mrs Green will continue to run the gardening sessions every Friday until the end of the academic year. For the summer term Coppice, Purlieu and Woburn will have the opportunity to develop their gardening skills and enjoy the great outdoors!

## **Swimming**

Swimming lessons are going really well for our Reception to Year 3 children. Weekly sessions are as follows:

Tuesday: Year 3 and Year 4

Wednesday: Forest

Thursday: Blackacre

Friday: Baldocks, Pakes, Year 5/6 and Orchard

We will notify you in advance of any changes to the rota.

A big thank you to Mr Bristow for preparing the pool every morning, ready for the daily swimming sessions.

## **School Uniform**

At the moment we are reviewing parts of our school uniform. We do not propose huge changes, only a few tweaks here and there. We are looking to introduce Blazers from September – available to view in the school reception. We are still debating which year groups would be expected to wear the Blazers. We are making small changes to the PE kit as well as the cardigans and jumpers. I know this is not detailed information at this stage but once we made the final decisions we will send out the new uniform code which will stipulate all the changes. If you have any comments or queries do not hesitate to contact me.

## **Attendance**

The school attendance so far is:

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|----------------|--------------|
| Last Half Term | <b>96.8%</b> |
| This half term | <b>96.5%</b> |
| Last week      | <b>96.7%</b> |

Congratulations to Buxton class who won the attendance race last week! Well done!

## **Breakfast Club – September 2018**

The Breakfast Club was established six years ago to meet the needs of those parents who expressed a desire for before school childcare. Since then it has grown in popularity and it is often the case that demand can exceed supply on certain days of the week. Following a review of costings, and in order to meet the ever increasing salary and food expenses, unfortunately we are now in a position where it has been necessary to increase the cost for this club to £5.00 per session from September 2018.

In addition, and ensure that this is perfectly fair for all parents, we will **ONLY** be taking bookings via the Agora on-line payment system. The majority of Breakfast Club parents already use this system and we have found that this not only eases the administrative burden for the school office but also means that parents can pay by debit or credit card.

## **Dinner Money – current half-term**

The cost of school meals for this current half-term is £78.20 (Year 6 children £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”.

## **Dinner Money – September 2018**

In line with other changes to our class registration system which will come into effect in the new academic year we will be introducing electronic dinner registers in the classroom. This will then be linked directly into our Agora payment system which will mean that real time balances will be able to be shown on each child's User Account. In order to ensure that this works effectively we will **ONLY** be able to accept Dinner Money payments via our Agora on-line payments system. If you have not been using this system or have lost/mislaid your login details please contact the school office as soon as possible.

## **PTA**

*The PTA have found another way of raising money without spending more:*

### **ADVENTURE ISLAND COLLABORATION WITH THE SCHOOL**

*Stephanie Marco is selling discounted wristbands for Adventure Island in Southend on behalf of Theydon Bois Primary School PTA.*

*Blue bands 1.2m (height) £20*

*Green/Red under 1.2m £15*

*This is a HUGE saving of £10 per band!*

*Adults can go into the park free if they are accompanying the green/red bands otherwise they also need a wristband if they want to go on the blue rides.*

*Wristbands are for single entry and are valid for a year and include special events like Halloween etc. Please contact Stephanie on 07956 284788 to get your wristbands. Look out for further information in the book bags next week.*

*Thank you*

## **Summer Fair**

*Please remember to join us 3:30 on Friday 29th June for our summer fair and colour run - further details are in a separate letter sent out via InTouch today – please check your inbox.*

## **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.

## **Reminders**

- Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June is an INSET Day – no children will be in school
- Friday Netball – there will be no further pre-school netball training sessions this term.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher