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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been two weeks since the previous newsletter. A lot has happened in two weeks.

District Sports

Congratulations to our whole athletics team! You were absolutely brilliant in all the events. If you won you won with dignity, and if you lost you lost with dignity. Super sportsmanship! I was really proud to be a member of Theydon Bois Primary School. Your behaviour was impeccable – noticed by spectators! Well done to every one of you who took part. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the team. A special congratulations to our overall winners of their respective events:

Overall winner - Year 6 girls 600m: Rosemary Kelly

Overall winner – Year 6 girls long jump: Harriet Bowen

Overall winner – Year 3 boys 60m sprint: Austin Knowles

Healthy School

We had a visit from Essex Child and Family Well-being service last Thursday to assess our Healthy School status. Well I am glad to report that their findings were very positive. The visit confirmed that Theydon Bois Primary School is a very 'Healthy School'. A big thanks to Mrs Spence - our Healthy Schools coordinator - for all her hard work and dedication to ensure we keep our Healthy School status.

Year 5 Enterprise Project

Enterprise is well underway. The Year 5 children have been working really hard and are excited to sell their products or experience to the school but we need your support. Please encourage your children to bring in any spare money to spend at our special **Enterprise Market Day on Monday, 2nd July**. Thank you. The Enterprise team.

Save our Trees – A Message from the Village Tree Wardens

Dear Theydon Bois Primary School

I know that Louise Green has already mentioned that our street trees are suffering from a lack of water. It is now over a month since we last had any rain. Do you remember the Tuesday in May when we had thunder and lightning and a deluge of rain - too much in one day! That was the last time that any appreciable rain fell.

I am writing to ask if the school children can get involved, with their families at home, to help with watering any young trees in the verges nearby. The youngest trees will still have wooden stakes supporting them and these are the most at risk from a lack of water. Some will have a watering tube which is very helpful in getting the water down to the roots, but not all of them will have the tubes and need careful watering, not too fast, around the base of the tree.

Every year we lose some new trees, mainly due to lack of water during a long dry spell, and it would be wonderful if the whole school could get involved with helping these young trees to survive as they do make such a difference to our streets. The trees really would appreciate your help.

Thank you, Sue Warren and Jane Turner

Breakfast Club – September 2018

The booking system for Breakfast Club for the next academic year will be open on Monday, 2nd July.

Since its establishment six years ago, to meet the needs of those parents who expressed a desire for before school childcare, it has grown in popularity and it is often the case that demand can exceed supply. As previously notified, following a review of costings and in order to meet the ever increasing salary and food expenses, 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

With effect from the start of the new academic year payment for dinner money will **ONLY** be accepted via the Agora on-line payment system. I am pleased to report that enhancements have now been made to this system and from September parents will be able to see ‘live’ real time balances on their child’s dinner money account.

Agora On-Line Payment System

If you require a new Agora login reference number for your account or if you have any other queries regarding this system please contact the school office.

Gardening

Mrs Green will continue to run the gardening sessions every Friday until the end of the academic year. For the second part of 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.

Attendance

The school attendance so far is:

Last Half Term	96.8%
This half term	96.4%
Last week	95%

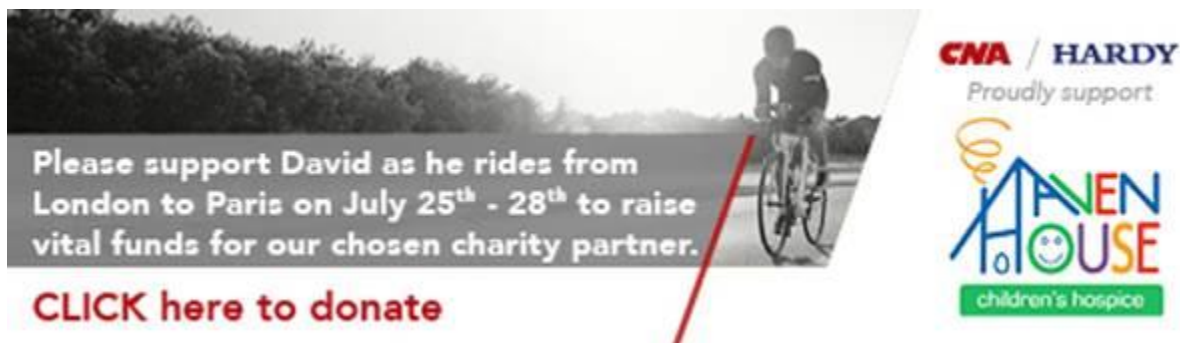
Congratulations to Piercing, Harewood and Woburn who won the attendance race last week with an attendance of 99%! Well done!

Donkey Derby

This year's Donkey Derby will be on Sunday July 8th and it looks like it will be as much fun as ever. As well as the seven donkey races there will be bouncy castles, old-style game stalls, refreshments, swing boats and a ferris wheel. We hope you will come along and enjoy the day, all the money goes to the Theydon Bois scouting and guiding groups and many village charities also have stalls there. However, we are a few people short on our volunteering team so if anyone can help on the day, shifts are between 11.30 and 2, and 2 until 4.30 or to help set up on the Saturday or clear up afterwards on the Sunday it would be most appreciated. Please contact Stephen Rochester (Holly's dad) via stephen.rochester@yahoo.co.uk. Any children over 10 years old with riding experience who would like to be a jockey on the day can you please contact Michael Simpson (Luke's dad) via 07725 042415. It is great fun and a lovely way to get involved in this huge community event. Thank you, from all at the Donkey Derby Committee

London to Paris cycle challenge for Haven House Children's Hospice

One of our parents – Dave Griffiths is very brave and indeed very generous to raise money for Haven House Children's Hospice by cycling all the way from London to Paris. The link below will take you to Dave's donation page if you want to make a donation. Good luck Dave!



Please support David as he rides from London to Paris on July 25th - 28th to raise vital funds for our chosen charity partner.

CLICK here to donate

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Dates for the rest of the term

Tuesday, 3 rd July	-	School Gymnastics Competition – from 2.00 pm
Wednesday, 4 th July	-	Summer Concert – 7.00 pm
Friday, 6 th July	-	School Sports Day – Reception & KS1 9.30 to 11.00 am KS2 – 1.30 to 3.00 pm
Tuesday, 10 th July	-	Triathlon Event - 4.00 pm
Wednesday, 11 th July	-	Open Evening – 5.00 to 7.00 pm
Thursday, 12 th July	-	Year 5/6 Performance – 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm
Friday, 20 th July	-	End of term – School Closes at 2.00 pm.

Yours sincerely

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