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20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the academic year has arrived. It was another successful and fun packed year at our wonderful school.

### **Sports Day**

Another successful sports day for Reception, KS1 and KS2! We wanted a hot day – we got it! We wanted a cloudless rain free day – we got it! It was perfect for sports. Well done to all our children who took part with enthusiasm in all the events. Well done to all our children for displaying great sportsmanship during all the events. A big thank you to Miss Lane for organising the day and to all staff who prepared the children for the events.

### **Year 5/6 Production**

'What a Knight!' A massive congratulations to all our Year 5 and 6 children for staging a very entertaining and funny production.

### **Summer Concert**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July we enjoyed a musical evening at our Summer Concert. It's always an entertaining event and this year was no different. It was particularly exciting for some of our year 2 pupils who were performing for the first time and for our seasoned professionals - the year sixes, it was their somewhat emotional, final concert. It takes a lot of courage to perform in front of an audience and we were very proud of the way the children embraced the event with confidence and overcame their nerves. The soloists brought tears to many eyes and the choirs had the audience singing and dancing in their chairs. Congratulations to the children for their hard work during the rehearsals and to the parents for supporting and encouraging music at home.

Miss Eldridge

### **Gardening**

Mrs Green will continue to run the gardening sessions once we return in September until October half term. This will be for children in Key Stage 1 and further details will be given out in September. We would like to say a very big "Thank You" to Mrs Green, our parent volunteer, for her fantastic enthusiasm and commitment in setting up and running the Gardening Club.

### **Summer Holiday Projects**

This is an exciting time for us all at Theydon Bois Primary School. Over the summer holidays we will have a few contractors on site to develop and enhance our grounds. A metre wide footpath will be laid all around the edge of our field. This footpath will be stage one of our 'Trim Trail'. The path will give us year round access to the field (at the moment we can't access the field in the winter as it is very muddy) Next year we will be installing eight exercise stations plotted along the outside of the path. Areas around the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds that are currently home to grassy areas will be tarmacked to tidy up those areas adjacent to the school and the hall. Our big PE container is getting a felt tile roof and porch area to soften the industrial appearance of

the container. In our Reception playground we are replacing the very old and worn out play surface with a new all season surface.

Last but not least the exterior of the school will be painted in a magnolia finish – a big thank you to Mr Peter Arthy who is project-managing this enormous task, giving up a lot of his own free time. I would also like to extend a big thank you to Mr Bristow who will oversee all the summer projects.

### **PTA**

*On behalf of the school and the PTA committee, we would like to thank you for all your support this year and for helping us to raise over £15,000. Highlights of the year have included the fireworks' night, the Christmas fair and the colour run (photos on the school website). Having funded the new swimming pool changing rooms last year, we have been able to spend money this year on a wide range of equipment for the children including new iPads, an events shelter for sports events and kitchen equipment. We'll be working with the children and staff over the next year to establish priorities for enhancing the school further.*

*Joanne Bird*

Please note that the AGM for the PTA will take place in school on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7:00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

I would like to extend a massive THANK YOU from the school to our very effective and committed PTA. Thank you for funds raised, thank you for events organised, thank you for your time, thank you for your enthusiasm and thank you for your hard work!  
From all of us at Theydon Bois Primary School.

### **Attendance**

The school attendance:

Last Year	<b>96.4%</b>
This Year	<b>96%</b>

Congratulations to Purlieu class who is the overall attendance champions for 2017/18! They managed an impressive attendance percentage of 96.5%! Shortly on their heels are Buxton and Forest with 96.4% and 96.3% respectively. Well done!

### **Dates for Autumn 1**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset day – only staff attend
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset day – only staff attend
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School re-opens at normal time 8:55 a.m.</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset day – only staff attend
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-Term
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holiday

Please refer to the school website for the link to a full list of Essex County Council term dates.

A full Diary of Events will be sent out at the beginning of the new academic year.

## Clubs

<b>Before School Clubs</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>Start date</b>
Breakfast Club	Daily	All - please see website	In line with term dates
Netball	Friday	5 & 6	14 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>After School Clubs</b>			
Tag Rugby	Monday	5 & 6	10 <sup>th</sup> September
Cheerleading	Monday	4 - 6	10 <sup>th</sup> September
Boys Street Dance	Monday	3-6	
Computer Code Club	Tuesday	4 - 6	11 <sup>th</sup> September (fully booked)
Gymnastics (Miss Lane)	Tuesday	By invitation	18 <sup>th</sup> September
Speech & Drama (LAMDA)	Wednesday	R - 3	To be advised
Gymnastics (Fit4Fun)	Wednesday	1 - 6	12 <sup>th</sup> September
Multisports	Thursday	1 - 3	13 <sup>th</sup> September
Speech & Drama (LAMDA)	Thursday	4 - 6	To be advised

### **Breakfast Club – September 2018**

Since its establishment six years ago Breakfast Club 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.

### **After School Club – September 2018**

As previously notified, our After School Club will be starting in September to meet the needs of those parents who expressed a desire for such a provision. In establishing the policy and timings of the new club we have endeavoured to take account of the views expressed in a recent survey. The cost of the After School Club will be £10 per session, or £50.00 per week. We ask that payment for each half term be made in advance. (We are currently investigating the possibility of accepting Childcare Vouchers and as soon as we can confirm that this is the case we will let you know). **No bookings can be accepted unless payment is made.** We will **ONLY** be taking bookings via the Agora on-line payment system.

Should you have any questions regarding the After School Club please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### **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. 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. The dinner money total for the first half of the Autumn Term is £71.30.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on the following message from our local organisers of the Operation Christmas Child initiative.

*Dear Parents and Children,*

*Thank you to everyone who sent items in for the Operation Christmas Child boxes last year. With your help, we managed to send 200 gift filled boxes to some of the worlds' poorest children in Belarus. We are hoping that you could have a sort out during the summer holidays and save toys you no longer play with for this years' boxes. Also, if you could save the shoeboxes for any new shoes you buy over the Summer.*

*Here are the sort of things we need:-*

*Cuddly toys (not too big, as everything has to fit in one shoebox) but **not** homemade, as these **must** have a CE label)*

*Simple toys e.g. dolls, yo-yos, skipping ropes, small jigsaws, hand/finger puppets, small toy trucks, cars and musical instruments.*

*Hair decorations, play jewellery and children's sunglasses.*

*Notepads, colouring and picture books (without words and all about A5 size)*

*Wrapped sweets (sell by date to be at least March of the following year, but no chocolate)*

***Nothing war related, made of glass or china, containing liquids or that need a battery.***

*Visit [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) for more details.*

*Thank you for your help,*

*St Marys' Church, Theydon Bois.*

Please would you hold on to shoeboxes and any items you may wish to donate until we send further information in the new term. Thank you in advance for your support.

I would like to thank all staff for your continued support and hard work to ensure we provide the best for all our children. Thank to our wonderful children for your hard work and enthusiasm in all you do. Thank you to all our parents for your endless support to your children and the school. Thank you to all our governors for ensuring that everything we do is to the ultimate benefit of our children.

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer break!

Yours sincerely

Mr A Rall  
Headteacher