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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term is storming ahead and dragging us with it! At Theydon Bois Primary there is always something exciting happening or achievements to celebrate.

### **SATS**

It's that time of year! Assessments, tests... call it what you like. I would like to wish every one of our Year 6 children all of the best for the SATS. You have worked hard and are well prepared. Thanks to every teacher and staff member who has worked tirelessly with each and every Year 6 child since they started in Reception seven years ago. Have a good weekend, ensure you have plenty of sleep and make sure that you are punctual every day next week. Good luck from us all!

### **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!

### **Swimming**

Swimming lessons are well on their way 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.

### **Clothes recycling**

A tremendous "thank you" to everybody who supported us in our clothes recycling initiative. All the bags of clothing amounted to a significant £344. This healthy amount will be added to our ICT fund which will benefit each child in our lovely school.

### **Uniform changes**

As the result of a recent review of school uniform a number of small changes have been made, notably: girls' socks can be white or grey not black or green; girls' all-in-one summer playsuits are not permitted; girls' tights can be grey or bottle green not black; skorts are permitted for girls' PE. Please find an updated uniform list attached to this newsletter.

## **Orchard and Forest Farm Trip**

Orchard Class and Forest Class had an amazing day at Lee Valley Park Farm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. The children were very excited to get onto the coach for the short journey to Waltham Abbey. It was an action packed day, including a visit to the cow shed, watching a falconry show, seeing various newborn animals and of course some meerkat madness! Naturally a highlight of the day was lunch in the glorious sunshine and also bouncing on the huge inflatable cushion! Both Mrs Scrutton and Miss Eldridge were extremely proud of how the children conducted themselves. They were a credit to our school.

## **Attendance**

The school attendance so far is:

Last Half Term	<b>96.9%</b>
Last Term	<b>96.2%</b>
Year so far	<b>96.1%</b>

Congratulations to Orchard class for winning the attendance trophy for last week's attendance. Well done Orchard.

## **PTA**

*The school and PTA would like to thank everyone for the swimming session contributions, especially those who made additional donations. We hope the children are enjoying their fun swims or lessons in their very own school pool.*

*We are looking forward to parents and friends joining us for the 'Royal Wedding Street Party' from 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm next Friday and hoping that lots of families attempt to make a wedding cake or little cakes to impress and share with everyone. Further details will be in book bags today. Don't forget the children can pay £1 to dress for the occasion in their smart/prince/princess/red white and blue outfits for fun. The PTA are also trying to introduce 'sustainability' to our events and are beginning by inviting you to bring your own travel cups to our events to save using so many paper/plastic cups for hot drinks, and we understand the screw top cups are safer around children too.*

*Please remember to join us Friday, 29th June 3:15 p.m. for our 'Summer Fun Colour Run and Fair'. Further details to follow.*

*We thank you for your support and if you can offer your skills or time to our meetings or events, please contact us [pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk) . We will welcome you.*

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## **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.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Rall  
Headteacher

# Uniform

Any children with long hair must have it neatly tied back at all times and all children are expected to wear school uniform (all clearly labelled with child's name) as follows:

## Boys

Grey trousers/shorts  
Bottle green or grey knitwear  
or  
School sweatshirt \*  
White shirt and school tie\*  
or  
White school polo shirt \*  
Black or grey socks  
Black shoes, (no trainers)

## Girls

Grey skirt/pinafore/school trousers (no leggings)  
Bottle green or grey knitwear  
or  
School sweatshirt \*  
White shirt and school tie\*  
or  
White school polo shirt \*  
Green checked or striped summer dress (no playsuits)  
White or grey plain socks or  
Grey or bottle green tights  
Black low heeled shoes, (no open toed sandals).

## PE

Emerald green school polo shirt \*  
Black shorts\* or black Skorts (for girls) - **not** cycling shorts  
Black plimsolls (all)  
**Predominantly** Black trainers (juniors)  
Optional dark tracksuit bottoms for winter  
School tracksuit - juniors (optional)\*

School book bag \*

School PE bag\*

Hats (optional) - available in three styles: baseball cap, Legionnaires and full brimmed\*

*\* These items are only available from the school - please complete a uniform order form and return to the office.*

**A comprehensive order form and price list is available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.**

PE kit should be stored in a simple, named, drawstring bag which should remain at school at all times. (A PE bag with the school logo is available if required - please see uniform order form).

Swimming Kit should be brought in to school on your child's swimming day during the Summer Term and the first half of the Autumn Term.