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School

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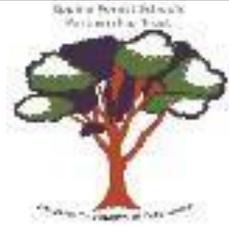
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Slowly but surely we are making our way through the autumn term. Children are now settled in their classes and are well aware of the daily routines for each class.

### **Harlow Outdoor Pursuits**

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils all experienced a team building day recently at the Harlow Outdoor Pursuits Centre. Here is one pupil's description of the day:-

"Harlow Outdoor Pursuit Centre was amazing! We completed three activities: rock-climbing, low ropes and kayaking. In rock-climbing, we were split into two groups and two people climbed up at a time. The aim was to at least get to the first ledge. After that, we leant back and walked down the wall. Also, we went in the bouncy room during this session; that was a lot of fun! On the low ropes, we completed a number of short activities which included a lot of teamwork. We learnt that it's much more fun when you are working together and teamwork is always the better option. During this, we had to get short poles across to the other side and if we dropped the pole, we couldn't pick them back up. These were used to complete one of the last activities on the low ropes which went surprisingly well. Last but definitely not least, we did a really fun session of kayaking. This was super-fun as we got to go in the water (it was freezing!) and also because we got to play a game during it -some of us fell in! As well as that, we learnt how to control our boat using the oars that we were given.

Harlow pursuit centre was so much fun and hopefully we will go again soon."

Heidi Sear

Coppice Class

### **Parking/Drop Off**

Can I please remind parents to keep the safety of our children and parents in mind at all times when dropping off your children? Please ensure that you are not parking on the the double yellow lines, over driveways or endangering lives by reckless driving.

### **Blue Badge Holders**

A Blue Badge helps those with physical disabilities to be able to park closer to their destination. I would like to make all parents aware that we have parents and grandparents who are Blue Badge Holders. As Blue Badge Holders they are legally allowed to park on the double yellow lines when they drop their children or grandchildren off in the morning or pick them up in the afternoon.

## **Cross Country**

Seventeen boys and girls from year 5 and 6 have proudly represented the school showing amazing sportsmanship and determination as they have run around Claybury Park. They have overcome lost shoes, falls, trips and tumbles on warm autumn afternoons. After week 1 both the boys and girls team lie in fourth position out of twelve schools. With top ten finishing positions for individuals in both boys and girls races. Well done to all the dedicated runners as all scores count towards the team event.

## **Shoebox Donations**

Thank you for all the donated goods and shoeboxes sent in for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. We received a fantastic response and our donations were gratefully received. To date nearly 100 shoes boxes have been filled and are ready to be sent.

## **PTA NEWS**

*Thank you to all who came to the 'new parents coffee meet', where the PTA were able to share a little of what we do and welcome any new members. If you joined our email distribution list, you should hear from us soon.*

*At the AGM, no volunteers came forward to take the Chair reigns over from me (Joanne Bird), but luckily Stef Bullman stepped in as Vice Chair to whom we are very grateful. We gained a few new parents and a few shuffled round the table too. So we are up and running again with a new year of events to raise money for our children to enjoy in school. Please offer your support where you can.*

*Here are some dates for your diary!*

*FIREWORK NIGHT MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER  
QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER  
CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER*

*Further details to follow, should you wish to help please see any of us you know in the playground or email [pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk)*

## **Agora**

A big thank you to all our parents who have been extremely patient and understanding with us since the beginning of term when the scale of the problem with the Agora on-line payment system became apparent. We have been working hard on your behalf with the software company to try to solve the issues but if you are still having problems please email the school ([admin@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk)) and we will endeavour to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

## **Data Collection Sheet**

Thank you to all parents who have checked, signed and returned their completed yellow data collection sheets. For those of you who have not yet done so please return these by the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Prospective Parent Tours for 2019 Reception Intake**

If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 then they will be due to start school in September 2019. Details of our prospective parent tour dates can be found on the school website. Please use the on-line booking form or contact the school office to book a tour.

### **Year 6 Secondary School admissions September 2019**

This is a reminder that the statutory national closing date for secondary school applications for parents of current Year 6 children is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Parents will not be sent a reminder letter this year about making an application and all information is available on the website.

### **Nut allergy Reminder**

Please remember that this is a Nut Free School. Please ensure that no products containing nuts are brought into school in snacks or in lunchboxes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Rall', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr A Rall  
Headteacher