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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where did the time go? Blink and it is half term. We came to the end of a very busy half term – children getting to know their new teachers, settling into class routines and taking part with enthusiasm in and out of class. I hope you are all looking forward to an exciting as well as restful half term with your family and friends.

Netball and Football

Our year 5 and 6 netball teams played against Staples Road Primary on Monday afternoon. Both teams played really well, bursting with competitive enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. Our Year 6 team won with thirteen goals to one and our Year 5 team got very close to beating their rivals. Well done to both teams.

Our Year 5/6 football team played against Hillhouse Primary on Wednesday. In a superb display of skill and teamwork they triumphed over their opponents with a score of 5 goals to 0. Goals scored: Joe O 3, Sam B 1 and Blake B 1. Man of the Match was awarded to Oscar E. Congratulations to the team and a big thank you to Mr Leahy, their coach, for all the time and effort he puts in with our boys.

For more information please look on our website where children are writing reports/blogs on games played and other sporting events.

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 you do not park on the double yellow lines, parking 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.

Pupil and Parent Consultation Evenings

The Autumn pupil and parent consultation evenings will be taking place on **Wednesday, 7th and Thursday, 8th November**. Letters about booking appointments for these will be sent out after half term.

Anti-Bullying Week

Week beginning 12th November is Anti-Bullying Week. All classes will have an Anti-Bullying focus throughout the week. We will kick off the week with our 'ODD SOCK DAY' All children and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks. The more odd, colourful and weird the socks are the better! More information to follow

Guy Fawkes Assembly and Fireworks Night

As usual this year we will be holding our Guy Competition which will be judged in assembly on **Monday, 5th November**. Please bring your Guys into school by 8.55 am on that morning. Following the assembly they will be kept in school and then transferred to the playground to greet everyone for the Firework Display. Please ensure that your Guy is clearly marked with your child's name and remember that they should be taken home with you at the end of the Firework evening, otherwise we will dispose of them. You will all have received a letter from the PTA concerning the Firework night on Monday, 5th November, but as a reminder the gates open at 6.30 pm and entry is £5.00 per person on the night, pre-school children are free. Family tickets at £15.00 and individual ones at £4.00 can be purchased in advance.

PTA NEWS

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

Textile Collection

As previously notified, we are once again asking you to collect un-wanted textiles, clothes & shoes. These will be collected from school and weighed. The heavier the bags the more money the school will receive to benefit the school and pupils. We hope you'll help us out by having a de-clutter and donating your unwanted items for recycling. Please fill and bring your bags to school foyer **on the morning of Tuesday, 30th October** when these will be collected. We are able to recycle all clean, dry clothes including bed linen and towels. We can also collect trainers, boots, sandals and shoes if they are in pairs. Unfortunately, we cannot collect pillows, duvets, sleeping bags, curtains, slippers or single shoes. Please note textiles can be collected in any bags.

Fortnite

Some teachers expressed concern that some of our children are playing an on-line game called Fortnite. Violent games like Fortnite can impact negatively on a child's attitude, behaviour and progress at school as well as the development of their personalities. Fortnite has an age limit of 12. As a school we ask that you please keep an eye out for any changes in behaviour or attitudes of your child if you allow them to play Fortnite. A quote from an article warning about the potential dangers: One parent's son aged nine, had become addicted and she had imposed a ban on the game after his 'behaviour deteriorated massively'. She wrote: 'It was awful to see how angry he was becoming ... I seriously wish I'd never let him on it.'

Agora

We are pleased to report that the majority of the problems we had been experiencing with the Agora on-line payments system have now been resolved. However, if you are still having problems please email the school (admin@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to help you.

Prospective Parent Tours for 2019 Reception Intake

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st 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.

Poppy Appeal

From Thursday, 1st November, we will be selling poppies in school on behalf of the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal. If you would like your child to buy a poppy please send them in with an appropriate donation. Thank you. Please note that our school Remembrance Assembly will be on Friday 9th November, so please ensure that poppies are kept at least until then.

Year 6

Essex County Council have asked us to remind all parents that the deadline by which they should apply for a secondary school place for their child is Wednesday, 31st October 2018.

Reminders

- Data Collection Sheets – thank you to all of those parents who have already checked, signed and returned these to the school office. It would be appreciated if those which are still outstanding are returned as soon as possible.
- Flu Immunisation forms – again a big thank you to those of you who have already completed and returned these to the school office. The Immunisation Day is Friday, 2nd November but all forms need to be returned by the deadline of Tuesday, 30th October.
- Dinner Money for the next half term to Wednesday, 19th December 2018, will be **£87.40**. Please ensure that your child's Agora account is funded to cover this amount.
- The schools' Winter Menus will start on Monday, 29th October. These are now available on the website should you wish to view them.

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.

A massive thank you to all staff for your hard work and commitment to our children. Thank you children for being kind, thoughtful and enthusiastic about all aspects of school life. Thank you parents for your continued and sincere support to our school and children. I wish all children, staff and parents a joyful and relaxing half term.

Yours sincerely



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