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The Epping Forest Schools
Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the sound of Christmas Carols, Reception and Key Stage 1 practising their Nativity Plays, we have a real festive feel around the school already.

Choir

Our choir performed beautifully at the Theydon Bois Christmas Market last Friday evening. The market was packed with enthusiastic market dwellers enjoying a lovely Christmas atmosphere. Our children performed a range of beautiful Christmas carols. As soon as Mrs Koczan, our choir teacher, started them singing the people crowded around listening to the lovely carols. Miss Williams and Miss Eldridge both joined in with enthusiasm and real Christmas spirit to support our children. It was a wonderful festive occasion. Thank you Mrs Koczan and our lovely choir for your great performance at the Christmas Market.

End of Term Closure

Thank you to all of those parents who took the time and trouble to reply to our recent survey about early school closure at the end of each term. The response was extremely good and I can report that there was a clear two thirds majority who were in favour of closing the school at 2.00 pm at the end of each term. However, due to the short notice we will **NOT** be introducing this change until the end of the Spring Term in 2019. **On Wednesday, 19th December the school will be closing at the normal time of 3.15 pm.**

Tag Rugby

On 30th November the Year 5 team went to a Tag Rugby competition at Epping Upper Clapton Rugby Club. We played 6 matches in total: 4 of the matches were to see if we would get into the final. We played very well as a team and won all 4 of our matches! After playing 4 matches, we found out if we were through to the semi-final... and we did! Lottie, Oscar, Harry and Josh S scored tries in this game and we got through to the final. We were all so happy to be there and we tried our best but unfortunately we lost this game 4-5. We came second overall and received our silver medals! **By Fifi**

On Friday we went to a tag rugby tournament and we had to come in the top 5 to get through to the next round. We played the schools in our local area and we ended up coming 4th. In order to get our place we had to play 6 matches; they were 8 minutes one-way we won 2 of them, drew 3 (4-4 in all of them) and lost 1 in our very last game. It was a great day and we had a lot of fun. You had to have two girls on a pitch at once so me and Aisha had to play ALL of the games (it was really tiring). Altogether we played really well and displayed some excellent examples of teamwork. **By Lily B and Aisha**

Purlieu, Coppice and Woburn Trip

On Tuesday, 4th December, all the Year 5 and 6 classes went to the Epping Forest Field Centre in High Beech for a school trip. Some of the children travelled in the mini-bus and some were bought by their parents. When we arrived all of the class went to separate rooms. During the day we had three activities. The first one was when we went out into the forest and learnt about what the ground is made from and how this affects how the water runs off the land. We got to feel soil from the top of the hill and from lower down, which is clay. We also saw the source of Loughton Brook, which was just a little trickle.

After lunch, we went back into the forest and explored Loughton Brook further; downstream and upstream. At each location we measured the width and depth, the water speed and we analysed the shape and size of the pebbles we found on the bed of the brook. It was an awesome day because we got to explore Loughton Brook in our wellingtons and learn more about how to do geography field work. **By Riley M and Daisy P**

PTA NEWS

We are expecting cold weather for our fair, so wrap up cosy and snuggle into our welcoming fair. There will be a Christmas Raffle, games to play, homemade cakes, arts & crafts, Christmas shopping stalls, Santa's Grotto, tombola, and most of all Turkey Rolls! The children can go in the 'Secret Santa' room with some money to secretly buy and wrap a gift for their parents while they are sampling the mulled wine, Prosecco and beer!

The PTA are very grateful to our sponsors 'Butler & Stag' for the advertising boards and 'Quality & Excellence' for the tasty turkey in our rolls!

A big thank you to all those who attended our recent Quiz Night. It was a fantastic evening and as ever our Quiz Master Mr Crossley provided us with challenging questions! A massive £1,000 clear profit was raised – well done!!

All the PTA Committee and teachers from Theydon Bois Primary would like to thank you for your continued support for our fund raising events.

Should you wish to help please see any of us you know in the playground or email pta@theydonbois.essex.sch.uk

Christmas Productions

We are all looking forward to our Reception and KS1 performances next week. Filming of both performances takes place on Monday morning and a letter will be sent out next week with details of how you can order these. Orchard and Forest have their performance on Tuesday, 11th December at 10.00 am and KS1 have two performances on Wednesday, 12th December at 2.00pm and 6.00 pm. Parents should already have received their allocated tickets. We can't wait!

Christmas Jumper Day

Like many other schools across the country we would like to invite children and adults to take part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, 14th December. Wear your Christmas jumper, decorate your own jumper or wear "seasonal festive jumpers". By doing this we will be raising money for Save the Children. If pupils would like to take part in this fundraising event we ask for a donation of **£1.00** from each child.

School Meals

There are amendments to the school dinner menu for next week. On Wednesday it will be fish fingers as on Friday it will be Christmas dinner – turkey and all the trimmings! Miss Vince and her fantastic team in the kitchen continue to provide excellent meals and the number of pupils having school dinners is increasing week on week. There will also be a minor amendment to the menu on Wednesday, 19th December when the roast dinner will be replaced by pasta with tomato or cheese sauce.

School Closure Advice

In the event of Theydon Bois Primary School needing to close due to adverse weather conditions parents can find the notification on www.essex.gov.uk or on our school website. The radio stations are no longer issuing names of school closures.

Dinner Money

If you wish to pay for dinner money in advance for the next half term the cost will be **£73.60**. Please ensure that your child's dinner money account is credited with sufficient funds to cover the costs of the food provided to them. Should you have any queries with the Agora payment system please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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