



Theydon Bois Primary
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The Epping Forest Schools
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another year end and what a year we had! It was indeed a year of big events and even bigger changes with the conversion to an academy.

Choir

A massive well done to our wonderful choir who performed last week Thursday and Friday to members of our elderly community. They sang a range of Christmas Carols with great joy and enthusiasm! After singing to very appreciative senior citizens, they took the time to chat away with the residents as well. What great Christmas Spirit you all displayed!

PTA Christmas Fair

On Saturday 8th December we had our Christmas Fair right here at school. The whole day was a great success and we would like to extend a massive thank you to all our children, parents and grandparents who supported our school by turning up and enjoying the festive atmosphere with us all. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank Mrs Jo Bird and our fantastic PTA for organising our Christmas Fair. You are a superb team and we are very lucky to have you! We raised a very impressive £2,500 for our children.

Christmas Tree

I am sure you all saw our huge and beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the school hall. All our children were very excited in making decorations for the tree so the decorations are unique to our school and children. You all did a brilliant job. We would like to extend a massive thank you to Mr Swailes and Mrs Halcro-Swailes (parents and owners of Mediterranean Plants) who kindly donated the tree to our school.

Nativity Productions

A massive congratulations to all our Reception and Key Stage 1 children for staging two absolutely brilliant Nativity Plays. It was wonderful to see all our children singing, acting and dancing with so much confidence and real enjoyment. Thank you to all the staff that were involved in preparing the children to bring their Nativities to the stage. I thoroughly enjoyed both performances – very impressive! I would also like to thank all parents, grandparents and visitors for their support and generous donations that will benefit the children directly.

Carol Services

I first want to thank St Mary's Church and Theydon Bois Baptist Church for opening their doors and hosting our two Carol Services. Thank for the overwhelming support of all our parents, grandparents and friends who attended the services and supported our lovely children. A massive well done to all our children who sung beautifully. Well done to the readers and the solo singers for an excellent performance.

Dates for next term

Thursday, 3rd January 2019 at 8.45 am – School Opens;
Friday, 15th February 2019 – School breaks up for half term at 3.15 pm;
Monday, 25th February 2019 – School returns at 8.45 am;
Tuesday, 19th March 2019 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening – times to be advised;
Wednesday, 20th March 2019 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening – times to be advised;
Friday, 5th April 2019 – School breaks up for Easter at 2.00 pm.

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.

Staffing News

Sadly today we have said goodbye to Mrs Woodley our Assistant Catering Manager who has been with us since 2006 when she joined us as a Midday Assistant. I am sure that you will want to join the staff in wishing her well for the future. Mrs Irwin who currently works as our Catering Assistant will be taking over this role from January 2019.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank all our children, staff and parents for an absolute wonderful year of enthusiasm, support and hard work. May Theydon Bois Primary only go from strength to strength in the coming year. Have a well deserved break and enjoy spending time with family and friends – time is one of the most precious gifts we can give someone.

May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2019.

Season's Greetings



Mr A Rall
Headteacher