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Dear parents,

Thank you all for attending your parent consultation meetings via ZOOM this week and embracing all the new ways of communicating! We hope that you have found your one to one meetings with your class teacher(s) informative and helpful. Next week, we will be asking you for feedback to help us ensure that our communication regarding your child's learning and progress is as informative as it can be, especially during this time of COVID.

Next Monday, 23rd November, you will be able to drop off your '**BAGS2SCHOOL**' clothes. Please leave your bag/s of clothes at the gate where your child enters the school. These will be collected first thing on Tuesday 24th November and the school will receive a based on the total amount of clothes collected.

Christmas Cards 2020 – children can bring their Christmas cards into school from Monday next week!

To ensure that we remain COVID-safe, please can we ask that you do the following:

- Children need to write the name (first name and surname/initial) and class of the person the Christmas card is for, e.g. Sarah S, Year 1.
- **No envelopes please.**
- Children can bring in their cards over a two-week period from Monday 23rd November (week 4) until Friday 4th December (week 5) and 'post' them in their classroom post box/bag.
- Each class will have their own post box/post bag for 'internal post' for their class, and a separate post box/bag for 'other classes/staff'.
- ALL Christmas cards can be taken home on the same day: Friday 11th December - week 6.

We are planning a number of lovely Christmas activities for the children to enjoy before the end of term. Please be aware of the following key dates for your diary:

- **FOMS Christmas Gift Bag – Fun double-sided game:** In order to take part, please bring in your sheet with your ideas for good and bad moves, together with £8.00 cash in the attached money bag, **by Friday 27th November**. The children will then complete their board game moves in class. Unfortunately, due to the deadline for printing the games, entries submitted after the deadline cannot be included. *Please see the attached poster.*
- **FOMS Christmas non-uniform day for the Class Christmas Hamper donations: Tuesday 1st December. *Please bring in bottles, chocolates or smellies. More details to follow...***
- **Making Christmas cards for Lavenders Care Home in West Malling:** Every child at the school will be making a Christmas card, for the elderly residents of the Lavenders Care Home. All cards will be made in school and completed by Monday 7th December, enabling us to ensure that we can quarantine them before delivery. I would like to thank Mrs Ford for running this event and the School Council children that came up with the idea. This is such a kind and thoughtful way to show that we are thinking of them at Christmas time.
- **Christmas School Lunch day will be Wednesday 9th December – week 6. *More details to follow...***
- **FOMS Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 17th December. *Please bring in a £1.00 donation.***

Each class bubble will also be spending time doing fun Christmas activities; more details will be sent by each class teacher nearer to the end of term. Although we are unable to hold our EYFS/KS1 Christmas production and our KS2 Christmas Carols at the church, staff are busy planning an alternative Christmas bubble story for your family to enjoy. *Information about this will be sent home in the next few weeks.*

Changes to Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE): Please find attached an important letter regarding the teaching of *Relationships and Sex Education* (RSE) and the new expectations from the government. It includes links to the school website and a PowerPoint presentation, explaining all of this information.

Have a lovely weekend. Miss Lavelle Head Teacher