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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents,

Thank you so much for all your 'BAGS2SCHOOL' clothes donations this week. The Gazebo was overflowing!

All our November Parent Consultation Meetings have now been completed and we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to give us feedback. This was a new experience for us all and we would like to reflect on this process and ensure that we continue to provide you with important feedback and information on your child's learning and progress. **Please click on this link to access the short survey:** <https://forms.gle/5eif8YpUimG3dYff9>

All the children currently in school have completed their Christmas cards for Lavenders Care Home in West Malling. These will be quarantined before we deliver them week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December to enable our Year R and Year 3 class bubbles to complete their cards when they return to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Important dates before the end of term:

- **School Christmas cards:** Please can children bring these in to class by next **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.
- **CHANGE OF DATE to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December: FOMS Christmas non-uniform day** in exchange for donations for the Class Christmas Hampers. We have changed the date so that our Year R and Year 3 classes can take part. *Please bring in a donation of bottles, chocolates or smellies. Please see attached poster.*
- **Christmas School Lunch day: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please see attached menu.**
  - **Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6:** If your child would like Christmas lunch, **you MUST complete the reply slip** sent home today (confirming vegetarian or non-vegetarian option) and return it to school by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.
  - **Year R and Year 3:** If your child would like a Christmas lunch, **please email the school office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** (confirming vegetarian or non-vegetarian option).
  - **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:** Please pay via SCOPAY in advance, by adding £2.30 to your child's dinner account.
- **FOMS Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring in a £1.00 donation.**
- **Christmas video for parents:** As we are unable to host our traditional Nativity play or Christmas Carol Concert this year, the children and staff will be recording a Christmas story with a song, dance or poem. These will be shared with you on the school website in the last week of term.

We understand that due to current high infection rates in Kent and in the local community, parents may be feeling more anxious about COVID-19. I want to reassure you that we are continuing to take every possible measure in school to mitigate the risks, and with your support and ongoing communication we can work together to get through this difficult period. Please contact the school if you need to discuss a question or concern about your individual circumstances and we will work with you and support you in determining the best course of action. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and support as we continue to provide the children with the very best educational opportunities at this time.

We are really looking forward to the remaining 3 weeks of term in the run up to Christmas. This is always a wonderful time in school for the children and we are privileged to be in a position to enjoy it with them. Our school Christmas tree will be going up in the hall next week and we are working hard to ensure that this year's school festivities, whilst perhaps a little different, will be as fun and happy as ever.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Lavelle  
Head Teacher