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Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful evening we all enjoyed at the school Christmas Fair. It was a very festive atmosphere with lots of stalls, carol singers and Father Christmas in the log cabin. We will let you know how much we have raised as soon as all the money is counted. Many thanks to all the parents who helped in lots of ways, wrapping gifts and helping at stalls.

Secrets Room

Pupils will be able to purchase gifts and have them wrapped during the morning on Monday 10th December. Gifts will cost £1.00 but please send no more than £5 in per pupil.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 12th December

This will cost £2.30 for children who normally have packed lunch and would like to join in. This needs to be paid by Monday 10th December 2018. Children who have free school meals do not need to pay. We are encouraging everyone to wear Christmas jumpers/tops on this festive day.

Key Stage 1 Production

Our Christmas production will be performed by pupils in Tadpole & Honey Bees Classes on Thursday 13th December. Visitors are asked to be seated by 1.40pm. Please ensure that you have returned your reply slip to reserve seats. The car park will be available and we ask that you are respectful of our neighbours if you choose to street-park locally.

Key Stage 2 Production

Our Christmas production will be performed by pupils in Foxes, Penguins, Falcons & Eagles Classes on Monday 17th December. Visitors are asked to be seated by 1.40pm. Please ensure that you have returned your reply slip to reserve seats. The car park will be available and we ask that you are respectful of our neighbours if you choose to street-park locally.

Christmas Parties Key Stage 1 & 2

Pupils will enjoy their Christmas parties on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th December. Pupils may wear Christmas jumpers and tops for the day.

Christmas Parties Key Stage 3 & 4

Pupils will enjoy their Christmas parties on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th December. Pupils are welcome to bring party clothes to change into for the afternoon but should wear school uniform in the morning.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Box is now open and our posties this year are Foxes Class. Please ensure cards are named with first and last names along with class or area of the school.

e.g.

Mrs Hearn Reception

/... PTO

Absence Monitoring

Please can I remind all parents of your responsibility to phone into school, each morning if your child is not in school, giving a reason why they are not attending. It is vital we have this communication with parents and carers so we are aware of the location of your child. When phoning school, you should press '1' on our telephone line and will be transferred to our attendance team. In some cases, you may be required to provide medical evidence, such as an appointment card, to ensure we comply with the local authority's reporting procedures. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Lunch Menu

Please find attached the menu for next term's school lunches. This menu is also available on the school website www.bower-grove.kent.sch.uk

Winter Weather

In the event of severe winter weather may I remind everyone to listen to the local radio stations or look on the Kent School Closures website to find out if the school will be closed. We also make every effort to notify all the taxi companies before 7.30am each day if the school will be closed.

Kent School Closures Website: <http://www.kentclosures.co.uk/master.php>

BBC Radio Kent: 96/7 FM 104.2 FM

Heart Radio: 103.1 FM 102.8 FM

KMFM Radio: 105.6 FM Website: www.kmfm.co.uk

If you do not hear Bower Grove mentioned on the radio, assume that we are open. We will not text parents when the school re-opens again.

Uniform

May I please remind parents to ensure pupils have an outside coat (**clearly labelled**) for play and lunch times as the weather is colder. 'Hoodies' are acceptable for outdoor use only and all children will remove these once indoors. We have introduced navy zip up fleece jackets (without a hood) which would be allowed to be worn in school and these are available to buy on our school uniform shop www.schooltrends.co.uk. School uniform is white shirt/blouse/polo shirt, black or grey trousers/skirt/skort/culottes, light blue & white checked summer dress, navy blue jumper/cardigan or school sweatshirt/zip up fleece (with badge) and black sensible shoes (not trainers). School navy sweatshirts & polo shirts are available to purchase in school. They are also available to purchase online along with the fleeces/skort etc. on the school trends website.

Diary Dates

Last day of term: Wednesday 19th December 2018

Term begins: Thursday 3rd January 2019

Staff Training Day: Friday 15th February 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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