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Term 2 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 which is always a busy term as we approach the festive season.



Arbor App

Thankyou to everyone who has downloaded our new App to enable greater communication between us. If you haven't done this yet, we have created a short step-by-step video guide explaining how to register and access the Parent Portal and App which is included in our Term 1 Bulletin. To access this, please click on the link below: https://sway.cloud.microsoft/VJBOpFNCy1A6pOvt?ref=Link



Mobile Device Free School

A reminder that our school is a mobile device free school. Please remind your child they will only be able to access their mobile device on board their transport. Pupils in Years 10 & 11 with a contract have been reminded today about our 'Not Seen Not Banned' procedures.



Friday 6th November - Remembrance Day

The school will be marking Remembrance Day on Friday 6th November with an assembly and a period of reflection. We welcome donations for The British Legion and Poppies have gone on sale from today.

Wednesday 11th November – Parent's Evening



Pupils in Frogs, Honeybees, Hedgehogs, Foxes, Penguins, 7 Willow, 7 Maple, 8 Elm, 8 Cedar, 9 Ash, 9 Rowan and Hazel will have Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm and we look forward to seeing you at your allocated times. Parents/Carers will have a chance to speak with the Transitional Co-ordinator about college applications and work experience, and the Medical Lead will also be available throughout the evening.

As usual, Bower Grove are offering Parents/Carers the opportunity to leave their child after school finishes (3.15 – 4.15pm) which must be booked before the day. To take advantage of this:

1) Please ensure you arrive by 4.15pm to collect your child.

2) If your appointment is later than 4.15pm, please collect your child and enjoy refreshments and the chance to look at your child's work and other displays in the main hall.

3) We will not be able to look after your child beyond 4.15pm.

4) It is your responsibility to inform transport that they will not be going home at 3.15 on this day.

To book this, use the notes section when you make your booking via the ARBOR portal/app by Friday the 6th of November.

Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November – Anti Bullying Week

This year's theme is 'Break the Silence' aimed at empowering our pupils to take positive action against bullying. We are encouraging all staff and pupils to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November for 'Odd Socks Day' and to celebrate what makes us unique.



Friday 20th November – Children in Need

Children may wear their own clothes and bring in £1 to support Children in Need. More information to follow on our 'Pudsey Bear' raffle.

Winter Weather



Please ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing for the winter weather. Jumpers not hoodies please. They will need a winter coat which they may wear outdoors only at school. Please ensure all clothes are named. In the event of a school closure, due to snow or bad weather, please check the Kent Closures website on https://www.kentclosures.co.uk.
A text will also be sent to Parents/Carers, please ensure we have the most up-to-date telephone number for you.

We are really looking forward to an exciting term.

With kind regards,

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