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Dear Parents,

We'll very soon be heading for information overload as we head towards the Christmas season, so make sure you're paying real attention from next week to avoid missing something vital. Many thanks to the Overy family for providing us with our **Christmas tree** this year, which you can spot rather easily in the corner of the hall – although it did take one teacher four trips through the hall before she noticed it. To protect Mrs Hickman's anonymity, I shan't be giving you any clues as to her identity!

Many thanks to Beth Barritt and her team from FoHPS who put on such a successful **Fashion Show** last night. Being a chap I wasn't able to see for myself, but I hear that it all went superbly and one of the models in particular was absolutely stunning!!

Thank you as well for your generosity in this year's **poppy appeal**. The school pot raised no less than £82.01 at a time when the need to support our ex-servicemen and their families has rarely been more necessary in our children's lifetimes.

Don't forget the **E-safety presentation for parents** on Monday from 6 – 7.30 p.m. Internet safety and all the issues surrounding it simply cannot be ignored, so please take the opportunity to join us if you can.

It's the final countdown! Next Thursday, the hall will be a bustling Christmas marketplace and it will really feel like our Christmas in school is getting off the ground. And so it is that I bring you the final message from the Ghost of Christmas Present before the event takes place:

"Well, what can I say but a huge thank you to all those who have got their gifts in! We have had some fantastic presents and what has struck me the most this year is the thought that has not only gone into the gifts but also into their presentation. We do still need over 380 presents which feels huge but I also know many of you are still to get those gifts into the box. The maths is simple; you give 6 presents per child you have at the school and then they can buy 6 at the fayre. Giving gifts is the only really fair way of enabling your child to take part as otherwise it simply isn't fair on those I know give so much more than they are asked.

"Please check your childrens' school bags tonight as the instructions and shopping lists for the day will have been given out. As ever, please contact me if you have any questions. I would also invite any parent to come up on the Thursday afternoon - it is a fantastic event that the children really love and it is always great to share it with parents. Many thanks, Paula"

And finally... accompanying this letter is a **Christmas Dinner** booking form for our festive meal, which takes place on the last day of term. We're delighted to be cooking it ourselves again this year and calling upon the services of our resident chef, Martin Windus. It's a slightly higher cost than the catering contractors provide, but the quality of the meal is significantly higher. If you're able to join in with the fun and assist us on the day, please let us know via the form. It's a fantastic atmosphere with 200 highly excited children enjoying a gastronomic delight as we finish the term.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

