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Dear Parents,

What an extraordinary start to our day! Mr Brown may well be staying indoors this weekend, but I think he looks rather lovely and for E-letter subscribers I've attached a couple of photographs of the occasion which raised £102.80. Many thanks to those of you who contributed towards **Children in Need** for this particular activity and let's hope it's not too cold over the weekend! Keep your eyes open for posters around school to see what's happening with Year 6 and their efforts to raise funds with their £1 challenge. Whilst I'm keen not to patronise anybody, we can all too easily forget just how fortunate our children are to be where they are and it's no bad thing to take some time in supporting others.

Also with finance in mind, we're getting a bit of a reputation for poor **payment** processes with regard to **school dinners**. Please remember that with the exception of emergencies, school dinners should be paid for in advance. If you don't, it means our office staff have to take the time to chase things up, which isn't ideal.

My inability to organise adequate restrictions on my email has meant that another message has come through from Paula Veysey-Smith. Still, it's in a good cause, which is the Christmas Present Fayre on Thursday 4th December:

Here are some ideas thinking especially about those Dads & Lads -

It's all in the packaging - items wrapped in cellophane with labels like "To Dad" or "His secret choccies" etc make an impact. Mugs or Espresso cups & saucers (cheap from pound or kitchen shops) filled with sweets or chocolates always go down well with the boys as well. Another idea, taking us into the garden, are mini terracotta pots filled with plastic plant labels for seeds. You can also buy tool kits which split down and wrapped individually with chocolates appeal to the DIY Dad or Brother. If you have further ideas please share by writing on the ideas list, part of the display in the entrance hall.

The cellophane is now freely available from the box in the entrance hall - there is plenty to go around so please just take what you need. I am also on the hunt for Christmas cards to make gift tags. Each child has the opportunity to wrap 2 gifts and write a gift tag for each - we therefore need 400 tags so get your stock of old cards out and pop them into the box so we have enough to go round.

Now, here's a cheeky request but if you don't ask you don't get the last couple of years we have been donated a stash of good stuff, most notably boxes of confectionery and a whole delivery of Disney goodies. If it is possible for you or your partner to secure donations from workplaces we would very much appreciate it.

That's all for now present pickers - looking forward to a bountiful week of gifts 0 only 1100 to go.....!!

That's actually all from me, but on the back of this newsletter is further information about the Auction of Promises being held in the school this weekend and E-letter subscribers have a full copy of the brochure attached.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster



You may or may not be aware, there is an 'Auction of Promises' being held on Saturday night 15th November at 7pm in the Horsmonden School Hall.

There are still tickets available should you wish to come along & have a fun evening out with a 2 course meal & licensed bar (if you aren't already coming). However, if you are addicted to Strictly Come dancing or the X factor and cannot make this fun filled evening, there is an alternative so not to miss out on a bargain or that extra special Christmas present.

Attached for E-letter subscribers is a catalogue of the items that have been promised.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to attach pictures to this document, However, the items should be on display in the school hall on Saturday afternoon, should you wish to come & view. Alternatively, if the details state that there are pictures or further details available this can be forwarded to you separately but where deemed 'to descriptive' for the catalogue, or if I can, I will try and answer any question you have (sizes colours etc)

On the attachment, it will state whether there is a reserve price, if not stated, then the bidding starts at a pound (£1). Please remember, all the money donated is going to 2 worthy causes. The auctioneer's decision is final! Should you wish to enter in the spirit of this auction & want to bid on an item, you can do this in one of 3 ways.

- Complete the box on the catalogue next to the lot you wish to bid on & email back to me. Last bids to be considered by this method will be by 4pm on Saturday 15th November.
- Text the LOT no, brief description of item & your full & final bid to 07870 207139 or 07985 023178. Latest text bid to be considered by 18.00 on 15th November.
- Telephone bid. Same mobile numbers as above, however give us a call by 18.00 and register your interest & we will call you back as & when the item you want 'goes under the hammer'!

If you are the winning bid, with you will be contacted as soon as possibly in the same way that you made your bid, email, text or phone call.

All the money raised is going to two worthy causes, St Margaret's church & Hospice of the weald!

Please note only cash or cheques can be taken for payment of promises.

Should you have any questions, want further details or even tickets, please contact either myself Dawn Brockman on 723169 (07870 207139) or Carolyn Asplin on 07985 023178

Kind regards
Dawn