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Dear Parents,

Subject Postcards, Parent Governor Nominations, Reminders and Forthcoming Events

I would like to thank you for all of your efforts in ensuring that our pupils are so smartly turned out again at the beginning of this half term and continue to maintain their appearance. If pupils have to arrive at school early, our school kitchen is providing **Breakfast from 8.15am**.

Parents may soon be receiving '**Subject Postcards**' sent home in recognition of a pupil's sustained effort or achievement in a particular curriculum area, from the subject teacher. We hope parents and pupils alike will appreciate this small token of recognition for the attainment level reached by particular individual pupils and the system will grow from strength to strength.

We currently have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor** and nomination forms and information were sent home last Friday 6th November. I would like to remind you that nominations close next Friday 20th November (further nomination forms can be obtained from the school office).

A number of events are taking place next week:

- **Anti-Bullying Week** - Pupils across the country will be taking part in anti-bullying activities and we will also be highlighting the modern day aspects of **Cyber Bullying** which is unfortunately becoming more widespread in this technological age. For further details, please see www.antibullyingweek.co.uk.
- **Open Evening for Prospective Parents** - Next Thursday evening (19th November) is our annual Local Authority Open Evening when pupils and staff welcome parents and year 4 pupils into the school, to give them a flavour of our middle school, in preparation for their transfer next September. I would like to thank you in advance for supporting this important occasion by allowing your child to help us in this event and transporting them to and from school during the evening, if they are kindly assisting us.
- **Children in Need** – We will of course be supporting the annual BBC Children in Need Appeal on Friday 20th November when pupils will be enjoying the experience of non-uniform and other activities arranged by the School Council, whilst at the same time, also raising funds for this very worthy cause. We look forward to announcing the total money that has been raised in the near future.

As we approach the festive season, our thoughts turn to celebrations and events associated with this particular time of the year and I am pleased to remind you that our annual **Christmas Market** will take place on **Friday 11th December from 1.45 – 3.15pm** when the Etonbury Association Grand Draw will also take place. Also during the last week of term, we have activities planned including **Christmas Dinner, Carols Assembly, Disco and yr5 Parties**. Further details will of course be sent home closer to the events.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact your **child's form tutor**, or other colleagues, if there are any issues of concern during this half term.

Yours sincerely

Ian Mitchell
Headteacher

