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4th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas break and wish you all a Happy New Year, and welcome back to Term 3.

It is with great sadness to inform you that our Pupil Mentor, Miss Williams died on 30th December 2023. Miss Williams was diagnosed with breast cancer last year, which rapidly became an aggressive type of cancer affecting other parts of her body. We are all very sad with her loss and will miss her greatly.

All secondary pupils were told together this morning and primary aged pupils in class as appropriate. Everyone has been given some time afterwards to reflect and remember Miss Williams for the happy memories she gave us.

To help everyone get through this difficult time we have created an online commemorative page where everyone can leave an electronic tribute. https://padlet.com/Bower_Grove/laura-williams-tekjsf7k701g4ffl
For people who prefer to write or draw we have a tribute book in school. We are very aware how emotional this time is for everyone in our community and are working through each day together. We would encourage you to talk to your child about Miss Williams to share the happy times. Should you have any concerns, please do contact us.

UPDATE ON EVENTS THIS TERM

Monday 15th January - Postponed Secondary Christmas Activity afternoon.

Due to the closure of the school last term, we have rearranged the Secondary school Christmas activity afternoon. More information will follow.

Friday 26th January – Connections Group

We welcome all Parents and Carers to our workshop on “Strategies for behaviour”. This is an informal support session led by Mr Jacobs and Mr Lawrence. To book a place, please email psg@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have ensured your child is wearing smart uniform for the start of term. Please remember we do remind our pupils of our high standards with school uniform, which includes sensible black shoes and a navy jumper, cardigan or school sweatshirt. Pupils will be asked to remove hoodies or hats as these are not part of our school uniform. You can order uniform from www.brigade.uk.com and request free delivery to the school.

WINTER WEATHER

Please ensure that children have a winter coat which they may wear in school. Please ensure it is 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, please ensure we have the most up-to-date telephone number for you.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Cleave". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs M Cleave
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