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Newsletter

Thursday 7th January 2010

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

First of all may we remind you about the school disco being held on Friday 15th January (weather permitting!)

6.15 – 7.30: years 3 & 4
plus Sun and Mars
7.45 to 9.00: years 5 & 6
plus Saturn and Jupiter

Entrance is £2.50 payable on the door and this will include unlimited squash. The children may wish to bring pocket money with them as there will be other things to spend their money on! ***It would be helpful if you could send them in with small change.***

Entrance is via reception in York Road and exit is via the playground doors. Please be prompt collecting your children after the discos.

We need plenty of helpers for these discos and we should therefore be pleased if you would complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to school if you are able to help. Then just turn up at the time you have indicated. Thank you.



Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle. We raised £260.23 for school funds.

The four main winners were:

1 st prize £100	Mrs. Graham
2 nd prize £50	Lauren Crabb
3 rd prize Meat Hamper	Mrs. Brooker
4 th prize Food Hamper	Mrs. Graham

All prize winners have now been contacted.

Christmas Performance Collections

From our collections after the Christmas performances we raised £172.47 for the Ellenor Foundation. Thank you.

School Fund – Never too late to pay!

Every year we ask each family to pay £5 towards our School Fund. This helps us to provide extra events for your children i.e. in-house theatre productions, dance performances etc. As the Friends Association is not active at the present time the School Fund has become even more important. Remember, it is only £5 per family for

the whole school year. Please send in your School Fund in an envelope marked "School Fund" with your child's name and class. Thank you to those parents who have already sent your £5, it is very much appreciated.



Mobile phone numbers

We are sure many of you will have received new mobile phones for Christmas and may have changed your numbers. If you have, please do not forget to inform the school office so your child's details can be amended.

Events this month

Monday 11th January – Year 5 and Jupiter to The Gateway to see a French play organised and paid for by Dartford Grammar School (weather permitting)
Friday 15th January – School Disco

Severe Weather Conditions

In light of the recent bad weather we would like to confirm the arrangements for possible school closure. If it is necessary to close the school a message will go out on Radio Kent (96.7 FM, 97.6 FM or 104.2 FM) and Invicta Radio (103.1 – 102.8 FM). Please also check the websites of these radio stations. You may also check the school website which is shown at the top of this newsletter.

Please do not ring the school office as this blocks the telephone line and prevents staff from ringing in. Thank you.

If you have signed up to ParentMail you will receive an email and/or text to say the school is closed. Please note you will not receive a text to say the school has re-opened, however, you will receive an email so please let us have your email address. If you have not yet joined ParentMail please collect a form from the school office to be kept in touch.

If on the rare occasion school closes early parents/carers will be informed by telephone or text.

If conditions worsen in the school day and parents feel it is absolutely necessary to collect children, the school should if possible be contacted prior to collection. **Please avoid collecting children before the end of the day unless you feel their safety is at risk.**

Please ensure your son/daughter is appropriately clothed for cold/wet/windy weather and that shoes/Wellington boots have good grip for icy conditions.

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Disco reply slip

Child's name Class

I am able to help at the disco as indicated below.

6.15 – 7.30

7.45 – 9.00

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