

December 9, 1931.

Letter to Parents or Guardian re Gifts to Teachers:

From time to time we hope to bring certain matters to the attention of the parents of our pupils through the medium of a personal letter. We trust that in this way we may be able to foster the spirit of co-operation between parents and school which is so mutually beneficial.

The purpose of this letter is to put before you the question of "presents to teachers."

PAST GIFTS APPRECIATED During past years the members of the staff of this school have been the recipients of many beautiful and very useful gifts. These have been very much appreciated by all. We feel, too, that the givers have enjoyed their act of giving.

DUTY OF MORE FORTUNATE. Although we are very happy to see our pupils enjoy their giving, we feel that in many instances their joy is at too great a sacrifice. Perhaps it is the duty of those who have plenty to forego their pleasure because some find it too difficult to give.

TOWARD SOME LESS FORTUNATE. One pupil wants to, but cannot give as nice a gift as his chum. Another pupil is one of four or five children in school from one family; the amount for giving has to be thus divided into smaller units than they wish. Another pupil comes from a home in which there has been sickness, he would like to fall in line with the class, but cannot. Must these "less fortunate" suffer extra heart-ache because of circumstances over which they have no control?

DISCONTINUE GIFTS TO TEACHERS. For these reasons we are very graciously requesting you TO DISCONTINUE THE CUSTOM OF PROVIDING MATERIAL GIFTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO GIVE TO THEIR TEACHERS. The greatest gift which you can send to school is a cheerful, happy, and healthy child, anxious to learn, for us to guide from day to day. We will return him to you each night, we hope, a little bigger and better because of his contact with us.

CO-OPERATION SOUGHT If, after carefully reading this letter, you will discuss it with your children and help them to understand why we make this request, you will be co-operating to the very fullest extent, with the teachers of your children in this very important matter.

THANKS AND BEST WISHES FROM STAFF We join in thanking you for this co-operation and in wishing you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a VERY BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

On behalf of the members of my staff.

Yours faithfully,

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HEADMASTER.

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