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Dear Worser Bay School families

It's been just over a year since Stephanie was diagnosed with leukaemia (a type of blood cancer). She is responding well to treatment in the Maintenance phase and still has regular hospital appointments and medication.

It's been a very challenging year for us. Thank you so much for your support – thanks for the parcels and cards while we were in Christchurch; thanks for organising and supporting The BFG movie fundraiser; thanks for joining in Wig Wednesday. We have drawn strength and built resilience from the school and the wonderful adults and children within it. The WBS community has a lovely caring spirit and supportive attitude. Huge thanks to all of you.

Thank you also for being so vigilant about your children's health at school and keeping the school informed of illnesses. It means so much to us. Steph was at school for virtually all of term 3 – she went to the disco and the year 3/4 sleepover – both events that she missed earlier.

**Please remember that Stephanie will continue to have low immunity for the next one and a half years. Lowered immunity means she is more susceptible to illness than other children. In particular, chicken pox, measles and the flu can have serious consequences for her.**

**Please continue to notify the school immediately if there is chicken pox, measles or flu within your family. It's very important that you do not send your child(ren) to school if they are unwell.**

Many thanks again for your ongoing support.  
We're very much looking forward to seeing you at the school fair this year!

Kind Regards  
Cath Peebles and Dave Hayes (Stephanie's parents)