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UK – German Connection: 'Host a Bear' Project 20th February to 10th March 2017

Dear Year 4 Parents/Carers

The UK –German Connection is an organisation committed to the promotion and facilitation of closer links between schools in the UK and Germany.

I am very excited to be able to inform you that Queen Eleanor's has successfully signed up to participate in a project specifically designed for enabling partnerships between primary schools: 'Host a bear'. The idea is that a German school host a bear called Ben from England, and an English school host a bear from Germany called Alex. This is a well-established project, and many schools in the UK have already taken part.

Our partner school is the Schule Gartenstadt in Hamburg, Northern Germany (do visit their website: www.schule-gartenstadt.hamburg.de/)

Both schools have now received our bears! So, working with my opposite number at the school, who is also teaching Year 4, we will be spending the next few weeks in our German lessons learning about a variety of topics, using the German vocabulary, games and songs that Alex has brought with him.

To record Alex's visit, we will be creating a scrapbook in school, as well as uploading photos and comments to the UK-German Connection project blog.

With your supervision, do encourage your child over this period to do some of their own research online to extend their involvement in this project, e.g. they could look at the Hamburg tourism website; investigate any traditions specific to Hamburg or the surrounding region etc. They are very welcome to bring their findings into school for inclusion in our special scrapbook.

Your child might also be lucky enough to bring Alex home for tea – if so, please look after him! He is very precious and rather fragile, especially after so much travelling around the UK. Please take a photo of Alex when he comes to visit, e.g. eating with your family, watching TV, visiting friends; print off hard copies or email photos to me c/o feedback@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk

Please return Alex to me at QE the next day. This is really important – we don't want Alex to get lost, and he would like to visit as many children as possible while he is with us!

Thank you. Danke schön!

Kind Regards

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MFL teacher

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