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Dear Parent/Carer

Reverse Advent Calendar 2018

After the enormous success of the initiative last Christmas we would like to seek your support for this whole school charity appeal once again.

We are approaching Christmas and would like to ensure that we encourage everyone to think about giving rather than receiving. We intend to run a Reverse Advent Calendar in each class starting on Monday 3rd December.

Normally with an Advent Calendar a child would open one door per day on the calendar and receive a little gift. We want to reverse that so that when it is the turn of the child to open the door on the calendar the child would bring in a little contribution (this could be an item of dried or tinned food, a small new toy or book, toiletries e.g. toothbrushes or a selection box or anything else you feel would be well received) and each class would gradually make up a Christmas Hamper.

Just before the end of the school term we will donate all of these hampers to local charities, we intend on asking the children to provide us with suggestions at this week's assembly.

We hope that everyone will support this initiative and will allow their child to bring in a contribution for the class hamper. If you do not wish your child to participate please let the school know and we will not issue your child with a number.

We are aware that not everyone may be in a position to contribute to this charity appeal and so we will ensure that any child who does not bring in a contribution on the day will be able to choose an item to contribute from our bag of additional goods. That way no one should feel left out or excluded.

The school staff will start off the Appeal by bringing in a contribution on 3rd December and teachers will give children a number to indicate the date when it is their turn to bring in an item for the hamper.

We have a very proud history of generously supporting good causes and people less fortunate than ourselves and we are confident that this appeal will be very well supported.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with this initiative.

Best Wishes

Francis Donaghy

Head Teacher