



St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"

Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parents,

As Advent is approaching it seems an appropriate time to think about how to prepare in our hearts by living out our faith through our actions.

In recent years we have encouraged the children to take part in a reversed Advent calendar, where they have donated an item of food or toiletries for those in need. This has helped the children of St Mary of the Angels to remember that Christmas is a time for giving and not just receiving; it has always been very generously supported.

With COVID restrictions, however, this is not as simple this year, but the message to help others and live out our faith is just as strong. Therefore, on the **4th December**, we ask that children are being encouraged to bring an item, from the list below, to donate to the local foodbank.

On this day, crates for each class will be at the gate entrances and children will be asked to place their donations into these as they enter the gates. The crates will then be left under shelter and collected the same day by the foodbank.

Please encourage your child to support this by choosing the item that they wish to donate. We often pray for those that are not as fortunate as themselves; this giving opportunity is a really powerful but simple way that pupils can really feel that they are helping.

Ideas for donations include:

- Shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Apple and Orange juice
- Tinned vegetables, baked beans, soup
- Tuna, tinned meat.
- Tea and coffee.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E.J Hayes

Assistant Head and RE Leader