



Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School

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Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Wishing Tree - Christmas Giving

Due to the amazing response we had the past five years, we will again be working with Gateway Church this Christmas to provide presents for children in our community who will be going through a hard time. Through Gateway Church we have connections with the Faithworks charity who work in our local community to support families in a range of different ways.

With all this in mind, we are aiming to share some love and bring light into their lives by providing gifts for them which they wouldn't necessarily receive this Christmas. To do this, we are setting up a 'Wishing Tree' in school.

How does it work?

From Friday 25th November, there will be a special Christmas tree in the school reception area displaying gift tags, each with details of a child.

The aim is for as many people from the school community to take a gift tag, buy and wrap the suggested present and then bring this back into school, via the school office with the tag attached. Gift tags can be taken any time and the last day for presents to be collected is **Wednesday 7th December 2022**. The gifts will then be passed onto the children in time for Christmas!

What can the present include?

The tags have specific information about the age and gender of the child (e.g. girl, aged 5). The present does not have to be expensive, about £5 is suggested however it needs to be brand new rather than second hand goods. We would like to show these children that they are valued through careful consideration for what they would appreciate.

If you take a tag then it is expected that the present will be bought, wrapped and brought back into school. It would be good for the children to select a gift tag with an adult so that they fully understand what is expected of them.

This is a great opportunity for us to share Jesus' love in the community and celebrate the joy of giving. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Thanking you all in advance for your generous giving,

Mrs Cheryl Smith
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