

Dear Parents,

We are now approaching the frenzy that is Christmas as well as still feeling the effects of a worldwide pandemic.

As you may remember last year we were able to help provide money to make hampers and provide gifts for all those families in our local community who are in need. There are so many more people in need of our help this year as families struggle to cope with the consequences of the pandemic. Due to furlough ending, electricity prices rocketing and Universal Credit being cut this year it's the toughest for these families.

Again, this year we are going to be supporting this local charity that provides hampers for families in need. This project is being coordinated by Rosie Hurndall (mum of Jemima in Year 5 and Otis in Year 1). Last year they were able to provide 437 hampers to identified families in need including 1379 children. Sadly, this year there are an even greater number of such hampers needed.



We are not able to physically collect donations of items for the hampers however we would like to be able to support this worthy cause by collecting financial donations so that food etc can be purchased to make them. We propose to collect £1 (or more if you are able to do so) from each child in return for wearing their own clothes on **Friday 26th November**. If this is your PE day you may come in clothing suitable for PE, it doesn't need to be school PE kit! We will collect the money on the gates as the children arrive in the morning. Obviously, the more money we collect the more families we can help to have food and small gifts this Christmas. The money raised last year helped them so much. If you would prefer to donate directly please go to www.helpforhunger.co.uk Here you will find lots more information and a link to donate directly. Alternatively, you as a family may be lucky enough to be in a position to make a hamper yourself or maybe join with others to make one. If you would like to do this the deadline for drop off is **Wednesday 1st December**.

Thank you so much in anticipation of your help again with this extremely worthwhile project. I am sure you will agree that in these strange times it is good to stop and think about how we as a school community can help those in our local community that so desperately need our support.

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