



# Birches First School

## Believe, Grow, Succeed



29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents,

Please see below for details of ways in which families who are able to can support those less fortunate than ourselves during the festive season.

At Birches this year we are running two appeals for local charities...

The Well and the Local Safeguarding Team

### The Well

The Well provide food parcels and essentials for those in desperate need across the city of Wolverhampton. This year, we would once again like to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. In collaboration with the Bilbrook Community Nursing team we are holding our own version of The Well's Reverse Advent Calendar scheme.



We are inviting families that are able to do so, to donate an item from their class' list of requested items. Once collected, the School Council and Mrs Nickolls from the Community Nursing Team will use the items to create hampers to be donated to The Well who will pass them on to those most in need.

We are inviting donations of the following items from each class;

Nursery: UHT milk, shampoo, tea, jam,

Reception: tinned carrots, UHT fruit juice, toothpaste, cereal,

Year 1: tinned meat, noodles, toilet roll, shower gel,

Year 2: coffee, tinned peas, squash, tinned fish,

Year 3: marmalade, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce,

Year 4: tinned potatoes, deodorant, gloves, warm hats.

Children in Year 4 will also be writing a card for each hamper to share Christmas blessings from Birches with those who receive the gifts.

Please send in donated items to the school office by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, where a drop box will be left.

### Give a Child a Gift for Christmas

After such a fantastic response last year, we are once again running a Christmas 'Give a Child a Gift' scheme.

The scheme provides a Christmas gift to children in the local area benefitting from or under the care of Social Services, to ensure they have a present to open on Christmas morning.

For those people that would like to support the scheme, we are asking for new toys, wrapped in Christmas paper and labelled with gender and age suitability.

Please bring the wrapped toys to the school office by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, where a drop box will be left for wrapped toys.



Thank you for your continued support and Merry Christmas!

Mrs J Ferretti

Acting Headteacher