

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Following recent news coverage on free school meals in the holidays and the impact that the pandemic has had on many families, Oaklands Junior School has decided to provide further support for Crowthorne Foodbank throughout the year, starting in December. We know that Christmas time can be extremely difficult for families financially so we would like to extend our support to our community, especially after such a challenging year.

We have spoken to the Foodbank, who have shared that they would like to create some special food packages for families at Christmas time, which is where your support would come in. We have decided to organise a 'Reverse Advent', where the staff and children will bring in donations to the Foodbank throughout December. Each class will be assigned items, suggested to us by the Foodbank, which will be collected on each specific day and revealed in our virtual reverse advent calendar. We would please ask that your donations are in school by the date given for your class, however, if you would like to bring them in from 1st December, we will be able to store them at school.

| Date | Group | Suggested Items |
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| Tuesday 1 st December | Year 6 staff | Tinned meat pies |
| Wednesday 2 nd December | Year 5 staff | Tinned ham and salmon |
| Thursday 3 rd December | Year 4 staff | Popcorn |
| Friday 4 th December | Year 3 staff | Soft drinks |
| Monday 7 th December | 6A | Steamed puddings/ custard |
| Tuesday 8 th December | 6B | Steamed puddings/ custard |
| Wednesday 9 th December | 5N | Sharing crisps/ tinned snacks e.g. twiglets |
| Thursday 10 th December | 5H | Sharing crisps/ tinned snacks e.g. twiglets |
| Friday 11 th December | 4L | Mini chocolate logs/ festive cakes |
| Monday 14 th December | 4D | Mini chocolate logs/ festive cakes |
| Tuesday 15 th December | 3JG | Chocolate pouches/ boxes |
| Wednesday 16 th December | 3M | Chocolate pouches/ boxes |

Any donations will be greatly appreciated by Crowthorne Foodbank and ourselves, as we know what a tremendous difference they will make to many local families throughout the festive period. We will introduce the children to the 'reverse advent' via a virtual assembly and hope to spread the message of kindness this Christmas time.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher