

12th November 2019

Christmas Present Appeal – Salvation Army

Dear Parents & Carers,

This year we will be celebrating Christmas slightly differently at St Christophers and rather than giving gifts we will be donating to the Dunstable Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal and we would like to invite you to take part in the scheme. If you would like to take part this is a voluntary appeal and there is no pressure to donate, we understand that it is an expensive time of year and we are grateful for any donations no matter how small.

Our value this term is 'Gratitude' and we would like our children to think about how grateful they are to have what they have at Christmas and to help those local children less fortunate than themselves.

We are inviting you to bring a new unwrapped gift (suggested list below) in to our School reception by Wednesday 4th December. A small group of children and staff will then arrange for the gifts to be passed on to the Salvation Army who will donate them to children and young people within the local area aged 1-18

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
 - **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
 - **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, word search, crosswords
 - **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
 - **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers
- Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army.

By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.

With kind regards,

Mrs P Jones
Principal