

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of this year's activities in the lead up to Christmas, staff and pupils will be taking part in a reverse advent calendar. Unlike the traditional advent calendars where you might receive a chocolate or other treat, a reverse advent calendar involves you donating something.

To think of others during this festive period this year, we have decided to donate items to our local Food Bank here in Tipton.

Food banks in the Trussell Trust network saw the highest ever levels of need, even more than during the peak of the pandemic, as more people found their incomes did not cover the cost of essentials like heating and food. Between April 2022 and March 2023, the number of people that used a food bank for the first time was 760,000.

December 2022 was the busiest month on record for food banks in the Trussell Trust network, with a food parcel being distributed every 8 seconds.

We've included some ideas and would really appreciate any donation you make, big or small.

Donations will be collected throughout December and pupils will deliver the items during the last week of term.

Most needed items are:

Cereal, soup, beans, tomatoes, tinned fruit, rice pudding, biscuits, sugar, pasta, rice, tea, coffee, juice, milk (long-life), snacks, cooking sauces.

At Christmas, we also ask for those things that will make it a little more special, like selection boxes, chocolates, Christmas puddings etc.

Yours faithfully,

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