

# St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the time of year when we turn our thoughts to the season of Advent, Christmas activities and the gift of giving. We are currently planning a variety of festive events and activities for the children which we will provide more details for in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, we would like your support for our local community in the run up to Christmas.

Many of you have generously donated to our recent Harvest appeal, which supported the Hornsey Food Bank. The Hornsey Food Bank is now launching a Christmas appeal, asking for **specific Christmas donations**, to support those who are in need. Please see details below:-

*Dear Neighbours,*

*Thank you for your kind donations to Hornsey Foodbank and to those of you who have volunteered on Thursday mornings.*

*The Hornsey Foodbank is launching a Christmas appeal. Your support and donations will be very welcome.*

*We are collecting **advent calendars** for children in families who are using the Foodbank.*

*We are also collecting **non-perishable foods & seasonal items** for families to use with their Christmas dinner. We are seeking donations of the following:-*

- Advent calendars
- Cranberry sauce
- Mince pies
- Christmas cakes
- Boxes of biscuits
- Crackers



- Packets of stuffing
- Christmas puddings
- Tins/cartons of custard
- Tinned vegetables (peas, carrots/potatoes)
- Selection boxes for children

*Your donations will be gratefully received. Thank you again for your continued support and for supporting families in need during the festive season. 🌲*

If you are able to support this appeal, please bring your donations of any of the items listed (including children's advent calendars) to school on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. You can bring items directly to the school offices or give them to your children to hand to the teachers. We will then arrange for the items to be delivered to the foodbank.

You can also donate directly to the Food Bank every Thursday from 10-11am or 1-2pm. If you would like to use the Food Bank you can find more details here [HORNSEY FOOD BANK](#)

Thank you for your support.

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