

Norfolk County Council

# Ormesby Village Junior School

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Dear parents/ carers,

This year, in the run-up to Christmas, we'd like to operate a reverse advent calendar in conjunction with the Salvation Army's Toys and Tins appeal.

Instead of the children receiving a gift/ chocolate from a class advent calendar, the idea is that on the day allocated to them, they bring in a tin (or food to enjoy during the Christmas period) or toy (unwrapped) to go towards helping local families this Christmas. This is a voluntary scheme but we'd like to collect as many toys and tins as we can. The Salvation Army make up hampers for families in need over the Christmas period. Please visit the website for ideas or please see the attached information.

The days are allocated as follows:

Thursday **30<sup>th</sup> November**- children born in **January**

Friday **1<sup>st</sup> December**- children born in **February**

Monday **4<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **March**

Tuesday **5<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **April**

Wednesday **6<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **May**

Thursday **7<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **June**

Friday **8<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **July**

Monday **11<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **August**

Tuesday **12<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **September**

Wednesday **13<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **October**

Thursday **14<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **November**

Friday **15<sup>th</sup> December**- children born in **December**

Thank you very much for your support at this hectic and often costly time of year. We, and the families who will receive your generous donations, really appreciate your kindness.

Yours sincerely

The Staff, Ormesby Village Junior School

For this appeal we need new unwrapped toys and non-perishable food. We especially need gifts for teenage boys and under three year olds.

#### Ideas for toy donations

0-3 years: soft toys, colourful and fun educational toys, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes;

3-5 years: books, dressing up clothes, cars, lorries, dolls, action figures and soft toys, colourful and fun educational toys, CDs (music, stories and nursery rhymes), suitable DVDS, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles, footballs;

5-9 years: dolls and action figures, educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs and family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, word searches, crosswords, skateboards, sports equipment and clothing;

9-12 years: games and toys, sports equipment and clothing, stationery, CDs, DVDs, books, T-Shirts, hair ornaments, gloves, scarves, hats;

13-17 years: CDs, DVDs, books, toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats and other fashion accessories.

#### Ideas for food donations

We would like each hamper to contain:

- A family size Christmas Pudding
- Confectionery
- Mince pies
- Shortbread
- Savoury snacks
- Dried pasta or rice
- Tinned meat or fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned soup
- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned vegetables