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Wednesday 1 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update in relation to our final preparations for Christmas as there have been a few changes since I last wrote to you on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### **Christmas Hamper:**

From December onwards, we will be unable to ask the children to bring in money for events/to purchase raffle tickets. The Local Authority have specified that all fundraising through the school must be conducted through Parent Pay.

Mrs Kelly has organised a children's and an adult version of the 'Christmas Hamper' and the contents of the hampers will be advertised via social media. Tickets will cost £1.00 each and Parent Pay will be set up to accept payment for tickets. When tickets are purchased, the office staff will allocate you/your child a number which will be recorded onto a spreadsheet. A random, online number selector will then be used to select the winning numbers for each hamper. This process is similar to the '50 Club' which is facilitated by the Parent Council. All monies donated will be transferred into the School Fund which is used to support the work of the school and provide extras for the children such as their recent St. Andrew's Day treat.

### **SCIAF Advent Appeal:**

Each class has selected their 'Real Gift' that they would like to raise funds for to support the SCIAF Appeal this year. A list of the items is as follows:

- P2/1 - Vegetable Garden £25
- P3 - Warm Blankets £18
- P4/3- Shelter for a Family £32
- P5- Chickens £14
- P6- Coronavirus Emergency Pack £12
- P7- A Goat £32



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The Primary 4/3 'Mini Vinnie/Charity' Committee had decided that the best way to support this appeal would be for each class to participate in a sponsored 'Read-a-thon' on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.** This supports our 'Reading Schools' pledge to nurture a love for reading and books in our school whilst raising money for a worthwhile cause at the same time. The duration of the 'Read-a-thon' will be age and stage appropriate and we would love for the children to bring in any of their favourite books/comics from home that they would wish to read. We would ask that each child is sponsored for a £1.00 (or more) donation and that this is made through Parent Pay and we thank you in advance for any donation that is made.

### **Reverse Advent Appeal:**

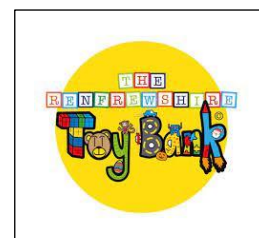
Finally, we had originally offered our support to Father Andrew in terms of using our Jesse Tree to donate items to create 'Care Packages' for the lonely/sick within the Parish. However, it was felt that a better and more personal way to do this would be for the children to design their own Christmas cards which Father Andrew and Sister Mary Frances would deliver on their rounds.

In place of this gesture, we have decided to support the 'Renfrewshire Toy Bank Appeal.' This appeal facilitates the collection of donations of gifts for children aged 0-18 years who would usually receive very little at Christmas time.

The 'Renfrewshire Toy Bank' donated a number of Easter Eggs to our school last April as a gesture of kindness following a challenging period of Lockdown, so it would be fitting to return the favour and help support the charity's Christmas appeal.

The idea would be for our children to select a bauble from the Jesse Tree **(which will be on display for a two week period from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021)**, take it home and decide with their families a suitable gift as a donation for the children who are less fortunate than themselves. The children would then bring in their gift, unwrapped and leave it under the Jesse Tree. A list of the suggested items on each bauble will include:

- Arts and Crafts
- Lego
- Baby Toys
- Make Up
- Perfume/Aftershave
- Footballs
- Dolls
- Action Figures
- Books
- Barbies
- Pyjamas
- Hats and scarfs
- Selection boxes



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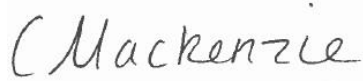
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Our children are always keen to help those in need, especially other children and we know that they will endeavor to support this appeal as much as we will as a staff and school community.

We thank you in advance for all of your kindness, especially during this special season of Advent.

Take care and stay safe.

Kindest Regards,



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Head Teacher



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