

Our Reverse Advent Calendar.

As December 1st approaches and we all get ready to open our Advent calendars, we are hoping to top the efforts of Pre-School, Dormice and Robins who trialled A Reverse Advent Calendar last year and roll it out to the whole school - and we need your help!

What is a Reverse Advent calendar?

The Reverse Advent Calendar is a really simple idea and a great way to help others at Christmas.

This year, alongside opening a traditional Advent calendar in class, we're asking that you bring in a box, can, toy or treat so that on each day of Advent we can fill a hole in the Reverse Advent Calendar.

On Friday 15th December (the last day of school) we will fill the remaining holes and donate our Advent box to the local food bank and therefore help local people in need this Christmas.



How will it work in school and at pre-school?

As part of our curriculum we are always thinking about how we can look after and help others and this will provide the perfect platform to discuss, explore and extend this theme on a different level and in an alternative context.

We are hoping that each family can donate an item or two from the list. If you prefer, a Christmas treat or toy would also be gratefully received. We will place all items in a large box and then each day a different child will choose an item to fill the Reverse Advent Calendar. Alongside this, some of us will be running a traditional Advent calendar where the children can take a treat for themselves.

We hope you feel able to support this venture and look forward to receiving any donations from now until the end of term. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Suggestions for donations.

Christmas treats – chocolates, craft kits, bubble bath etc
or

Rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned potatoes, instant mash, tinned vegetables, tomatoes, tinned meats (inc. meat pies, hot dogs, meatballs, chilli). Coffee, tea, hot choc, squash, UHT, long life milk (cartons). Sugar (500g), breakfast cereals, jam, honey, choc spread, tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, jelly, biscuits & chocolate, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washing up liquid or toilet rolls. Thanks, D.Strawford.

Message from PC Dingley

Devon & Cornwall Police are inviting children aged 4-11 years old, living in Devon or Cornwall, to enter our competition to design our digital Christmas card. The winner and 2 runners up will also win a visit to meet the police dogs!

We encourage children to be as creative as they like and include 'Happy Christmas from Devon & Cornwall Police' in their design.

Entries must be received by midnight on Sunday 3rd December 2017. Please include:

- The entrant's name
- The entrant's age
- The entrant's school
- A contact telephone number
- An email address

Entries can be sent to: websitemessaging@dc.police.uk (jpg / PDF upto 5MB)

Or: Corporate Communications, Devon & Cornwall Police Headquarters, Middlemoor, Exeter, EX2 7HQ"
PC 6350 Dingley