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20th November 2023

Reverse Advent/Toyshed appeal

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the Christmas period, we wanted to let you know about our plan to both celebrate Advent and support people in our local community that are in need.

We are teaming up with Foodshed, a local foodbank that supports people living in Stevenage and surrounding villages. Foodshed is run entirely by volunteers and relies on the generosity of local people and business. To access their services, individuals need to be referred and you can find out more about this on their website <https://stevenage-vineyard.co.uk/compassion/foodshed/>

Following a visit from People for People Stevenage on Monday, Lonsdale pupils are invited to take part in Foodshed's Reverse Advent. The idea is simple – it's all about giving rather than receiving.



Our Reverse Advent will run from **Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December**. During this period, we will be accepting donations (some ideas are listed in the picture). We understand that some families may be finding the current financial situation challenging so please only donate if you can.

Foodshed cannot accept donations containing alcohol so please check items such as Christmas cake and mince pies.

Also, no perishable items please.

Also, a reminder that if you would like to donate to the Toyshed appeal, the deadline for handing these in to the school office is Wednesday 6th December. Thank you to those of you that have already donated a toy.

Kind regards,

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