

Dear Parent / Carer

In these difficult times, we all need something to look forward to, and this Sunday is the start of Advent and time to prepare for Christmas. I want to outline some of the activities that will be taking place in school to make this Christmas a special one for all in our community:

- Our Advent calendar appeal was a great success and the generosity of everyone in our community continues to amaze. On Friday we were able to take 798 calendars to Middleton Foodbank. These will bring a smile to the faces of many.
- The tiered restrictions are likely to prevent us having our usual Advent service in school but we are planning a virtual event which will take place in the final week of term.
- We have put a provisional date of Tuesday 15th December in the calendar for an outdoor Carol Service at school, rather than in the local churches as in previous years. This will depend on the restrictions in place at the time (and the weather) and further details will be sent closer to the time.
- We are now starting our Christmas hamper appeal for Middleton Foodbank. Each form class will be preparing a hamper and we are looking for donations of tinned and dried foods, along with toiletries, which can be donated to those in our community in most need. These are being delivered to the foodbank on Wednesday 9th December.
- Sixth Form students are supporting the Lighthouse Project toy appeal through collections and fundraising and are sending small gifts to the elderly who would normally attend our Christmas party. Please support their raffle and sponsored walk.

I am sure you will agree that we all need some positive events to look forward to and I hope you will be able to continue to support our events and appeals during Advent.

Our uniform suppliers have also asked us to pass on the news that they are able to offer online orders during the current period should you need any new items.

Best wishes

Mr A Bridson
Headteacher

