

3rd December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of all of the staff within school regarding the kind gifts many of you give to us at Christmas. As much as we appreciate these gifts and the thought which goes into them, this year we are asking you not to send gifts into school for staff as we feel it adds yet another pressure at this time of year.

All of our staff thoroughly enjoy working with your children, and when we discussed this issue it was noted that a kind word or something created by your child like a picture or a card is something that stays with staff and is more than enough.

We did think though that it is also good that the children learn the value of giving and supporting others less fortunate, so if anyone feels like they would like to contribute something, we will be setting up a food bank collection point in school which will stay in the building for the next week to ten days. If you would like to donate something to that we would really appreciate it, and will make sure that the school council gets the donations to those who need it most at this time of year. In addition, we are still running our Mission Christmas appeal in conjunction with Lord Lawson and Metro Radio, so we will continue to collect your toy donations and make sure they get to where they need to be.

The next three weeks are some of the busiest and most enjoyable in our school calendar, and we all look forward to seeing you at the various concerts, pantomimes, carol services and events.

Best wishes,

Craig Steel

Headteacher