

Twynham Learning's Christmas Charity 2020



Dear Parents & Carers

Christmas can be a very difficult time for some people and this year, more than other years, many in our community will be wondering how they will be able to afford their normal grocery bills, let alone to feel the joy of Christmas.

In conversations with various organisations over the past few weeks, the needs of the local Food Banks have emerged as a real priority for support. The team at Twynham Learning will therefore do whatever we can to support our local Food Banks in Christchurch and Southbourne who do such a great job in our communities.

As requested by the Food Bank, Twynham Learning staff will continue to signpost the Food Banks' services to families who need them – including those who don't qualify for Free School Meals but who nonetheless find themselves struggling. We will also help with the distribution of the Christmas Hampers from our sites where that suits families.

However, in these times of increased demand on their services, we wanted to take the opportunity to ask our staff and families to do what they can to support the Food Banks. Some of you may already have been making up parcels for their Reverse Advent Calendar initiative (details follow) or putting items into one of the various local collection points. However, if you have not yet been able to get involved, it's not too late!

We recognise that everyone's situation is different but, if you are able to make a one-off donation to support the work of the Food Banks over Christmas or commit to a regular donation, please do use one of the methods outlined on their website:

<https://faithworkswessex.org.uk/give/donate/>

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gareth Morris'.

Gareth Morris
Chief Executive Officer

The Reverse Advent Calendar:

Start collecting the following items, pop in a decorated box or bring just as they are (all items must have two months left on their best before dates) and then drop off at Christchurch foodbank around the 1st December:

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| 1st Nov | Fruit juice/squash |
| 2nd Nov | Packet of Christmas biscuits |
| 3rd Nov | Custard |
| 4th Nov | Christmas pudding |
| 5th Nov | Cheese biscuits |
| 6th Nov | Tin of fruit |
| 7th Nov | Jelly |
| 8th Nov | Tin of carrots |
| 9th Nov | Chocolate coins |
| 10th Nov | Maltesers |
| 11th Nov | Box of stuffing |
| 12th Nov | Chocolate |
| 13th Nov | Crisps |
| 14th Nov | Tin of potatoes |
| 15th Nov | Haribo |
| 16th Nov | Tin of macaroni cheese |
| 17th Nov | Rice pudding |
| 18th Nov | Shower Gel |
| 19th Nov | UHT milk carton |
| 20th Nov | Coffee |
| 21st Nov | Cranberry sauce |
| 22nd Nov | Packet of bread sauce |
| 23rd Nov | Chocolates to hang on the Christmas tree |
| 24th Nov | Tinned hot dog sausages |
| 25th Nov | Hot chocolate |