



St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Learn; Love; Pray

4th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Reverse Advent Calendars

This year we have again decided that each class will make a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. The Reverse Advent Calendar is a really simple idea and a great way to help others at Christmas.

The idea is that each child will be asked during advent to bring in a small item, gift or card for a special box in their class. These special gift boxes will then be donated to Turning Tides (formerly Worthing Churches Homeless Project), who will use them to make Christmas special for everyone within their services.

The idea behind this is that we are sending our love and thoughts, so there is no need for gifts that are expensive. Suitable items would be shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, deodorants (men's and women's), toothpaste, single toothbrushes, hair brushes, boxer shorts (med/large), 'knickers' (10/12 or 12/14), gift bags, sweets, biscuits, chocolates, savoury nibbles, or alcohol-free Christmas puddings or mince pies.

This is a way that we can live out the Gospel message during Advent as a school community.

We have decided this year to allocate each class a day during Advent to fill their box.

Monday 10 th St Josephine	Tuesday 11 th St Hilda & St Ivan	Wednesday 12 th St Francis	Thursday 13 th St Luke	Friday 14 th St Cecilia
Monday 17 th St Anthony	Tuesday 18 th St Elizabeth	Wednesday 19 th St Bernadette	Thursday 20 th St David	Friday 21 st St Clare

Many thanks for all your support.

Yours sincerely

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Striving for Excellence in all that we do as we learn to live like Jesus

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