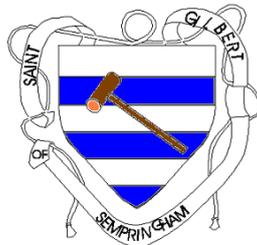


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Dear Parents and Children,

It is hard to believe that we are already in November and heading towards December and the start of Advent with all of its preparations for Christmas. In school, we always try to emphasise to the children that the Advent period is just as important as the celebration of Christmas and that it gives us a great opportunity to reflect on what we have and how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of the Saviour in our hearts.

Whilst we are getting ready for a time of giving and receiving gifts, we encourage the children to think about those who are not as lucky as us and how we can help them. During our Harvest Festival, we were completely overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and we were able to take a huge contribution of food to our local foodbank.

We would like to continue this theme as we enter the season of Advent by asking each class to make up some 'Reverse Advent Calendars' for the foodbank. This is a really simple idea. We will acquire some cardboard boxes for each class and then on each of the three Mondays of advent that we have in school, would ask that each child could bring in a donation for the Calendar. We will, hopefully, fill each box with 25 items that can be distributed by the foodbank to families that really need them this Christmas.

The first collection will take place on Monday 3rd December and then the following two Monday's after that. We would appreciate any items of dried or tinned food, coffee, tea, long life juice or milk, biscuits, chocolates etc.

Thank you so much for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D.M. Kiernan
Headteacher

