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Oxenhope's Advent Calendar of Kindness

1st December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the festive period at Oxenhope. This time of year is always full of excitement and joy and I always feel privileged to work in a primary school during this time.

This year we are really trying to support the children's understanding of helping others during Christmas. Our school vision sets out our thinking as '... We nurture growth, enabling children to thrive as our Christian values blossom in their lives. We cultivate pride in our rural community...'

Therefore, this year we are setting up our Advent Calendar of Kindness. The children will be taught about this during their Reflection time in class and the themes will include, random acts of kindness, why kindness is important especially at Christmas time, why being kind is a good moral choice and developing ways in which we can help others who are in need. We are also encouraging parents and carers to get involved and over the next few weeks we are asking for donations for certain charities. Each date will feature a different charity and you can either choose your favourite or donate to all. However, we do recognise just how difficult the current financial climate is for lots of people, so please do not feel any pressure to donate. I am also aware, that some classes are encouraging collections as part of their social injustice projects – so please do not over stretch yourselves.

Please read the table below to see how this will work:

Yours sincerely

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Dates	Charity	About the charity	What you can donate	Where to drop off
1-7 th of December	Worth Valley Food Bank	Worth Valley Food Bank We provide short term help for individuals and families living in the Worth Valley area. We help in the form of basic food supplies and toiletries where there is a need.	Tinned food (including pet food), packets, dried food, toiletries, washing power, toilet rolls, treats, nappies, baby wipes, cleaning products. Sanitary products, tea, coffee, UHT milk	The school main entrance at the drop-off point
8 th – 14 th of December	Zarak Charity	We deliver beds and basics to children in poverty. (zarach.org) Thousands of children in Leeds are going to sleep hungry and cold; without a proper bed of their own. Poverty is a real problem that has a significant effect on a child's education. By providing something to eat and a good night's sleep , we can give every child an equal chance to learn and succeed at school.	NEW – Bedding, teddies, pjs, duvets, blankets, fleece throws, sheets, pillows	The school main entrance
15 th – 20 th of December	Pulse 1 – Mission Christmas	<p>Christmas for every child. That's our mission. Events - Pulse 1 (planetradio.co.uk) "Heat" or "Eat" is a real choice for so many families this winter. Christmas is something they simply can't afford.</p> <p>Mission Christmas is here to help Santa reach children living in poverty. If you're able to, please take a new and unwrapped gift to one of our drop-off points, donate cash or gifts online or sign up and get involved with some fundraising. We guarantee your support will mean that a child who's at risk of waking up to nothing on Christmas Day will have something to open.</p>	NEW – toys and gifts for all ages of children – don't forget teenagers !	The school main entrance
20 th – 25 th of December	Manorlands	Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice Sue Ryder Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice is in Oxenhope, near Keighley. As well as expert palliative care, we support people with life-limiting conditions, and their families. We work across Airedale, Wharfedale, Craven, and North and Bradford.	Donate money through the parentpay app or directly to Manorlands via Donate Charity Donation Sue Ryder	Via Parentpay or the Manorlands website



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