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Dear Parent/Carer,

Reverse Advent Calendar 2021

We managed to continue with our annual foodbank collection last year during the height of the pandemic and certainly don't wish to let Covid prevent us from doing it this year either. Measures implemented last year to collect the items, whilst ensuring that contact between staff and families was minimised, were very effective and proved an efficient way of gathering the items in each day. Therefore, we will continue with this process again. From Wednesday 17th November, two large yellow 'waterproof' containers will be positioned beside the black gate, outside the front entrance to the 'i' Building, whilst the other container will be positioned at the end of the path leading to the Civray gate, where it joins the KS2 playground.

Items can be placed in either of the containers, with all of the items at the end of each morning drop-off being gathered in by Mr Dunne and carefully stored in the school so that all of the children can get a good sense of the amount that has been collected.

Each day from Wednesday 17th November through to Tuesday 14th December, we will be asking that the children or their parents bring in a different item with the full schedule listed below.

This list ensures that there is a nice spread of different food and non-food items across the month and avoids too many of the same item being donated.

The volunteers at the Downham Foodbank do a superb job of feeding hard-pressed families all-year round. However, during the festive season, those who have the least, find the pressure to feed the family an even greater strain.

Over the past couple of years, Covid has made that situation worse, with even more families finding that they are calling upon the support of the Foodbank because job uncertainty has left them with financial difficulties.

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| Wednesday 17 th November | Dried pasta | Any type/size of packet |
| Thursday 18 th November | Tinned soup | Any flavour/brand |
| Friday 19 th November | Fizzy drink | Any brand/bottle size/can multipack |
| Monday 22 nd November | Toilet Roll | Any brand/number of rolls |
| Tuesday 23 rd November | Tinned vegetables | Any variety |
| Wednesday 24 th November | Deodorant | Any brand/spray or roll-on |
| Thursday 25 th November | Pasta sauce | Any type/jar or packet |

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| Friday 26 th November | Fruit juice | Any flavour (must be long-life and not require refrigeration) |
| Monday 29 th November | Toothpaste | Any brand |
| Tuesday 30 th November | Cream Crackers | Any brand/size of pack |
| Wednesday 1 st December | Packet cake mix | Any type |
| Thursday 2 nd December | Gravy Granules | Any flavour/brand |
| Friday 3 rd December | Tinned meat | Any type |
| Monday 6 th December | Kitchen roll | Any multipack size |
| Tuesday 7 th December | Crisps | Any brand/flavour or multipack size |
| Wednesday 8 th December | Tinned custard/rice pudding | Any brand |
| Thursday 9 th December | Tea or coffee | Any brand |
| Friday 10 th December | Christmas pudding/Mince pies | Any brand |
| Monday 13 th December | Long Life Milk | Any brand |
| Tuesday 14 th December | Christmas Crackers | Any variety |

The items listed above are a mixture of basic and essential food and non-food items along with some of those added treats that make Christmas special.

There are some parents who like to support the Reverse Advent Calendar every day and provide all of the items whilst other parents are happier to dip in and out providing items on certain days. Whichever option suits you is fine. Hillcrest, and the Downham Foodbank, are grateful for any items that you can donate.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Try