



29 September 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Christmas Sparkle appeal

We continue to be very aware that many of our families are facing acute financial hardship due to the impact of rising food and energy costs. In order to support those in our school community who are struggling, we would like to produce and then deliver Christmas food and gift parcels at the end of this term.

If you are struggling financially and would like to be considered as a recipient for a food and gift parcel, please email cmurray@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk. In your email you should state the number of children in your household and their ages. You must send the email by 14 October 2022 in order to be considered as a recipient.

To enable this service to take place we are requesting donations of any food items which will be in date on 25th December. If they are Christmassy products all the better, although many families would be grateful for basic items too. We are also requesting donations of new and packaged toys/ clothes/ hot water bottles/ toiletries etc. Many of our most hard-hit families have young children as well as children of secondary age. We will ensure that families receive items appropriate to their circumstances.

We are very happy to accept donations handed in at Reception, at any time during the school day. Alternatively, if students have donations for this appeal, they can bring them to their RS lessons and teachers will store them ready to add to the parcels in December.

We also understand that some families may want to do even more to help those in need. To this end we are hoping that some will agree to sponsor another family this Christmas. This would mean that you collected items/gifts to be given as 1 package to a local family who are struggling financially. It may be that if you choose this option you will wish to involve your own children in helping to choose and purchase items for your donation. What a brilliant way to show other community members that they are valued and cared for at this special time of year!

We very much hope that through this appeal we can work together as a school community and help some of our families to enjoy the festive season despite the current cruel economic climate. Please do get in touch if you can help in any way.

Best wishes.

Mrs Carol Murray