



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Year 7

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Christmas Sacks Project 2023

During registration time, the Year 7 students have been following a wellbeing programme which is encouraging them to explore different ways to boost their wellbeing and help build their resilience. This term's focus is on 'giving', and as in previous years, the year group have decided to support the Christmas Sacks Project, in liaison with the Bridge Church, Lincoln, a registered charity.

The project looks to support local people in need, ensuring that families and individuals who would struggle to provide for themselves and their children are helped by the local Lincoln community. Last year 1200 local children received gifts, including families from our own community here at William Farr School. Project referrals can be made through social workers, family support workers or other professionals who work with families who are financially struggling to provide for themselves this Christmas. Once all donations have been received, the Church arrange for these families to come and select some items or gifts from the donations to support their celebration of Christmas.

We are hopeful that once again, the William Farr community can support this amazing project. This can be done by one of the following way:

- Taking a tag from the Christmas tree in reception.
- Buying a present appropriate to the age/gender on the tag.
- Putting the (unwrapped) present back under the tree with the tag attached. All we ask is gifts are new or unused.

Other things we can do to support this project:

- donate rolls of new/unused wrapping paper
- donate chocolate selection boxes.
- donate packets of sweets and/or chocolate towards hamper making.

I am more than aware that the current financial climate is affecting us all, therefore this year there will also be a collection box on Reception for small monetary donations that will then be used to fulfil the gifts as above by Year 7 students. I will launch this project with the students this week, with tags being available from Monday 13 December to collect, and ask that all donations are received by Thursday 7 December.

I extend my thanks in advance for your support and generosity. If you have any queries about the project, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Starbuck
Head of Year 7