

# Dulwich Hamlet

Junior School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

## Christmas Food Bags

This year, as in previous years, we are collecting Christmas **food (and other essentials) bags** for the local community and will be giving our donations to the Norwood & Brixton Foodbank. The foodbank has asked for cloth bags or strong carrier bags as these are easy to carry and serve a dual purpose. The cloth bags can be plain or decorated perhaps with a Christmas theme. We appreciate that things are difficult at the moment but anything you can donate will be much appreciated.

Here is a suggested list of the things that are most needed at this time of year:

- Long life sponge puddings.
- Long life cakes must last into January or beyond.
- UHT custard cans, cartons, packets.
- Tins rice pudding
- Jellies and instant whips.
- Small cartons fruit juice
- Hot chocolate jars or sachets
- Small jars jam, chocolate spread, honey
- Small packets of sweets or chocolate
- Tins corned beef/ham (these are so popular and the foodbank never have enough)
- Tins evaporated milk
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Tea
- Coffee
- Instant porridge
- Dried pasta
- Rice
- Children's toiletries for all ages
- Soap
- Flannels
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo
- Body lotion
- Deodorant
- Laundry pods

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- Washing up liquid
- Toilet rolls
- Nappies (sizes 5,6,7 and 8)

We will be discussing the need for these items in a whole school assembly; the children are aware that there are children & families less fortunate than themselves.

Please send all food bags into school from **Monday 11th December and until first thing Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The bags will be collected mid-morning.

We kindly request not bringing bags in to school before this date as we do not have the space to store them.

Many thanks



**Nikki Thomson**

**Assistant Head / Leader of Wider Learning**