



Monday 21st November

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the season of Christmas almost upon us, we would like to make the children aware of those in need around us and support them to be generous in sharing what we have with others.

This year we have continued to see record numbers of families needing to use Food Banks for essential food items. Earlier this year the Trussell Trust reported 2.1 million food parcels were provided by its food banks across the UK, between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022. In Lichfield, compared to 2019-20, the foodbank has seen a massive 89% increase in use.

Therefore this year we would once again like to invite you to take part in a '**Reverse Advent Calendar.**'

Each day, during Advent, there is a suggested item of food that you may wish to donate. There will be a Christmas hamper box outside every morning for you to deposit your donation.

Items from the '**Reverse Advent Calendar**' that fall during a weekend or after we have broken-up can be donated before, if you wish.

All food items will be collected on the last day of term (16/12/22) and delivered to local food banks, which will in turn feed many vulnerable families this Christmas.

We thank you whole heartedly for your continued support and compassion for others.

