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Dear Parents,



Christmas can be such a wonderful time of year, but there are many families in the local area who need a helping hand over the festive season. The Pupil Worship Team and all the children at Sparsholt C of E Primary school are really passionate about spreading some Christmas cheer to those local families in need. Subsequently, we have chosen to support The Winchester Basic Bank and their Christmas Food Campaign with our Reverse Advent Calendars.

The aim of the Winchester Basic Bank is to support families in their most challenging times, providing food to the maximum number of people at their point of greatest need. 90% of all food distributed is given by the public, and food donations are even more vital at this time of year. The Reverse Advent is the Advent Calendar that gives back to the community. Instead of opening a door to a chocolate we are going to do the giving, by each class filling their Reverse Advent Calendar with at least 24 Christmas related food items.

We are asking families who can, to bring a food item to school (See below for wish list over the page) during advent from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. It would be wonderful if children were able to attach a Christmas wish or prayer to the donation.

Food items will be placed in the class advent box. After gathering all the items, they will be delivered to the Winchester Basic Bank and we will know that we have given a gift to families that really need it this Christmas. The churches of The Downs Benefice and the School staff will join the children by creating their own Reverse Advent.

If you would like to help the Winchester Basic Bank make Christmas a little brighter for those in need in our city, please consider supporting our Reverse Advent Calendar Campaign.

My thanks in advance for all your kindness and support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gwilliam and the pupil Worship Team.



## **Wish list for Donations:**

**Small Christmas Cakes**

**Small Christmas Pudding**

**Mince Pies**

**Stuffing**

**Gravy Granules**

**Cranberry Sauce**

**Custard**

**Boxes of Biscuits**

**Selection Boxes**

**Tubes of Smarties/ Fruit Pastilles**

**Please no homemade items  
and double check the use by dates.**

