



ST JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Part of the Edmund Rice Family

18th November 2020

Dear Parents,

This Advent as part of our Community outreach we will be supporting once again 'Stoke on Trent Churches Community Night Shelter' and the 'Alice Pantry' by collecting dried/tinned food items which will then be used to feed the local homeless and stock the shelves of Alice's Pantry Foodbank.

As part of the curriculum the staff and I encourage the children to consider people who are less fortunate than themselves; this supports the work that we do with the Edmund Rice Network and the Prep 6 Edmund Rice Awards.

We will have a drop-off point on the Nursery playground for the children to 'drop off' their food donations.

Following the generosity of your donations last year, we would like to do a 'Reverse Advent' again. The idea being that instead of receiving we give - so during Advent we invite you to send in a small food item each day e.g. tin of peas or a packet of biscuits, which will be taken to the Community Night Shelter and The Alice Pantry at the end of term by Mrs Edwards and Mrs Pickford.

We do hope that you feel able to support us this Advent and we look forward to being able to support these charities this year. We will of course send out a daily reminder to remind you what produce we will be collecting on each day. Please do not worry if you do not have the correct item on each day as any donation to our campaign will be greatly received.

We are beginning our collection a little earlier this year to allow us to deliver the produce so that the charities can circulate our donations in time for Christmas. Our first collection being Wednesday 25th November.

Contact details for 'Stoke on Trent Churches Community Night Shelter', 9 Chapel Lane, Burslem, ST6 2AB.

<https://stokenightshelter.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SOTWinterNightShelter>

Contact details for 'Alice Pantry' 27 Bridge Street, Newcastle, ST5 2RY.

<https://alicecharity.com/peoples-pantry/>

Thank you for your continued support in helping vulnerable people in 'our' area make it through the winter.

Yours sincerely

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