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Dear Parents,

You may have seen on the BBC website at the weekend that a teacher in Scotland has asked her class not to give her Christmas presents this year but instead to make a donation to the local food bank:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-46399857>

There is a lot of pressure on parents socially, that it is an expected norm, to buy presents. When you have several children in school this can be very expensive on top of an already expensive time of year.

As a school we are not asking you to stop if that is your choice to do so. If we were to say we did not like the pleasure of receiving gifts we would be lying. However it is not an expectation or a need.

This term, the school has focused on the theme of caring during our collective worship and we have also been busily fundraising for The Children's Society. A few of us, Mrs Blunden, Mrs Guinness and Mrs Sullivan have been touched by this and have decided to ask you as parents (and only if you were planning to do so) not to buy us personal gifts but to bring in a donation from the list attached.

Please note that this is not an expectation on our part.

Best wishes

Mrs Blunden Mrs Guinness Mrs Sullivan

## Some Useful Ideas

biscuits  
chocolates  
non-alcoholic Christmas Pudding  
shower gel  
toothpaste  
tinned fruit  
toilet roll  
washing up liquid  
bubble bath  
tinned meat  
tinned vegetables  
tinned fish  
cereal  
UHT milk / powdered milk  
longlife juice  
squash  
washing powder  
kitchen roll  
pasta  
pasta sauce  
tinned puddings  
custard  
soup  
tinned tomatoes  
tea  
coffee  
rice  
instant mashed potatoes  
lentils  
beans  
pulses  
deodorants  
shampoo  
conditioner  
soap  
toothbrushes  
hand wipes  
sanitary products  
nappies  
baby wipes  
baby food  
Any other Christmas fare