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Dear Parents/Carers,

We wrote to you a couple of weeks ago about events that will be happening across the Centre in December.

One of the activities that we would like to do is a **reverse advent calendar**:

The idea is that after opening your advent calendar at home in the morning the children can then bring something to put into the reverse advent calendar box for others. There will be donation boxes put outside the gates at drop off and collection times to put donations into. It may be an ideal time for you to donate any unwanted gifts that you may have such as gifts sets which you haven't been able to bring in to the Centre for our normal fundraising activities such as the summer fayre. We are definitely not expecting you to donate every day and are only asking you to donate if you can, there is no pressure to do this.

Some of our families will really struggle this Christmas due to the impact that COVID-19 has had on finances and physical/mental health. Any donations that we receive will be made into hampers for our families who may not be able to afford or access the treats that we generally associate with Christmas.

We know that lots of families like to bring in gifts for staff at Christmas which the staff are always grateful for any show of appreciation, however they recognise that there are others with a greater need this year so if you would like to donate to the reverse advent calendar instead then this would be gratefully received.

Below is the list of items that we will be collecting on the different days:

Date	Item
Tuesday 1 st December	Small selection box
Wednesday 2 nd December	Smellies (bubble bath, shower gel, body cream etc)
Thursday 3 rd December	Mince pies
Friday 4 th December	Crackers/napkins

Monday 7 th December	Christmas tree decoration (maybe you could make one)
Tuesday 8 th December	Chocolates
Wednesday 9 th December	Savoury treats (twiglets, cheeselets)
Thursday 10 th December	Candles/home fragrances
Friday 11 th December	Biscuits
Monday 14 th December	Christmas tree chocolates
Tuesday 15 th December	Small gift for a child (toy, craft set)
Wednesday 16 th December	Small yule log
No collections after this date as hampers will be made up and distributed.	

Thank you for all of your support.

Kind regards



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