



18th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

In our bid to do more for our local and wider community, we launched a Christmas Hamper collection before half term.

For so many of us, Christmas is a magical time of year that brings joy and excitement, but unfortunately not every family feels quite the same way. For some families, Christmas means being faced with difficult choices, trying to decide what to prioritise out of presents, heating and even food.

A local charity called [CAUSE FOUNDATION](#) organise hampers of food and gifts to go to families who have been nominated by social workers and other organisations. Having met with their trustees, we felt compelled to get involved so that – as a Stokesley school community – we can do our bit to make Christmas better for other families.

We understand that Christmas is a time of year that puts pressure on many people but if possible we believe that we can pull together as a school community to help those particularly in need and hopefully relieve some of the stress they may associate with this time of year and replace it with a little joy.

So, what have we been doing? Each tutor group in school has been assigned a family in need. Students have been given details on their family and the items we are aiming to collect for them.

As a tutor group we aim to collect as many items on the list as possible and would appreciate any help you can offer us. We are aiming to collect 3 bags for life per tutor group (1 bag of food, 1 bag of household products and 1 bag of gifts).

The final deadline for each tutor group is as follows:

Wednesday 20th November	Artemis
Thursday 21st November	Athena
Friday 22nd November	Demeter
Monday 25th November	Hera
Tuesday 26th November	Hermes
Wednesday 27th November	Poseidon
Thursday 28th November	Zeus and Sixth Form

On these dates, nominees will take each tutor group's hampers down to the SPAH where the House Captains will collate and finalise the hampers before a member of staff and one of our PTFA representatives will take them to the Riverside Stadium where they will be distributed to the allocated families.

Updates will be added to our school website and facebook page so please, if you're not already following us, make sure you do so that you can see the fabulous things our students are up to.

If you have any questions, or would like to get more involved, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Fox on efox@stokesley-alt.uk, Miss Watson on nwatson@stokesley-alt.uk or your child's tutor.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to working with our Stokesley families on this project.

Yours faithfully



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