



12th November 2019

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Reverse Advent Calendar

Since the Reverse Advent Calendar event has been so successful at Hayes Primary School over the past years, we are delighted to participate in this local community initiative again.

Some Hayes Primary School parents, in conjunction with the Bromley Foodbank, would like to offer the opportunity for all of us to reach out to others in the wider community. Therefore, we will once again be installing a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' in the school reception, in the lead up to Christmas.

How it works:

Rather than taking a chocolate out of an Advent calendar, an item of food will be donated and distributed to foodbanks across the borough.

Two large boxes will be in the school office for 25 days, from Monday 18th November until Thursday 12th December.

There is a list attached to this email of 25 suitable items which could be donated each day. However, day 8 does ask for '**nuts and confectionary**' which we cannot accept due to us being a nut free school. Consequently, we would like any alternative that you may have available and we thank you for your co-operation with this.

Advent calendars would also be welcomed in the **first week only** as a bonus item.

You could choose one or two items throughout the time, an item each week, or maybe pledge to add something each day. We would be extremely grateful for any contribution especially as Hayes Primary School alone has helped so many people within our community. Every donation, no matter how small, is important to help others practically, but also to give people hope in knowing that other people care.

Through this project, we are helping those who will not have very much this Christmas. We also hope that it will help our children, to learn the value of community and to understand how doing something little, can mean a lot.

Miss Bodycombe

Year 5 teacher