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RE: Midweek Update for all parents

Dear Parents

Thank you for all of your messages about Sam. We are passing them onto his family. His funeral will be on Tuesday 15th December and on that day the school office will be closed so that some of us who worked most closely with him can attend. We are planning a memorial here in the form of a garden to remember him. He loved plants and flowers and it's due to Sam that our school garden won a gold award. It's our hope that the flowers will also encourage bees and bugs too!

This year we are asking that you **do not send** Christmas cards in. Sadly we won't be running our usual Y1 Christmas post office and instead we'd like to point you in the direction of CAFOD's World Gifts: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk> and suggest that you spend what you would've spent on cards on a gift for someone less fortunate.

We are also supporting Our Lady of Sorrows and St Bridget's 'Christmas giving' this is from their newsletter:

St Bridget's once again, is working collaboratively with All Souls Foodbank to meet the needs of the vulnerable within our community and we are asking you please to consider donating any of the following:

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1. Cereal	12. Tissue Boxes	23. Toilet Rolls
2. Tinned Fruit	13. Bag of Sugar	24. Lentils, Beans and other Pulses
3. Rice	14. Shower Gel	25. Tinned Vegetables
4. Tinned Custard	15. Tinned Meat/Fish	26. Nappies
5. Shampoo	16. Washing-up Liquid	27. Baby Wipes
6. UHT (Long-Life) Milk	17. Peanut Butter	28. Tinned Pudding
7. Pasta Sauce	18. Deodorant	29. Clothes Detergent
8. Dried Pasta	19. Biscuits	30. Cooking Oil
9. Tea and Coffee	20. Soup Tins	31. Sanitary Products
10. Pet Food	21. Soap	32. Toothpaste
11. Dried Fruit	22. Chocolate	33. Preserves (Jams, Marmalade, honey etc)

All donations can be left in the church porch in the collection box marked 'Caritas Food Collective Covid-19' during new daily opening times. (Mon & Wed 10am-12noon Fri 5.30pm – 7.30pm Sat 10.30am – 12.30pm Sun 8am – 12.30pm).

Finally some of you have asked about gifts for the teachers. In the past parents have got together and brought vouchers for their child's class teacher and if you'd like to do this these can be dropped at the office (or if no email is necessary) emailed through.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

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