



Be a star this Christmas and help to make a difference in people's lives

Following the success of our Christmas appeal last year, we will be supporting local charities again this year. **Tuesday 7th December** is 'Christmas Party Day' for Pre Prep and **Thursday 9th December** is 'Christmas Jumper Day' for Years 3 – 8. Instead of asking you to donate £2 to wear your Christmas jumper to school, we will be supporting 5 local charities by donating items that they need (*please scroll down to see which items are suggested for each year group*).

Pre Prep should bring their items to school on Tuesday 7th December as these will be collected at the school gates during morning drop-off.

Years 3 – 8 should bring their items to school on Thursday 9th December as these will be collected at the school gates during morning drop-off.

Pre Prep will be supporting the work of our local Salvation Army by collecting toys for disadvantaged children who might not receive any presents this Christmas.

Years 3 and 4 will be supporting the Cambridge City Foodbank by collecting food items which will form Christmas hampers to be given to local families who are struggling to afford to feed themselves and their children in these difficult times.

Years 5 and 6 will be supporting Jimmy's Night Shelter by putting together parcels of small gifts to show homeless people that they are not alone this Christmas.

Years 7 and 8 will be supporting Cambridge Housing Services by putting together parcels of small gifts which will be given to young, vulnerable people in our region who might not otherwise receive presents this Christmas.

The staff will be supporting our local branch of Age UK by donating gifts which will be given to older members of our community who are isolated and lonely and would not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.

Pre Prep – The Salvation Army

This year, the Salvation Army will be supporting around 500 families in our region. They provide support, Christmas hampers and presents to meet genuine need in our area. They would be delighted to receive new and unused, **unwrapped** gifts which will be distributed to children who might not otherwise have anything to open on Christmas day. Suggested items include:

toy cars

colouring books

coloured crayons

reading books

picture books

puzzles

small games

sticker books

items to give babies 0-12 months like cloth books, rattles, teethers etc

any item a child might like to receive!

As this collection replaces our usual £2 charity donation, we are suggesting that an item of a similar value might be donated this year. If you wish to donate something more substantial, the Salvation Army would be very grateful for any donations.

Years 3 and 4 – Cambridge City Foodbank

Cambridge City Foodbank provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. If you have any spare 'bags for life' they would also be greatly appreciated. Their current 'most needed' list includes:

Tins of rice pudding

Instant coffee

Tins of salmon and tuna

Olive oil 500ml

Chocolate yule log

Tinned ham

Meals in a tin (e.g. chilli, chicken in sauce)

Tinned vegetables (not baked beans)

Soap

Stock cubes

Chocolate biscuits

Long life cartons of fruit juice

Savoury biscuits/crackers

Tins of custard

Christmas treat e.g. selection box

(pasta and pulses are not needed at the moment)

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Years 5 and 6 – Jimmy's Night Shelter

For 25 years, Jimmy's has been providing help to people experiencing homelessness in Cambridge. They work with local people, communities, organisations, and partners to deliver 24/7 emergency help, support and accommodation 365 days a year for those who would otherwise be sleeping rough. We will be putting together gift bags or boxes to bring some Christmas cheer. Suggested items include:

Toiletries (male & female)
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Socks
Male/Female brushes and combs
Chocolates and sweets for stockings
Male/Female Toiletry Bags
Male/Female shower sponges
Notepads and pens
Puzzle books
Tea/Coffee, hot chocolate sachets
Pot noodles
Snacks, crisps, crackers etc
Biscuits
Soft drinks
Christmas treats

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Years 7 and 8 – Cambridge Housing Services (CHS)

CHS provides accommodation and support to vulnerable young people in our region who are at risk of homelessness. CHS are collecting Christmas gifts to ensure that young people living in their supported housing services will have a present to open this Christmas. This can be a particularly difficult time of year for these young people as the majority do not have family members they can turn to. CHS ensures that the youngsters have the essentials they need while showing them there are people who care about them and their situation. We will be putting together gift bags to bring some festive cheer. CHS has particularly requested items that could be suitable for both male and female recipients as they tend not to have enough items for young men. Suggested items include:

Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Conditioner
Shower gel
Anti-bacterial hand gel
Nail varnish
Hair gel
Chocolate
Biscuits
Pens
Notepads
Hairbrush/comb
Sweets
Toiletries (male/female)

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