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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am really pleased to be writing to you about the festive fundraising we have planned at Bilton school for December.

We are supporting a local charity called **Hope 4** (www.hope4.org.uk). Its aim is to relieve poverty among homeless and poorly housed people in the Borough of Rugby and works to prevent homelessness. It does this by running a day centre, the Rugby Food Bank, a winter shelter, as well as working with different support agencies and influencing the homeless support projects from the local council. It also offers jobs, laundry, benefits, hot meals and showers to those people it supports.

At Bilton we not only care about the people in our school community but also those around us in the wider community. Everyone deserves to feel warm, fed and cared for especially at this time of the year. Our aim is to support the charity in December with a range of initiatives so that local people in need are supported over the festive period and into the new year.

There are many festive ideas planned for the month that all our school community can take part in if they wish. These include;

- 1) **A Reverse Advent Calendar** from **Monday December 2nd to Tuesday 17th December**. This is where items from the charities wish list (see the attachment to the letter) can be brought into school by your child and handed into their tutor during tutor time or directly to reception, (particularly for cash donations or gift cards).
- 2) **Student Chocolate Raffle**. Tickets will go on sale **Monday 9th December until Friday 13th December** for 20p each. Names will be drawn daily at tutor time during the last week of term.
- 3) **Staff Raffle**. This is being drawn on **17th December**. Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received and can be handed into reception.
- 4) **Non- Uniform Day** on **Friday 13th December**. Minimum donation of £1 to be handed to your child's tutor on **Thursday 12th December**, Christmas jumpers are most welcome!
- 5) **Christmas Card Amnesty**. Staff are making a donation to the charity rather than sending Christmas cards. Parents and guardians are also very welcome to join in with this. We are running a "Design a Bilton Christmas Card" competition from **Monday December 2nd to Friday 13th December**. Entries to be handed into Mrs Williams in the Science office. The winning design will be sent as an e-card to everyone in the school community.
- 6) **Staff and 6th form festive bake off** being held on **Thursday 12th December**.

We have set up a just giving page for Hope 4 fundraising and donations can also be made their directly.
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/biltonschool-hope4>. You can also follow our fundraising on our Twitter feed.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you in advance for your support in helping us make a difference to local people in need and bringing some festive fun and cheer to all our staff and students over the next month. We would also like to wish every member of our community a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards

Izzy Williams - Charity Coordinator



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Christmas Wish List-

Clothing items can be used but need to be clean

Rucksack
Blankets
Tents
Thermal Gloves
Thermal Socks
Gel Hand Warmers
Under Pants/Boxers
Joggers/Jeanes
Hoodies/jumpers
Trainers/shoes
Winter Coats
Foot & Heel Gel
Manicure Sets

- Nail Files
- Nail Clippers

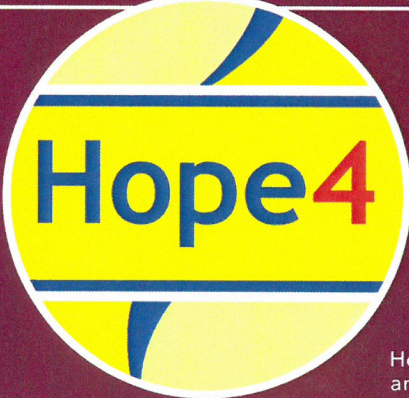
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Toothbrush & Holder
Wash Bags
Chap Sticks
Small First Aid Kits
Small Sewing Kits
Individual Cutlery Sets
Small Thermos Flask
Pocket Torch
Foil Blankets
Puzzle Books
Note Books
Pens
Chocolate
Boiled Sweets
Soft Drinks
High energy snacks

Love to shop vouchers
Greggs vouchers

Food Items

Tinned Tomatoes
Bakes Beans
Tinned Tuna
Tinned Meats
Sweetcorn
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Custard
Tinned Rice Pudding
Jars of Curry Sauce
Jars of Pasta Sauce
Breakfast Cereal
Gravy Granules
Cornflour
Vegetable Oil
Olive Oil
Squash
Bottled Water
Tea Bags
Coffee
Sugar
UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk
Mayo
Salad Cream
Tomato Sauce
Brown Sauce
Jars of Jam
Jars of Marmalade
Shop brought Bread, Cakes & Biscuits
Crisps

OUR CHOSEN CHARITY **Hope 4**



All donations gratefully received

Helping homeless, badly-housed and vulnerable people of Rugby

