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Dear Parent,

Fundraising events during December.

Fundraising for charities and helping in the local community play an important role in the Personal Development Programme at Holy Family. Indeed, the recent inspection highlighted this aspect of school life as a particular strength. Over the last year, numerous fundraising initiatives have taken place in school raising over £17,000 for various charities. Thank you so much for your support!

During the last few weeks of term, we have a few events taking place. On Thursday 12th December, we are hosting a Pensioners Christmas party, on Thursday 19th we will hold our annual Christmas Market and, the day before, we will also be delivering food parcels to those most in need in our local community.

We appreciate that not everyone is able to contribute. However, if you are able to donate, we would be most grateful. We are asking for any non-perishable food items and toiletries (or monetary donations). Please send any donations into school with your child before deliveries commence on Wednesday 18th December.

Lastly, one final plea, we have an extra special appeal this year, 'Hughie's Book Appeal'. Hughie is Mr Hope's son, our Subject Leader for ICT and Computing. Here is the Hope family story...

'Our youngest son Hughie was born at 25 weeks gestation and as a result of such extreme prematurity, was a very poorly baby. At two weeks old he was transferred to Alder Hey PICU and had lifesaving surgery. He has had a further two surgeries since and is still under the care of several teams and will be for the foreseeable. We are eternally grateful to the NHS and the hospitals that saved our little boy.

We have also spent a lot of time in the neonatal unit at Liverpool Women's (112 days) and, subsequently, at Chester hospital children's ward which is where we unfortunately found ourselves last Christmas. Spending Christmas in hospital was extremely hard especially as our family had to be apart. Our time there was enriched by the kindness of strangers donating toys, chocolates and pyjamas for the children. We knew last year that we wanted to pay it forward and do something for the children and families who are experiencing hardship in hospital this Christmas.

*One thing we noticed was the lack of books. For this reason, we have created **'Hughie's Christmas book appeal'** with the intention of donating a large number of books to Alder Hey, Liverpool Women's Neonatal and Chester Hospital. We are collecting books for children aged 0 - late teens and would be very grateful for any donations. Books must be **brand new** due to infection control and we kindly request that books are not Christmas themed.'*

At the Christmas Market, there will also be a raffle to raise funds for 'Hughie's Book Appeal'. Any donations of special prizes for the raffle would be much appreciated.

Many thanks, in advance, for your support not only with our previous fundraising efforts but also with our two Christmas appeals.

Regards,

Miss Murphy
Deputy Headteacher