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The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

Dear Parent/Guardian

This year, in the run up to Christmas, the School Councillors have decided they would like the school community to support the Christmas Present Appeal organised by The Salvation Army. They will launch their appeal in assembly and will explain to the school what the Christmas Present Appeal is and why they think it is a worthwhile cause to support as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas.

As it says on their website, The Salvation Army are 'called to be disciples of Jesus Christ... it exists to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity.' The aim of the Christmas Present Appeal is to do just that by 'giving a gift and lighting up a life'. The Salvation Army aims to make Christmas special for children, families and others who have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning. Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army.

The school council felt that as fellow Christians and as Catholics, we ought to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves and do what we can to help. They ask that as a community we give what we can to help spread the message of joy and of Christ's love to those who may not otherwise hear it this festive season.

The Hemel Hempstead church of The Salvation Army are collecting gifts this year so our gifts will be helping those in need within our local community. The Christmas Present Appeal asks for **new, unused gifts to be donated unwrapped**. They then sort, wrap and distribute them to the recipients.

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People:

The Salvation Army believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so they are unable to take used or second-hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles

3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles

5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords

9-12: games and toys, stationery, CDs, DVDs, books, T-Shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats

13-16: CDs, DVDs, books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, T-Shirts, hair accessories

Presents need to be in school by Friday 15th December at the latest so that they can be sorted and delivered to the collection point. There will be a big, labelled box by the office for gifts to be collected in. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lally and the School Councillors



'The more I learn about the world in which I live, the closer I grow to God.'

