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6th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few years, we have supported the Link to Hope shoebox appeal at Christmastime and as a school, we have sent a generous number of gifts to some less fortune children around Europe. However, this year has been a particularly tough year for many families in our county and we thought that it would be more appropriate to support those who are in need on our doorstep.

Over the weekend, we were pleased to hear that the Cornwall Christmas Box appeal will still be going ahead this year, despite the coronavirus pandemic. Cornwall Christmas Box is a Truro-based charity who have been creating Christmas boxes for many years. The boxes are distributed by Cornwall Council’s ‘Children’s Early Help, Social Care and Psychology Service’ and are given to families in need, in time for Christmas.

**What is a Cornwall Christmas Box?**

A Cornwall Christmas Box is a decorated cardboard box, filled with items for a Christmas dinner. Each box must contain the items in the list attached to this letter, alongside extra edible items and a Christmas card, if you wish to include these too.

**Is the appeal COVID safe?**

Having spoken directly with the charity, we can confirm that all boxes will be left for 72 hours before being collected by the charity, who will be wearing masks and gloves. We would also ask that if you are interested in packing a box, that you have washed your hands before doing so, and where possible, wiped items with an antibacterial wipe before placing them in your box.

**How can I support Cornwall Christmas Box?**

Pack your Cornwall Christmas Box and hand it to your child’s class teacher at drop off or pick up, **before** **Thursday 3rd December**. **Please ensure that all items in your box are in date for 25th December and that your box can be closed. Please do not include any alcohol, cigarettes, vouchers or perishable food.** There are some great examples on the Cornwall Christmas Box Facebook page. If you are unable to donate a full box, we would welcome donations of the listed items to go towards a school box, which we will pack and complete ourselves.

We will be extending our appeal to the Grampound community and would love your support this year, at a time when it is most important to help those who are vulnerable. Let’s pull together to give to others at Christmas.

If you have any further questions regarding the Cornwall Christmas Box appeal, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

Many thanks,

Miss Molden

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