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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may be aware, Haygrove School has developed a tradition of creating Christmas Hampers, as a way of supporting people in the wider community. The venture seems to have grown each year and last year with Chilton Trinity School doing the same thing, we were able to help several different groups of people, including:

Families from the Children's Centre

Families from Homestart – a local children's/ parents' charity

Headway – the brain injury trust their Bridgwater outreach clinic held every week at the centre

Elderly local people known to Victoria Park Community Centre

Young people who live on their own (arranged through Somerset County Council Social Services)

The Bridgwater Food Bank

At Christmas it can be easy to forget those who are on their own, lonely or in need of some support and friendship over the festive season and Haygrove takes pride in finding a way to help others in the community. The Christmas Hamper event has become an annual - and very popular venture at the school.

This year, we are again going to run the event alongside Chilton Trinity School.

The Christmas hamper idea requires each student to bring in one item from home. Each tutor group will then create an originally designed hamper, which will then be judged by Mrs Canham, Miss Smith and Mr Handel, before being delivered by our students to Victoria Park Community Centre on Monday 11th December 2017.

Any donation that you could give would be most welcome and I sincerely hope that you will support us in this charitable event. Due to the range of people that we would like to support, the item could be food- as outlined on the food bank donation letter in September, or something specifically Christmas based. It doesn't need to be food- perhaps a new pair of gloves, or slippers, or an appropriate (safe) token gift, such as toiletries, chocolate or a toy. It does not need to be expensive.

This year, we are going to run the venture slightly differently- in previous years, much of the focus has been on the design of the hamper. We will still include this element, and will choose one overall winner from the school.

However, in order to keep a focus on the real meaning behind the hampers, this year, we will also choose one hamper per year group based on the variety of the contents. Your child/children may come home with an idea of what they would like to donate, based on discussion within the tutor group, but please see the suggestions on the reverse of this letter, for further guidance.

Many, many thanks in advance for your support- we very much look forwards to seeing the final creations.

Yours sincerely

S Smith – Miss and T Handel- Mr



- Tins – fruit, soup etc
- Packet items- rice, pasta, mixes, cereal etc
- Biscuits/sweets/choc
- Cake
- Nuts
- Cheese
- Slippers/gloves or similar
- Books/toys/puzzles
- Presents for all ages (0-100)