

# White Hills Park schools supporting the Broxtowe Mayor's Christmas Appeal

In the midst of all of the difficulties the last year has thrown at us all, there have been some positive things to emerge, not least the way that people have come together to support those in the greatest need. In schools we have seen the strength of our local communities who have rallied round and provided support, friendship and practical assistance. It has been particularly heartwarming to see the role that young people have played in this – many of our pupils have been at the forefront of the work in their communities. They have shown concern for those around them and have wanted to do whatever they can to help.

As schools, we have worked closely with other groups in the community. Local authorities, charities, voluntary organisations, local businesses and church groups have all joined forces to provide help where it is needed. I've written before about the partnership between our schools and Hope Nottingham, a wonderful local charity who run foodbanks and make deliveries of essential items to local families.

We know that the last few months have been particularly difficult for some – people have lost jobs and face uncertain futures, some have even lost loved ones to the pandemic. As we enter the holiday period, we are very pleased to be taking part in a project that will help keep the Christmas period special for families who have had to cope with an incredibly difficult year. The Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Janet Patrick, has launched an appeal in partnership with local foodbanks and schools to make sure that no one will go hungry in Broxtowe this Christmas.

The goal is to provide those in the greatest need with a Mayor's Christmas Hamper and shopping vouchers that can be used in local retailers. If you are able to support the appeal, you can either make a cash donation or give any of the following items to help the appeal by 4th December:

#### Items Needed:

| Christmas puddings | Christmas cakes | Chocolates          | Soft drinks such as Shloer |
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| Cranberry sauce    | Candy canes     | Biscuits for cheese | Chocolate tree decorations |

These are the collection points for items:

Beeston Hope House, NG9 2RF Mon-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm Sat 9:30 -10:30am

**Beeston** Broxtowe Community Project, 201 Queens Road, NG9 2BZ.

Monday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm in person, but there is a 24/7 donation box outside.

Chilwell Chilwell Phoenix Food Bank, Inham Nook Pavilion, Pearson Avenue, NG9 4GS.

Thursday 4:00pm – 6:30pm, Friday 9:30am to 11:00 am

Stapleford Church at Montrose Court off Melbourne Road. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00am-11:00am

Stapleford The Haven Church and Community Centre, Wadsworth Road, NG9 8BD.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30am – 1:00pm

**Stapleford** Stapleford Community Group, 245 Ilkeston Road, NG9 8JH, Monday to Sunday between 6pm and 8pm

**Eastwood** Eastwood Food Bank, Eastwood Volunteer Bureau, Wellington Place, NG16 3GB Thursday and Friday from 9:30am to 1:30pm

When dropping off these items please remember to follow the Covid-19 guidance rules. Ensure you are wearing a face covering (unless exempt) and follow social distancing guidelines.

Broxtowe Borough Council has also set up a special account to receive donations. Donations can be received via bank transfer made payable to: Broxtowe Borough Council: sort code 20-63-33, Bank Account 33163776. Please quote Christmas Appeal (05547/8595) as a reference. All donations whether large or small are equally welcome.

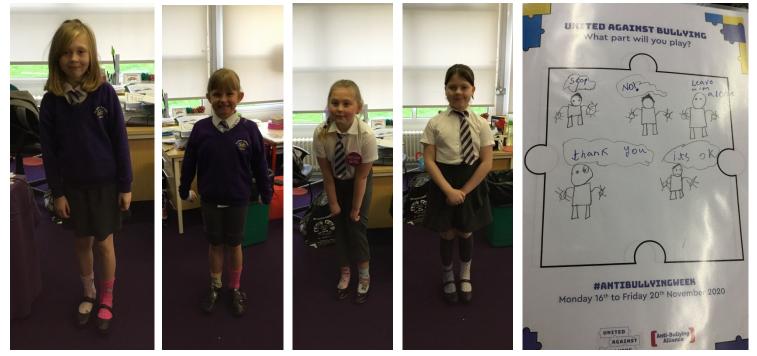
In addition to the broader appeal, each of our schools is organising a specific activity to support the project and will let you know the details. I hope that through this effort, we can really make a difference to our communities this Christmas season.

Dr. Paul Heery

Chief Executive Officer



### Anti-Bullying Week



Children at the Florence supported Odd Socks Day on Monday to celebrate difference and Stand United against bullying. We had an online assembly on anti-bullying and looked at group bullying dynamics in PSHE lessons where we completed our Puzzle Pieces to say how we will Stand Up to Bullying at the Florence.

#### Diwali

The children have completed lessons in RE, DT and Art this week around Diwali and Mrs Chauhan even dressed up in her sari to show Foundation children whilst reading traditional stories and answering questions. Each class made delicious Indian treats to taste and some traditional Indian foods such as onion chutney with popadoms. Children made rangoli patterns and found out about how Diwali is celebrated across the world. They retold the story of Rama and Sita which founded the Festival of Lights.

















#### **Golden Book Assembly**

Well done to everyone who was chosen for the Golden Book Assembly this week!

Dina Asher Smith class: Jack Ellie Simmonds class: Scarlette Evelyn Glennie class: Jasmine Ada Lovelace: Brooke Martin Luther King class: Finlay Barack Obama class: Sienna Leonardo Da Vinci class: **Samuel** Billie Jean King class: **Maisie** Greta Thunberg class: **Alexia** David Attenborough class: **Riley** Sanna Marin class: **Kara** Joseph Rowntree class: **Harry** 



Michelle Obama class: Ellie May

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#### **Our New Website Launches!**

Have you spotted our new website yet?

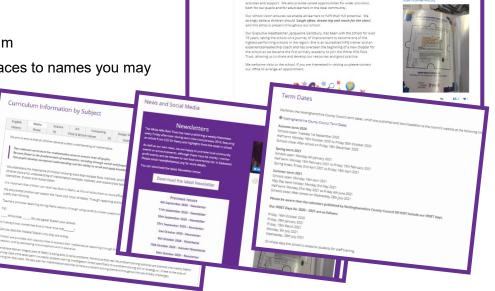
We've launched a brand new website to keep you up to date with everything going on in school, containing lots of useful information including:

- Term dates and INSET Days
- Our latest Newsletters and Tweets
- Links to our Class Blogs
- Letters sent home
- Info about our subjects and curriculum
- Photos of our staff, to help you put faces to names you may have heard
- Documents concerning our finance, funding, policies and progress
- Changes due to Covid-19, how we are ensuring every child feels safe and happy in school.

...and lots more.

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#### https://theflorence.academy



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