

19th November 2024

RE: Luton Foodbank Christmas appeal

Dear parent/carer,

I hope this finds you well.

It is difficult to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! One of the things that I have always been proud of during my time at Lealands is the generosity of our students and wider Lealands family, including yourselves.

You may already be aware that we have supported the Luton Foodbank appeal over the past few years; we have had tremendous success in supporting the appeal and have donated full trolleys of food donations over the past few years. Last year we donated the largest single donation from any organisation.

In the past 5 years, the number of people using foodbanks has risen by 94%. This is understandable given the rising cost of food, fuel and energy. I am aware that many of our Lealands families have benefitted from foodbank support in the past also.

We would like to support the Luton foodbank appeal again this year with your help; however, I understand the demands on everyone, so there is no pressure on anyone at all to contribute.

Our year 9 charity ambassadors will be on hand every morning with our Christmas trolley to receive donations. This will run from 2nd to 13th December. Our charity ambassadors will then deliver the donations to the foodbank. There will be a trolley available for donations for each year group on the days below. For Key Stage 3 students, this will be at tutor time line up and for Key Stage 4 students, this will be their morning period 1 line up:

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| Monday 2nd December | Year 11 |
| Tuesday 3rd December | Year 10 |
| Wednesday 4th December | Year 9 |
| Thursday 5th December | Year 8 |
| Friday 6th December | Year 7 |
| Monday 9th to Friday 13th December | All years, final donations |

I have attached the list of desirable items at the bottom of this letter. If you are able to donate any of these items to help the Christmas appeal, this would be gratefully received, as always. Once again, there is no obligation whatsoever.

Luton foodbank have also shared a link with me to their Just Giving page to support their Luton Smiles appeal for any monetary donations; almost £3,000 was raised last year. There is no obligation here either. The link is below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lutonsmiles2024>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and give you and your families my very best wishes over this festive period.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Taplin and the wider pastoral team

Items needed:

Tinned ham
Tinned peas
Tinned carrots
Tinned potatoes
Box of chocolates
Biscuits
Rice pudding
Custard
Christmas pudding
Soup
Tinned fruit
Long-life milk
Noodles
Pasta sauce
Sweets
Rice (500g)
Tinned pasta
Instant coffee
Cereal
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned fish
Long-life fruit juice
Sugar
Baked beans



reverse advent calendar

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| 13 Tinned ham | 23 Tinned peas | 9 Tinned carrots | 15 Tinned potatoes | 4 Box of chocolates | 21 Biscuits |
| 20 Rice pudding | 7 Custard | 24 Christmas pudding | 10 Soup | 2 Tinned fruit | 22 Long-life milk |
| 14 Noodles | 19 Pasta sauce | 17 Sweets | 11 Rice (500g) | 6 Tinned pasta | 1 Dried pasta |
| 12 Breakfast cereal | 3 Tinned tomatoes | 16 Tinned fish | 5 Long-life fruit juice | 8 Sugar | 18 Baked beans |

no-one should be hungry at Christmas

Each day of Advent, check the calendar, and place the named item in a bag.
Drop your filled bags at Luton Foodbank after New Year's Day. Find directions at lutonfoodbank.org.uk/advent - Thank you.

