



5 December 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a Church School, we would like to take this special time of year as an opportunity to promote our values: **faith, kindness and excellence**. Advent is a time of hope and excitement in the Christian community, and indeed in communities across the world. We hope it is a time of hope and excitement at Ark Alexandra.

We are a Church School, so the Christian message of hope is important to us. **We are also an inclusive community and wish all to feel involved in the Advent spirit**. Whatever your beliefs, faith or religious identity we hope that you and your child feel able to embrace our message of hope and faith this month.

In Tutor Time and Assemblies, all students will be invited to explore the theme of *hope*. Students will be asked to consider what gives them hope and to consider how they can bring hope to others. As part of this, we are promoting **two charitable enterprises**. We are asking for **donations of non-perishable food items to be distributed to those in need within our community**. These donations will be made through St John The Evangelist, Hollington. We are also hosting our annual **Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Tuesday 17th December**. This is a wonderful occasion when residents of local care homes are invited in to Ark Alexandra for a Christmas Celebration with food, drink and entertainment. **The Senior Citizens invited are given gift boxes containing items donated by staff and students. Please find overleaf a list of requested items.**

We very much hope that you can assist your child in bringing hope to others this Advent season. If you are not in a position to donate anything material, please speak to your child about other ways in which to bring hope through acts of kindness and courtesy in and around our community.

We look forward to promoting this spirit of hope and kindness. Throughout the coming weeks students will engage in assemblies, discussion and activates around this theme. We hope you will continue these discussions in your own homes.

Yours Faithfully,

Stephanie Newman
Principal

Victoria Cockram
Associate Principal

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Senior Citizen Gift Box Suggestions

Female	Male
Ladies Socks Size 4-6	Socks Size 7-11
Packs of Tights – Medium	Gloves
Ladies Handkerchiefs	Handkerchiefs
Candles	Comb
Bubble Bath/ Soap	Slippers Size 7-11
Shower Gel	Soap
Potpourri	Scarf
Chocolates or Biscuits (No Nuts)	Chocolates or Biscuits (No Nuts)
Hair Brush	Flannels