



6<sup>th</sup> December,

Dear Parent and Carers,

Once again, the School Council have voted to support a charity close to home that people in our community may be benefiting from – The Food Store.

St George's, along with another 4 local churches, run this store all year round, making sure families who are in need have the staple things to eat in their houses that we take for granted such as cereals, pasta and tinned goods.

At Christmas, the food store try and make their staple bags a little more special by including a 'luxury / treat' item, just so that these families have something nice to include in their home during the festive period. The staff at Dowson have donated for the last few years to make many bags be a little more special. This year, again, the school council hope to give this small gift to many more families by asking for your help too.

From Monday, there will be a box in each building where you can leave your generous donations, should you want to support these causes. You can help by leaving any of the following suggested staple or 'luxury' items:

- Tinned foods and soups
- Pasta, healthy cereals, porridge / oatmeal.
- Bags of potatoes or apples.
- Toilet paper.
- Toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, lip balm.
- Box of mince pies, cakes, biscuits or chocolates
- Yule log or Christmas pudding or cake

It makes me very proud that our children are very enthusiastic about helping their own community and people less fortunate this Christmas time and hope that you will be able to help. Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity – it makes a big difference to those who need it most.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs K. L. Thornburn  
Principal

