



FOODBANK SUPPORT & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

7 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the last few years we have been working to develop a closer working relationship with Poole Foodbank. This began with the realisation that our traditional annual donation at Harvest arrived at a time when their shelves were often at their fullest and the lead up to Christmas would be a better time to show our support. For that reason we started to take donations down towards the end of the Autumn Term, just before we broke up for Christmas.

This year Poole Foodbank still have full shelves but really require financial support. We have contacted other local foodbanks and there is still a need for food donations across the Bournemouth and Poole community. We are therefore asking for two things this Advent.

Firstly, some tutor groups have chosen to take part in a reverse advent calendar and are collecting up boxes of food that can then be donated to Bournemouth Foodbank. If students are involved in this or if they would like to bring in food to be added to one of these we would ask them to be brought in **by next Tuesday** so that we have time to arrange their delivery.

Secondly, next Friday we will have a **Christmas Jumper day**. We ask students to bring in a £1 donation and they can then wear a Christmas Jumper in place of their blazer. This have proven to be increasingly popular for the last couple of years and this year the money raised will be donated to Poole Foodbank to help tackle the increasing issue of food poverty in our local community. We would ask that the £1 donations are brought in to school by Thursday 14th December so that we able to arrange the payment to Poole Foodbank ahead of the Christmas break.

Advent is a time when we are all challenged to be a source of light and hope in the community and these opportunities offer a great chance for us to do just that.

Thank you for your on-going support,

Mr C Farrow
Assistant Headteacher