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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal

The Salvation Army in Addlestone co-ordinates a Christmas Toy Appeal providing gifts which are distributed to families in need, as families are facing even more difficulties due to the rising cost of living. This year, the Salvation Army are expecting an increase in the number of families referred to them which is why Year 3 are proud to support the Salvation Army Christmas toy appeal.

They have asked for donations of brand-new unwrapped toys, games and books which will be offered to families. They need books, toys and gifts suitable for babies and up to and including 17-year-olds. Often, they find that the older teenagers would prefer a gift card for a High Street shop or Amazon.

Some donation suggestions are: -

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs, and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers.

Once the Salvation Army have gathered all the donated toys, books and vouchers, the families are invited to choose the unwrapped gifts their children would like. We realise that times are hard for many, but the donations provided can sometimes be the difference between a child having, or not having, a gift on Christmas Day. Families from the local community, including from Ottershaw School, benefit from the donations and the Salvation Army carefully and discreetly seek referrals for families that need this extra support at Christmas.

We will be collecting until **Monday 1st December**. Please bring your donation in to school or send it in with your child.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dennis

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