Dear Parents,

**Reverse Advent Calendar**

The children have been told today about our plans to run a ‘Reverse Advent Calendar’ scheme this December.

The idea is based on waiting to give someone a gift, as well as receiving some ourselves. We are asking every child to bring in one small item to go into a class Advent calendar, which will then be taken to the Trussells Food Bank in East Grinstead at the end of term by children from the School Council.

If possible, we would like small ‘treats’ of food (non-perishable), which can be slipped easily into a single section of a wine crate. Each class will have two wine crates, giving them 24 sections to fill up in total.

Please don’t go mad! A large Christmas selection of biscuits just won’t fit into the calendar – a packet of ginger nuts, a box of dates or a small, slender box of chocolate mints would be better. The idea is that the children think about the fact that they will be making someone else’s Christmas a little bit more special than it would be if they didn’t give something to the Advent calendar.

Incidentally, if you would like to watch the clip at home that I showed the children in assembly this morning, it can be found here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSLOnR1s74o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSLOnR1s74o)

Thank you so much for your support with this project.

Best wishes,

Sarah Stokes