



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **School Council and Rota Kids update**

We collected a huge amount of food donations as part of the **Harvest food collection**. There was a wide range of dried and tinned food that was gratefully received. If you were able to support this, we thank you for your contributions.

This week, the children are raising money as part of the '**Poppy Appeal**' and selling a variety of memorabilia on behalf of Royal British Legion. The children will continue to sell the items in the playground at the start of school until the boxes are empty!

The School Council have decided to host a 'Pyjama Day' for '**Children in Need**' on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. The children who do not wish to come in pyjamas are welcome to come in spotty non uniform or 'Children in Need' clothing. The children will still need to wear a coat and sensible shoes, as they will play outside as usual throughout the day. If you wish to make a donation to 'Children in Need' this will be available on ParentPay from today.

The final project that the 'Rota Kids' have chosen to be part of for this half term is the shoe box appeal. The '**Rotary Shoe Boxes**' will be available from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, for any families who may wish to fill and donate one, from the School Office to collect, or can be sent home with your child by emailing [parents@hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk](mailto:parents@hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk) with your child's name and year group. These boxes can be filled with 6-10 small items (*see information below*) and will be distributed to families in need. The deadline for returning these boxes to the School Office is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

On behalf of the above organisations and our School Councilors, **THANK YOU!**

Best Wishes,

Mrs Leanne Ruddock

Head of School



# Rotary Shoebox Scheme

[www.rotaryshoebox.org](http://www.rotaryshoebox.org)

## Suggestions for filling your shoebox

### Child / Toys ~ For young children

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, lego blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

### Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

### Household Goods ~ For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

### Baby ~ Age up to 12months

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, baby blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

### What NOT to include in boxes

Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks, battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

### For safety -

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers. Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into the Toys box.

The type of contents are indicated on the box top.



In the case of child & teenagers, additional information as to the suitability for boy or girl, along with age group is also indicated. A card with the sender's name and a photograph is also a nice thing to include. Above all, the contents should be of good quality, remembering that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

**“Spreading a Little Happiness”**