



Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy

"Every child is cherished as a unique individual" – Ofsted 2012

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'All things are possible'

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Dear Benedict Biscop family,

We need your help...

Did you know... Age UK has found that in the UK, over half of the elderly aged 75 and above live alone. Many elderly people don't have children or family living nearby and often they only have contact with their children over FaceTime or phone calls, instead of a visit in person.

More than 250,000 people aged 75 and over aren't looking forward to Christmas but we would like to make sure that nobody in our community wakes up without a gift to open on Christmas Day.

At Benedict Biscop, we believe that we are courageous advocates and that it is important to stand up, be heard and help others whenever when we can, no matter what the challenges they may face and so we have decided that we must do something to help. We would love you to help us by donating a new, unwrapped gift suitable for an older person such as:

- Sweets
- Socks
- Mince pies
- Christmas Cakes
- Puzzle books and pens
- Hats, scarves or gloves
- Hand lotions/Hand soaps

Children and families can also write cards addressed to "our friends" and these will be included in the gifts. Everything we collect will be distributed to our local community to make sure we **ALL** have the best Christmas possible.

If you can help us any way, we would be very grateful. The hall doors will be open every morning from **Monday 4th December – Friday 8th December between 8.40 - 8.55am** for any donations. There will also be drop off boxes in the school office and EYFS main entrance.

Thank you for helping us help others this Christmas.

Your sincerely,

The Lighthouse Leaders and Rights Knights.



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