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Dear Parent / Carer,

Reverse Advent Calendar 2024

As we enter the season of Advent, we at St Thomas More are called to live out our mission statement: "Aspiring not to have more but to BeMORE". Grounded in our commitment to empathy and care, we are inspired to support the most vulnerable members of our local community.

Following the overwhelming success of last year, we are once again running a Reverse Advent Calendar to support Zink, our local food bank. This initiative allows us to give rather than receive during Advent, collecting essential items to assist those in need. It is a tangible way for us to live out Catholic Social Teaching principles and put our faith into action.

The Reverse Advent Calendar will take place during the three weeks of Advent that we are in school. Each week, different year groups will focus on bringing in specific items, ensuring we can make a meaningful contribution. Together, as a St Thomas More family, we are determined to bring hope and help to our local community, embodying the true spirit of Advent.

Week 1 (3rd – 6th December):

Year 7- Toiletries
Year 8- Washing detergent
Year 9- Packet puddings
Year 10- Tinned soup
Year 11- Tinned fruit and vegetables

Week 2 (9th – 13th December):

Year 7- Tinned meat
Year 8- Tinned vegetables
Year 9- Tinned fruit
Year 10- Long life ready meals
Year 11- Washing up liquid and soap

Week 3 (16th – 20th December):

Year 7- Long life ready meals
Year 8- Tinned meat
Year 9- Pasta (preferably wholegrain)
Year 10- Toiletries
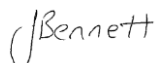Year 11- Toiletries, toothbrushes and hand soap

We appreciate any support that you can give during this season of Advent.

God bless and thank you for you continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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Lay Chaplain

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Assistant Headteacher

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