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Dear Parent

Christmas 2019

Normally our PTA run a Christmas Quiz sheet competition at this time of year. This year instead, we will have a 'Guess the Name of the Bear, ' 50p a guess or 3 guesses for £1. This will run from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

As a school we are also asking, those who can, to support the Hamper Appeal which Dyllan and Nathalie, a past pupil of Bush, are doing.

If you would like to contribute one or two items, just send it/them into school by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and we will make up the Hampers to pass on.

Many thanks in advance

Pauline McAlister  
Principal

Facebook Message below from Nathalie

Dyllan and I wanted to do something a little bit special this Christmas and were wondering if anyone would be willing to help us?

We would like to collect baskets or hampers for the PARENTS of the children who are going through cancer treatment this Christmas. The reason that we put our focus on the parents is because from experience, the child who has cancer already receives so much generosity. We simply want to bring some comfort to their parents, because the stress and heartache that they are experiencing through their child's treatment is just unimaginable.

If you would like to help us, here is what you can do.

Make up a little hamper to include nice things for both Mummy and Daddy. You can use a shoebox, a cardboard box or a cheap little basket. Here are some ideas of what you could include:

- Face masks (men can enjoy them too!)
- Cosy bed socks
- Mini toiletries - toothbrush, paste, deodorant, shampoo, shaving stuff
- Lip balm
- A nice hand soap/moisturiser
- A nice cosy blanket

- A cushion or pillow
- Slippers
- A microwaveable heat-bag
- Some good teabags, maybe a fancy little teapot or a pair of mugs (with lids)
- Some proper coffee
- A nice water/juice bottle
- Nail varnish
- Snacks - crisps or chocolate or sweets
- Chewing gum or mints
- A pack of playing cards
- Some loose change for vending machines or car parking
- Christmas cracker
- An adult colouring book & pencils/markers
- A diary or notebook
- Dry shampoo
- Bracelets
- A nice book
- Anything inspirational or motivational - e.g. ornaments, bookmark, keyring

When you're finished, pop in a little card or a letter in your box. This won't be read by anyone except the parent/s who receives your basket. You can keep it anonymous or you can share your name if you like. Something to make them smile.

We don't expect you to buy all of the items listed above, there are just a few ideas on there and if anyone else has any ideas of anything else to add please feel free to suggest! It doesn't have to be expensive, perhaps if you don't feel as though you could do one basket yourself, you could get a friend to go half's with you?

It's important to note that we don't know anything about any of the parents so we need to remember they could be of any nationality or religion. They may be single parents. Their child could be anywhere between age 0-16. They may have other kids at home, might have great support or no support. One thing that connects them all is this journey they are going through.

If you are adding edibles, please make sure they have a good "shelf life" - so nothing fresh. This is because we are unsure of how this little project will go and we don't want things going mouldy if they are sitting for a couple of weeks.

We will figure out a place to drop off the boxes in the near the future, with a donation deadline of 1st December. Then Dyllan and I will bring them to the Children's Cancer Unit in Belfast.

Thank you to anyone who helps, it will be appreciated more than you can ever imagine.