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Dear Parent/Carer,

Dress Down Day/Porty Larder Food Bank Collection

On **Friday 8th December**, pupils will be able to 'dress down' with a touch of Christmas. This would mean non-uniform, and could have the addition of something festive, i.e. a Christmas jumper, Santa hat or tinsel. Pupils who choose to dress down should bring a minimum of 50p donation to Clan on the day where it will be collected. Donations will go to the Northsound 1 Coats for Kids Appeal to help provide local children with a warm coat for winter.

As in previous years, we will also be collecting items to help stock up the Porty Larder food bank for people to use over the festive period. With the current cost of living crisis, food bank use has increased 80% in the last five years. These organisations rely on public donations of food and toiletries to help support those in need. This very much sits with one of our school 'Ready' statements: *'Ready to Contribute to our Local Community'*, and we want to do as much as we can across our Clans to give back to our Community.

The Larder have supplied us with a list of items that would be most useful, and we have again organised these by year group to simplify the process. Pupils can bring in items to their Clan Class from **Monday 11th Dec- Friday 15th December**, or alternatively larger numbers of items can be handed in to the office or at our **Christmas Concert on Wednesday 13th December**.

Suggested items				
S1	S2	S3	S4/5/6	
FLAVOURED PACKET NOODLES	CRISPS	SHOWER GEL	CLEANING SPRAYS	
TINNED FRUIT	BISCUITS	SHAMPOO	WASHING UP LIQUID	
TINNED/PACKET/CARTON CUSTARD	DILUTING JUICE	HANDWASH	LAUNDRY POWDER	
		LOO ROLL		
		SOAP		

Also, if you join Co-op membership anywhere for £1 you can ask to support The Larder. This means that every time you shop in any Co-op, anywhere, The Porty Larder receives a donation. It doesn't cost any more than your £1 membership and members also get other savings at the Co-op.

With thanks,

Mrs J Conway
Chair of Charities Committee
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