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Dear Parents and Carers

Charity action and fundraising – November/December

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some of our fundraising and charity work that will take place in the run up to Christmas.

Bryntirion Comprehensive School will be supporting two charities this half term. These will be Children in Need and the BCBC Santa Appeal. To raise funds for these charities there will be two non-uniform days this half term when pupils are able to wear their own (appropriate) clothing to school. The dates for these will be **Friday**, 17th **November (Children In Need)** and a Christmas jumper day in December (date to be confirmed). We would ask for a suggested £1 voluntary donation on these two days.

The Bridgend County Borough Santa Appeal works alongside social services who support families throughout the county, ensuring that the most vulnerable children will receive a gift this Christmas. The gift bag contains age appropriate gifts consisting of one large gift along with some smaller gifts. In addition to some of the money raised from the non-uniform day, which will help to buy the main gift for the bags, as a school we will be collecting new items to contribute towards making up the remaining smaller gifts in the bags.

To ensure that a range of ages is covered by our donations we are suggesting an age range for each year group to donate towards, outlined in the table below along with suggestions for items to be donated.

Year group	Age range for donation	Suggestions
Year 7	Under 2	Books, baby toys, soft toy, bath toy,
		construction toys or vehicles.
Year 8	2-4	Books, colouring books/pencils, chocolate
		coins, dressing up items, soft toys,
		vehicles, construction toys, dolls, wooden
		jigsaw or playdoh.
Year 9	5-7	Books, colouring books/pencils, chocolate
		selection box, soft toys, vehicles,
		construction toys, hair accessories, a
		small game, fidget toy, skipping rope,
		jigsaw, football items, action figures or
		tube of sweets.
Year 10	8-10	Books, chocolate selection box, hair
		accessories, toiletries, a small game/card
		game, fidget toy, stationary, jewellery,
		notebook or tube of sweets.

Year 11	11-13	Books, chocolate orange, toiletries, a
		small game/card game, stationary,
		notebook, jewellery or Rubix cube.
Year 12/13	14-16	Books, chocolate orange, toiletries, a
		small game/card game, stationary,
		notebook, jewellery or Rubix cube.

The collection day for the donations will be **Friday 24**th **November (please could pupils give any donations to their Head of Year)**. There is no obligation to donate, and we ask that families only do so if they feel in the position that they can. It is important to note that the gift must be new and unused. Each year group will be hearing more about this in assemblies over the next week with sample gift bags being provided by the BCBC Santa Appeal to show examples of what children receive.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Beard

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