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Dear Families,

The festive season will soon be upon us and, although Christmas still feels a little way off, we are getting organised early this year so that we can spread as much Christmas cheer as possible throughout our local community.

Each year, our school community comes together to share a little kindness with others by donating wrapped biscuits and chocolates. These are delivered alongside beautiful handmade Christmas cards created by our children to local senior citizens, residents of The Argyles, and other members of our community who may be feeling lonely or isolated over the festive period.

One of the most special things about Christmas is showing others that they are remembered and cared for. A simple box of chocolates or biscuits, paired with a thoughtful card, can bring a smile and make a real difference to someone's day.
If you are able to support us, we would be very grateful for donations of wrapped biscuits or chocolates. As you are doing your Christmas shopping over the coming weeks, perhaps you could pop an extra treat into your trolley for someone in our community.

We are always keen to reach as many people as possible. If you know of a local resident who may be alone this Christmas or would appreciate a festive delivery, please contact the school office with their details so that we can include them in our plans.

As our delivery list grows year on year, we would also love some help delivering the parcels during the last couple of weeks of term. If you and your child would like to be part of this wonderful act of service, please let the office team know and we will arrange a delivery route for you.

Please send any donations into school by Friday 4th December.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. Together, we can help bring warmth, kindness and a little festive magic to members of our community this Christmas.

With grateful thanks and best wishes,

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