

8th November 2022
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Dear Parents/Carers

This year The Malling School are proud to be supporting The Salvation Army and their Christmas Present Appeal, and we are hoping that, if you are able to, you can help to support this wonderful cause.

Every year the Christmas Present Appeal makes a huge difference to thousands of families across the United Kingdom and Ireland. Through the generosity of people such as yourselves, they ensure that children in our community who might miss out on Christmas Day will instead have the joy of opening a gift.

With this in mind, we are looking for a selection of toys and gifts for children aged between 0 and 16. If you are able to, and would like to donate to this very worthwhile cause, these toys and gifts will need to be brought into school between Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th November and handed in to either your child's form tutor or to Mrs Distefano in T17.

These generous gifts will then be collected by the Salvation Army, and they will wrap and distribute the gifts to those in need who may not otherwise receive a Christmas present.

If this is something that you would like to take part in, please see a list of suggestions below, provided by the Salvation Army for each of the age ranges. These items would need to be new and unwrapped, and preferably labelled with the age group that you would like your gift to go to.

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to making a difference to those in need this Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Distefano
Teacher of Ethics