



Re: Focus Day – Tuesday 7th December

Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday 7th December we are going to hold our second Focus Day of this academic year. The 6 Focus Days allow us to explore a variety of current and relevant topics, and provide enrichment opportunities for our pupils. The next Focus Day will be centred on ‘Avanti in the Community’ and we will tie this in with our Christmas Jumper/fancy winter jumper Day. Pupils are invited to wear a festive / wintery jumper of their choice and non-school uniform, we are asking for a £1 donation for the charity ‘Save the Children’.

In addition to Save the Children charity donations, we are also asking for any items from the St Petrock’s ‘Rough-Sleeper Winter Wishlist 2021.’ No matter how small the item, we know during this cold, winter period that the charity and the people they work with will be really grateful. An item list is attached and all final collections will be delivered to St Petrock’s on Thursday 16th December. Let’s see if we can beat last year’s food item total.

Upper School (and Years 5 & 6 session 1 and 3)

Upper school will explore learning questions such as:

- ‘What is community?’
- ‘What issues exist in our community?’
- ‘How can we help solve these issues?’

Session 1	Introduction to our community and what community means. Assembly provided by St Petrock’s and a performance from the Parent Choir
Session 2	Form groups will rotate around sessions to understand different community concerns. These include: Ageing Community, Crime Prevention, Animal Welfare and Sign Language
Session 3	Drama and music performances and an opportunity to make gift tags/cards for St Petrocks.

Year 10 Drama Group

Year 10 GCSE Drama group will follow sessions 1 and 3 but in session 2 will prepare a drama performance based around the issues of homelessness. The pupils will then perform this to the rest of Upper School and Years 5 and 6.

EYFS and KS1

For the upcoming Focus Day, Reception and Key Stage 1 will be working on Christmas items and performances for the Barton Place Nursing Home on Cowley Bridge. We will be talking about Christmas and how to give back to our local community. With this in mind, we will be creating the following items that will be delivered to the care home at the end of the week.

1. A Christmas card or picture.
2. A Christmas decoration to be hung in the care home
3. Recordings of Christmas songs that we will send for them to play to their residents.

If you would like to contribute, we would also like to ask for a small, wrapped gift that we could take across for them to open at Christmas. The Manager has confirmed that there are a few allergies within the residents, so has asked us not to send food items. Something like a Christmas decoration, a scarf or a pair of gloves may be ideas for the type of items that might be suitable.

KS2

For the upcoming Focus Day, Key Stage 2 will be considering how we can give back to our community at this time of year. We will be examining the work of St Petrock's and reflecting on how we can bring some Christmas cheer to those who do not have the opportunity to fully celebrate Christmas.

Some of the activities we will be involved in are:

Creating a Pop-Up Christmas card

An author visit - responding to writing with a message

Learning a Christmas song (using sign language)

Involvement in a discussion about being community minded at Christmas

We very much hope in the future to merge the Lower and Upper School phases during these Focus Days; however, we feel that with Covid cases still prevalent that we should remain in our separate areas. All external providers will follow all guidelines and procedures to ensure that we keep everyone safe.

The plan will be shared with pupils in advance and the Nest will be open to support. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting learning day.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs N Evans, Mrs J Wood and Mrs S Greaves

Phase Lead for Upper School, KS2 and KS1



Rough-Sleeper Christmas Wishlist 2021

StP's Rough Sleeper team will be providing special meals, gifts & treats to support people without a home this winter - and continuing to help them move forwards in the year ahead. Can you help by donating any of our needed items? **THANK YOU!**

Essential Survival Items

Rucksacks

Sleeping bags & camping roll-mats

Trainers

Small men's jeans & joggers (waist 28" - 34")

Small women's jeans, joggers, leggings (sizes 6—10)

Small—medium hoodies & waterproof coats

Many of these items can also be purchased via our Amazon Wish List at <https://go.gl/LYDeTR> for delivery straight to us.

Small Gifts:

Chocolate bars & festive treats

Small torches & thermos flasks

Earphones

Battery packs (for mobile phones)

'Wind up' portable mini radios

£5 Greggs gift cards

Hand warmers & waterproof / fingerless gloves

Hairbrushes

Wet wipes & small packs of tissues

When selecting small gift items:

Please note 80% of the people we work with are male.

To prevent waste, please donate gifts loose, wrapped or in small bags, labelled male/female if relevant (NOT shoeboxes please).

Notes, cards and gift tags are often appreciated too.

Collections

All wishlist items to
your child's class teacher
or form tutor by the 7th Dec.