

Haughton School Christmas Appeal 2020 - Supporting Bennett House Care Home -

Over the last couple of years we have supported the 'Shoebox Appeal' and collected toys for children at the Princess Royal Hospital. Your support for these appeals was incredible and we are really hoping that you will help us again this year.

This Christmas, Haughton School would like to support elderly people in our local community. We are appealing for donations of small Christmas gifts for the residents of Bennett House residential care home in Woodside.

As we all know, 2020 has been an extremely tough year for many and sadly, the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on care homes has been huge. Due to their vulnerability, residents have had to go long periods of time not being able to see their families. This has been extremely hard for all; for those with dementia, it has been particularly tough as they have not been able to fully understand why.

Bennett House is a wonderful home environment, where the focus is always on their residents leading happy and fulfilled lives. The ladies and gentlemen who reside there have always enjoyed socialising and doing activities together. Unfortunately since the Covid-19 outbreak, lots of their usual activities and social events have had to stop and they are being greatly missed, e.g. bingo, singers and entertainers visiting the home, dances, tea parties, outings etc.

At Haughton School we have decided that we want to bring some festive cheer to Bennett House by making all 46 residents a gift bag/box for Christmas! We are hoping our Haughton families will help us by sending in some donations.

We have spoken to the management team at Bennett House who were overwhelmed to hear that we would like to do this for their residents. We were told it would certainly bring a smile to lots of faces and make Christmas extra special for them.

We can accept donations in school anytime between now and Friday 11th December. All donations will be sanitised and quarantined / stored in a central place within school until they are delivered.

*Whilst we are in lockdown, can we please remind you not to go out of your way to buy a gift, however if you are able to add a little something to your usual shopping that would be brilliant. Gifts do not need to be expensive, however they must be **NEW**. We have compiled a list of some ideas (**overleaf**) which we hope may assist you as well as helping us receive a good selection of donations.*

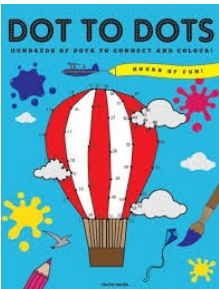
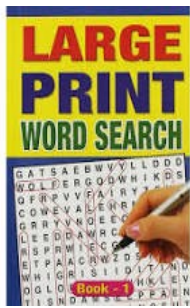
**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS AS WE WILL BE MAKING UP
INDIVIDUAL BAGS/BOXES TO ENSURE THEY ARE SUITABLE
AND PERSONAL FOR EACH RESIDENT. THANK YOU!**

Thank you in advance for your support—Gill Knox (Headteacher)



Some Gift Ideas...

<p>TOILETRIES</p>	<p>Body spray / deodorant Hairbrush / comb Flannel Hand cream Bubble bath Scented soap Manicure set Shaving foam / razors Lip balm Wash bag Nail polish Hand held mirror</p>
<p>THINGS TO DO</p>	<p>Notepads/drawing pads/ colouring books Mini whiteboard & pen Felt tip pens Simple word search books (large print) Dot to dot books Simple craft sets Simple puzzles</p>
<p>TREATS TO EAT</p>	<p>Chocolate Festive biscuits Fudge Liquorice Toffee Mints Chocolate raisins</p>
<p>MEMORIES</p>	<p>Photo album Photo frame</p>
<p>TO WEAR</p>	<p>Slippers Socks Slipper socks Jewellery e.g. beaded bracelet</p>
<p>OTHER IDEAS</p>	<p>Mugs Magnifying glass Handheld torch LED Candle Small Christmas decoration Trinket box / dish / ornament Battery operated fan Soft toy Snow globe Hand warmers Purse / Wallet Small sensory toys, fidget cube, squishy/light up toys</p>



MEMORIES

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bracelet



OTHER IDEAS

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Magnifying glass
Handheld torch
LED Candle
Small Christmas decoration
Trinket box / dish /
ornament
Battery operated fan
Soft toy
Snow globe
Hand warmers
Purse / Wallet
Small sensory toys, fidget
cube, squishy/light up toys



Thank you for making a difference this Christmas! - Team Haughton x

