

November 2015

Traditionally, over the last few years, the school has collected goods for the Women's Refuge in Taunton. This is now known as 'Taunton Women's Aid' and provides both shelter and refuge for women and children. Christmas is a particularly difficult time for them. Not only have they gone through the trauma of leaving their homes with scarcely more than the clothes on their backs, but they are also far away from close family and friends.

We, as a school, would like to continue our support by asking each tutor group to collect items for a Christmas hamper. Form Captains will be asked to provide a box for students to donate appropriate items. We have been given some suggestions as follows:

Items for Welcome Pack (on arrival at Refuge)

- ❖ Clean single sheets, duvet covers and pillowcases
- ❖ Clean towels – hand and bath
- ❖ Clean flannels
- ❖ Shampoo and conditioner
- ❖ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ❖ A toilet roll
- ❖ Bath and shower gels and hand wash
- ❖ Hand and body lotion
- ❖ Tissues
- ❖ Tea, coffee and sugar
- ❖ UHT milk
- ❖ Fruit flavoured squash
- ❖ Tinned and dried food
- ❖ Vouchers for food and clothing to tide the women and children over until their money starts coming through

Christmas presents for Women

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| ❖ High street vouchers | Notelets/stationery sets |
| ❖ Toiletry sets | Totes socks/slippers |
| ❖ Manicure sets | Scarves and gloves |

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| ❖ Diaries | Christmas wrapping paper, |
| ❖ Chocolates | blank cards and Sellotape |
| ❖ Wheatybags | Cushions |

Christmas presents for Children and Young Adults

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| ❖ High street vouchers (including vouchers for older children/young adults eg DVDs, music, cinema and bowling) | |
| ❖ Toiletry sets for older children/young adults | |
| ❖ Nail art sets/nail varnish and hair products for older children/young adults. | |
| ❖ Colouring books and crayons | Board games for all ages |
| ❖ Fancy dress | Furbies |
| ❖ Soft toys | Stretchy dinosaurs |
| ❖ Jigsaws | Christmas wrapping paper, |
| ❖ Art and craft materials | blank cards and Sellotape. |
| ❖ Chocolates | |

We will ask that the hampers are kept in the form room. The collection will start on Monday 30 November for two weeks until Friday 11 December. We will then arrange for the hampers to be delivered to the refuge.

The staff at the refuge are grateful for your support and send their thanks.

I would also like to thank you for supporting this cause. Your donations will make a difference to them at this time.

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