



English Martyrs

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RE: Christmas Gifts

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that you are all keeping well and that your Christmas preparations are more advanced than my own! I am taking this opportunity to discuss Christmas gifts for staff following discussions that we have had in school over the last few weeks.

1. Staff do not expect gifts at Christmas.

All teaching staff agree that there is NO expectation that you buy gifts for them at Christmas. However, it is nice to feel appreciated. This can be as simple as a 'thank-you' and a card – it really means a lot!

2. If you wish to donate to a good cause instead – that's great!

As a staff, we are donating money towards the work of Lynne Higgins (Seaforth Community Shop, who we support with harvest festival donations annually). *Just to be really clear, there is no expectation that you will do this.*

3. There is no expectation of any minimum or maximum amount.

Ultimately, this is your choice and not for school to dictate. We do not want anyone putting themselves under additional pressure due to a perceived "*expectation*" that you should give or of that there is any "*expected amount*." We have children and families, we understand the pressures you are under at this time of year because we are too.

Your kindness and support to us is evident in your attendance at assemblies and the kind words you share at the beginning and end of each school day. Finally, I wish you all a peaceful and happy advent time as you prepare with your families for the coming of Jesus Christ into your homes and your lives.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L. Dinsdale
Headteacher