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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Give the gift of friendship...

Dear Parent / Carer

As a Church of England school, we are quickly approaching a significant event in our annual calendar: Christmas. To help reinforce our school's vision and values, we would like children to take part in an alternative 'Countdown to Christmas'. This year our theme is: *Give the gift of friendship...*

Elephants, Bears and Crocodiles have been given a special advent calendar and have come up with lots of compassionate acts of friendship, using and applying their learning from Collective Worship this term. Some of their ideas range from sharing a compliment, holding a door open for somebody and playing with a new friend in class.

The children have also helped to come up with some wonderful ideas that I would like to include in our home learning over the next few weeks (**please see the red boxes below**).

We have a special basket in school where children can put their drawings, pictures etc... Please remind your child to put on their name and their friend's name so that our Love Council can help to give them out.

We would love for you to share some of the home learning activities via Class Dojo (I would personally love to hear some new jokes and see some inventive 'friendship' handshakes. 😊).

1 st Hold the door open for somebody in school	2 nd Invent a special 'friendship' handshake	3 rd Share a compliment with somebody in school	4 th Make a drawing for somebody in school	5 th Pick up any coats/bags/hats that you see on the floor
6 th Play with somebody new today in your class	7 th Design and decorate a heart for somebody in school	8 th Pick up any coats/bags/hats that you see on the floor	9 th Learn to tell a joke and make somebody laugh	10 th Smile at everybody you see in school
11 th Make a Christmas card for somebody in school	12 th Invent a new game to enjoy with somebody in school	13 th Make a friendship bracelet for somebody in school	14 th Make a heart with your hands and share some 'St Chad's love'	15 th Come up with your own act of friendship

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Children do not have to work through the advent in order and can choose which activities to complete/start with.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Ms. K Leach

Headteacher

PS. If you are wondering why we have only gone up to 15 and not 24....we have 15 school days together before breaking up for Christmas half-term.



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