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Dear Parents/Carers

### MILLTHORPE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

It is the time of year when the weather gets colder, the nights are darker and longer, and at the same time the city is packed with shoppers preparing for the Christmas period. It is therefore a perfect time for us - as a school - to reflect on the things we take for granted and to think about people who are less fortunate.

**Every Christmas for the last three years, Millthorpe School has tried to make a difference to the homeless people living within our community.** As usual, we're hoping to support the York Arc Light Project (<http://www.york-arclight.co.uk/>) – a centre for the homeless right in the centre of York. At this time of year, they are always grateful to receive **tinned food** such as beans, tuna, vegetables, or soups and toiletries such as soap or toothpaste.

We would therefore be very grateful for any spare food or toiletries that you might have at home. Items should be brought into school and given to form tutors during registration. A representative will then take them to be added to the large storage containers in the school entrance hall. Just before Christmas these will be emptied and taken to the shelter in time for Christmas. If you wish to make a financial contribution instead, cheques should be made payable to Millthorpe School and handed to form tutors. Any money raised will be divided equally between the Arc Light and the Salvation Army.

There are almost a thousand students at Millthorpe School and this could allow us to make a very positive impact on the lives of people in real need. I look forward to receiving any donations – no matter how small - over the next couple of weeks.

Yours faithfully

Gareth Davies  
Assistant Headteacher