"A Home for Learning, Laughing, Caring and Trying"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already into the month of November and it seems like the countdown to Christmas has begun. It seems everyone loves advent calendars, especially our young children because they get excited for Santa coming.

Banks Road would like to try something a little different this year. In each of our classrooms and nursery we are going to create an advent calendar where we put something in every day instead of taking something out. 'Reverse Advent Calendars' work by filling them with everyday items, toys, clothing, food etc to help those less fortunate than ourselves. After gathering items during the month of December we will take everything to our chosen cause and give to children that really need it. In the meantime we will be teaching our children some special lessons over the festive season, such as the importance of helping others and seeing the bigger picture of Christmas.

This year we would like to donate our gifts to the Children's Assessment Unit at the Queen's Medical Centre, as two of our parents work on this ward. The ward cares for children from birth to 16.

For Christmas 2017 we would like all our children and staff to bring in one small gift or toy for children for this age group. Your donations must be new and sealed for hygiene and safety reasons. There is no need to wrap your gift. Your child's allocated day is handwritten at the top of this letter. If you wish you can bring it in sooner and your child's teacher will keep it safe until their special day arrives. Suggestions:

Dolls	Pencils	
Jigsaws	Crayons	Arts and crafts
Figurines	Colouring books	

Many thanks for your support. Let the countdown begin.

Yours sincerely,

Carole Clemens
Head Teacher