

22nd November 2021

Dear Pupil

**Season’s Greetings from the Rotary Club of Ballymena**

Each year local schools collect groceries and members of Ballymena Rotary Club make up hampers that we distribute to elderly and less fortunate people in the Ballymena area. We need your help again this year. Would you be able to bring along some groceries items to school?

Please check that the ‘best by’ or ‘use by’ date is after Christmas and, remember, we would appreciate everything from teabags and sugar to some ‘luxury items’ - the more variety the better! We have included below a list of suggested items which would be greatly appreciated by those receiving the hampers. As many elderly people live alone, smaller tins/packets of food are very useful.

Perhaps you could make a Christmas card to put in a hamper? Sign it with your first name and school – it may be the only card some people receive.

Pasta	Tea Bags	Baby wipes/nappies
Pot Noodles	Coffee	Tissues and Towels
Rice	Tinned Fruit	Toothbrushes
Pasta Sauce	Sugar	Toothpaste
Tinned Vegetables	Custard	Shower gel
Baked Beans	Jelly/Jam	Face cloths
Tinned Soup	Children’s selection boxes	Shampoo
Biscuits	Few ‘luxuries’, eg, mince pies	Combs/brushes
Fruit Juice/Drinks	Chocolates/Sweets	Soap
Porridge/Cereals	Tinned Meats/Ham	Deodorant

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Ballymena, and those who receive the parcels, please accept our sincere thanks and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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