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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a staff, we have discussed how there can be pressure from children to buy their teacher a gift at Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to say that, while we are always grateful by parent's kind generosity, we would like to reduce your stress and ask that you don't buy adults in school a gift this Christmas. We all thoroughly enjoy teaching your children and seeing your child enjoy learning is gift enough.

This term, we have been encouraging acts of kindness as well as becoming a mentally healthy school. What we would like to do is share kindness beyond our school by supporting local charities. With this in mind, we would like to encourage the children to be involved in supporting people in our local and wider community. We are going to ask our school council member's to suggest charities that could benefit. To do this, if you would like to, you can send in an anonymous donation.

The donations should be returned to the office post box by the 29th November, we will be sharing these donations between the charities. This may mean that we will donate money, buy gifts for a local children's ward, or buy food for food banks etc. Children will be involved in making these decisions.

If your child still feels they would like to bring something in, a handmade card or picture would be really appreciated, these are the things we keep forever, or they can send a note to thank the teacher and say what they are thanking them for.

We hope that this doesn't offend anyone, and you feel that you can join us to share kindness beyond our school gates, at what can for some, be a very challenging time of the year.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas from all of the staff at Redwell Primary School.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Anne Ansell', written in a cursive style.

Anne Ansell
Head Teacher