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Dear Parents/Carers,

WANSBECK VALLEY FOOD BANK COLLECTION

This term, Beacon Lunch Club has chosen **Wansbeck Valley Food Bank** as the charity it would like to support in the build-up to Christmas. We have chosen to support this local charity because it provides valuable help to many families in our community. We also recognise that Christmas can place additional financial pressure on households, and we hope that our collection will help to make a difference to those who need it.

We will be collecting a range of donations, including long-life foods, tinned goods and toiletries. We would also welcome some of the seasonal treats that many of us enjoy at Christmas, such as boxes of biscuits, Christmas puddings, crackers and chocolates. Any donations, however small, would be very much appreciated and will help us to support local families over the festive period.

If you feel you can help this worthwhile cause, you can send in any donations with your child. Donations can be handed to their form tutor. All donations need to be at school by the morning of 4th December please.

If anyone has any questions or would like to know more about how you can support or how to access support from the food bank then please get in touch with your child's Head of Year or you can contact Wansbeck Valley Food Bank directly on 01670 943014 or by email on info@wansbeckvalleyfoodbank.org. Referrals can also be made via GPs or Social Services.

Kind Regards and thank you for your continued support,

Andrea Henderson and Beacon Lunch Club