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To: Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents/Carers

Every year we invite the elderly residents of Helsby and Frodsham to a Christmas party here at Helsby High School. We arrange transport for those who are unable to drive and welcome them with tea, coffee and mince pies. The school orchestra, choir, drama and art department provides entertainment and then a light lunch is served. At the end of the festivities we present each resident with a Christmas hamper before they are taken home. This is a hugely popular event and is always well attended. For those who are unable or too unwell to attend, a hamper is delivered to their home. Staff and children gain as much from this event as the senior citizens and every year there is no shortage of volunteers.

Our main problem is providing sufficient hampers; last year was our most successful to date and we delivered or handed out over one hundred. We also made a significant contribution to Chester and Frodsham Foodbank.

We rely entirely on donations from our very generous families and would request that, if possible, you kindly donate items such as tins of fruit, rice pudding, salmon, soup, ham, biscuits, crackers, chocolates, jars of jam, marmalade, chutney. No alcohol please. Some other suggestions as to what could be donated include:

- Traditional Christmas items – minced pies, Christmas pudding etc.
- Puzzle books
- Christmas crackers.

Please ask your child to hand any items to their Form Tutor by **4th December 2017.**

I would like to thank you for your help in allowing us to continue to provide this most worthy gift to the senior citizens who live in our community.

Yours sincerely



C Simmonds (Ms)
Assistant Headteacher

