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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to inform you about two programmes we will be supporting by raising money.

One of them is Norah's North Pole, a family continuing what their grandma started by helping children who would otherwise get very little for Christmas.

The second event is the Nightwear Before Christmas appeal. Seniors at the hospital sometimes have no family to bring in nightwear for them so this appeal helps them receive new nightwear on Christmas Day.

As such, there will be a Pyjama Day on Wednesday 11th December – children should bring in a £1 donation and wear warm pyjamas/lounge wear on the day.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,

St Bede's Mini Vinnies.

Norah's North Pole



Norah's North Pole

The Mini Vinnies would like to spread a little Christmas kindness this year with the help of Norah's North Pole. Norah's North Pole is not a charity, rather a North East based family who collect toy donations and pack Santa sacks for those children in the North East who would otherwise receive few presents on Christmas morning. This initiative was set up in memory of their grandma who lived by the motto 'It's nice to be nice'.

Over the past 8 years, Norah's North Pole have delivered thousands of Santa sacks to children most in need in the North East. The family said, *"Every year, our heart breaks as we hear stories of children within our community, living in such sad circumstances. With everyone's help, we can make a difference, even if it is only for that moment on Christmas morning when the child wakes up knowing Santa has not forgotten them."*

Help the Mini Vinnies to help those children who need our kindness!



In addition, as part of our Christmas fundraiser, we will also be supporting the elderly in our community by buying nightwear for older patients in hospital for those who don't have anyone to buy for them.

As a Christmas treat, they will receive a new nightdress or pair of pyjamas when they wake up on Christmas morning.

In 2023, the STSFT had a fantastic response to their 'Nightwear Before Christmas' appeal. This made a huge difference to patients. Everyone said Christmas morning was so special and the patients loved their presents.

Help us to make Christmas 2024 a special one for them too!

