



21st November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are coming up to the Christmas period, we have been thinking about how very lucky we are to have such a great community of parents at The Grove. Each year the teachers are overwhelmed by the generosity you show in buying us cards and gifts. We don't expect gifts but we certainly appreciate them.

Drawing on our values and through our curriculum, we've been spending a lot of time talking about, demonstrating and encouraging generosity and how to be charitable to others less fortunate than ourselves. And soon these two things came together as an idea:

The staff wondered if The Grove's generous parents would consider donating towards a whole-school collection for Book Aid International instead of buying end-of-term cards or gifts for the staff. While we don't expect gifts, if it was on your mind to buy a gift for your child's teacher or TA please can we ask that you donate to this charity instead, for as little as 50p will make a difference!

If you are keen to take part, this is how we plan to run the charity collection:

- Please place your donations into the donation box in the Office, from **Monday 2nd December**
- You and/or your child can sign your specific class teacher's card. This way, your class teacher will be able to acknowledge and appreciate your gift towards the charity.
- The collection will be counted on **Friday 13th December**
- On **Monday 16th December**, each class will put forward their suggestion for a book or books to buy
- The books will then be bought and sent directly to Book Aid International

Following our book donation, we will receive a letter of thanks from Book Aid International which will be included in The Grove's newsletter and online with information about where the books have been sent.

We would like to emphasise again that there is absolutely no expectation for you to either buy a gift or to donate and that every class and child will be involved in the selecting and wrapping the books.

We hope you are as excited about this project as we are. Thank you for your generosity in past years, and in anticipation of your donation gift this year. Please help us to join with Book Aid International to give the gift of reading to a child this Christmas.

Many thanks,

The Grove Staff