



THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

Love as Brethren

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Care Hamper Appeal 2023

Each November, the pupils of CCCS take on the task of filling and decorating Christmas care packages for grantees of the Coopers' Company. These grantees are people who have asked the Company for help or assistance in the past, and who are often elderly or infirm or in need of financial assistance. In addition, some packages go to Coopers' Court, an assisted living home in Mile End near the old site of the school. This is a tradition which not only links current students with the rich heritage of both the school and the Company, but also gives students a way to embrace the spirit of the season and make someone's holidays that little bit happier. Over the past few years we have been able to donate items to the Whitechapel Mission as well as local homeless shelters and food banks.

Each form will be tasked with filling with food items – seasonal food such as mince pies or Christmas puddings would be ideal but all donations are appreciated. Other suggestions would be biscuits, chocolates, preserves, tea, coffee, tins of soup, and other canned items. Perishable items such as meat, fish and dairy should be avoided. It would be good if forms could coordinate amongst themselves so that they do not all bring the same items.

I would very much appreciate it if you could help your son or daughter to bring in one or two items to contribute to their form's boxes over the next few weeks. Year 7 forms will also be asked to decorate their boxes using wrapping paper and other decorations so any donations on this front would be appreciated also. Donations should be given to your child's form tutor before **8th December** to allow time for decoration and collection.

In addition to this, Year 7 forms will be given the name of a particular grantee and asked to write letters to them from their form, wherein they can share with the grantees some of the things that have happened at school over the past term and their plans for the holidays – which I know from past years are very much appreciated. I hope you will agree that this tradition is a great opportunity for the Lower School to enact a gesture of festive goodwill to those in need at what can be a lonely time of year, in keeping with the school's motto of 'Love as Brethren'.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Bronwen Teece

Charity Co-ordinator