

Week 7 - Foodbank Update.

Moving Forward into January 2021.

On Monday 21st December 10 CTA staff were involved in setting up and running our first open morning foodbank. Thank you so much to our site team for opening the school up early and helping us move our substantial supplies to the Sixth Form Common Room.

We were extremely apprehensive about this initiative as, up until this point, all food parcels had been delivered to our families in need. We were open for an exceptionally busy two hours to our shoppers and had a surprise visit from BBC Midlands News, which you may have seen later that evening. We would like to thank **Chase Terrace Police** and the **Abacus Nursery** who both took time to bring in extra donations for us to give out during the morning.

Your generosity provided enough food for approximately 70-80 bags of groceries, on the day, that were being put to fantastic use over the Christmas period. The additional gifts that you sent in and that our students wrapped, were an added surprise. Every single one made its way to a worthy home. One younger lady, I would like to quote, said, "you don't know what a difference this will make to usthank you." What a transformation the Chase Terrace community has made this year to some of our more vulnerable families.

Moving Forward:

It has become increasingly obvious that the Chase Terrace Academy foodbank is currently a necessity to our Chase Terrace Family. In total we have supplied, with your support, nearly two hundred bags of food and essentials. We know that it can be a bleak period after Christmas and the pandemic is still forcing families into crisis. With this in mind, we would like to continue this venture until the end of January and then re-evaluate our family's situations and needs

As you can imagine, our foodbank is now extremely depleted, although we still have a lot of pasta and tinned soup! In order to continue with this initiative we do need to build up our stocks. We are therefore appealing to you all as a community again, asking whether you would consider sending donations in for a second time.

Donations can be delivered to the Dining Hall, as usual, once your child has returned to school. Alternatively you can leave them inside the double doors by our main reception if your child has not yet been able to return to school. We would like to send parcels out on Friday the 8th if that is at all possible as we know that they will be needed. This will obviously depend on the supplies that we receive of course.

We are in need of the following basic items:

UHT milk

Tea/ coffee/ squash

Rice

Pasta sauces

Tinned meat/ fish/protein

Crisps/biscuits

Fresh fruit and vegetables (on Thursdays only)

Shampoo and toilet rolls

Household cleaning products.

Your support on social media has been invaluable and the ninety two shares on Facebook, concerning our foodbank morning, certainly helped to put the information out into the community. Please continue to back the initiative in the ways that you know how. We remain in this together and would like to thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy 2021.

It is most important that those families who are need contact the school. We have a good selection of items and your calls are confidential.

If you require a parcel please contact us on: Email: office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk Phone: 01543 682286