

Homeless Shoe Box Appeal for The Vineyard Community

This term the Faith and Prayer Ambassadors (FPAs) at King's have been raising awareness with the school community about homelessness.

The children started by discussing together how we could tackle this problem as a school. Although we are a small part of a lot of change that needs to take place, the children have been determined to make a difference. They decided they wanted to run a 'Shoe Box Appeal'. We found a charity we wanted to work with called 'The Vineyard Community'. So we contacted David Logan, The Chief Executive from the Vineyard Community and he came into school and spoke to us about all of the support they provide for people who are living on the streets in our local area.

The children were fascinated at the amount of life changing work David and his team provide for homeless people within our local community and were even keener to get involved. On Thursday 1st February our FPA's all delivered their own class based Collective Worship across the school that they had created themselves to inform their peers about our Shoe Box Appeal and how we are going to offer our help to local homeless people and to the Vineyard Community.

The FPAs are now starting to prepare for the Shoe Box Appeal as we will be delivering these boxes to the Vineyard Community during Holy Week, which is the last week of this term. We are asking for as much support as possible from our King's families and we hope that you will be able to donate some items (which are listed below).

We will also need some empty boxes, as the FPAs will be packing the boxes themselves here at school as part of their role of service. If you have any shoe boxes, or boxes of a similar size (Amazon delivery boxes are ideal!), then please also send them in with any of the items listed below.

Items that David has advised us that are most beneficial are:

Hats

Gloves

Socks

Razors

Toiletries

Cereal Bars

Crisps

Jams /marmalades

Pot Noodles/instant noodles

Pasta and pasta sauce

Tinned tomatoes, fruit and veg

Coffee

Tea

Washing up liquid

Strong plastic carrier bags (such as Bags for Life)



David Logan

In discussion with the children about what items to send in, one of our Year 6 children has offered to bring in a windup radio as a donation, based on the fact that it would not need either batteries or electricity to run and would enable a homeless person to stay in touch with what is happening in the world. We appreciate that a windup radio is more expensive than some of the other items listed above, but if this is something that you would like to donate, you are very welcome to. It would not need to be expensive or high-end.

Please send in your donations from Monday 11th March, with the closing day for donations being Monday 25th March. During the w/b 25th March the FPAs will then pack donations in to boxes and deliver them to David and his team at the Vineyard Community before the end of term.

Thank you for whatever you are able to donate and we are very proud of all the children for taking such an interest in supporting our local community.