



18th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

SNICU TREATS

We are the Mini Chaplains and our aim is to use our school values within our community. This year we have decided to work closely with the SNICU ward at Musgrove Park Hospital.

The Somerset Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (SNICU) is a specialised ward for premature and sick newborn babies. The unit is divided into two areas – one for intensive care and one for special care. There are 18 cots in total and they offer care for babies from 27 weeks gestation. A team of experienced nurses and doctors care for the babies. SNICU is located in the maternity building in Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton.

We want to support the parents that sadly have a child that needs special care at Christmas.

Our idea is called 'Gifts of Joy', and our aim is to ensure that everyone gets some support and love. A small gift could have a huge influence on a parent going through a challenging time.

Parents and carers, we need your help with this.

We are asking for children to bring in items that could brighten up the Parents' Christmas.

Here are a list of items that we could gift:

- Chocolates
- Biscuits
- Hot Chocolate Sachets
- Flavoured Teas
- Coffee sachets such as Cappuccino, Latte etc.
- Facemasks so that the mums can have a small pamper.

The closing date for items will be Wednesday 4th December. We will then put the gifts together and they will be delivered to the unit.

All items must be new. Everything must be in its wrapping/box unopened. You might even know of a company such as supermarket or shop who could donate things too.

If you could help us, however small or big donations, they will be very much appreciated.

We know that things are difficult, and we do not want anyone to donate things if they cannot. We are going to put a box at the green gate in the mornings, so that items can just be put in there.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you so much,

The Mini Chaplains

"You are the light of the world...let your light shine."

Matthew 5:14