



Bethany Food Bank Support Newsletter: 21st May



HAPPY HALF TERM !

Thank you so much again, everyone , for another wonderful week of donations! Happy holiday week to everyone! As people will still need feeding this week, it's business as usual for the Food Bank - so it's business as usual for us! We're still collecting donations from everyone as normal – sorting & delivery day Thursday, 9am.

Photo: 'Rainbow of Hope' by Kathryn Driffield @ www.spongeblobfacepainting.com, one of our Blessed Robert Grissold, Balsall Common supporters & former St G & T school parent. Read on to page 2 to see how Kathryn & others have been 'working for the cause' behind the scenes this week.

This week's special donation requests...



- **Tins of Fruit & Vegetables**
 - **Tins of Vegetable-based Soup**
 - **Tins of Fish**
- + More **Pasta Sauce & Tinned Spaghetti** please!



SVP Special Porch Donations Request this week

Mens /Teens Footwear in clean, wearable condition

UK Sizes 6, 7, & 8 (EU Sizes 39, 40, 41, 42) please

An SVP plea for those in need at St Chad's Sanctuary, Birmingham

– including refugees seeking asylum, and those who are homeless or destitute



Working for the cause!

Lots of people are doing great things to help us during the lockdown and some in very creative ways. Here are some of them...



Kathryn Driffield: a former St G&T parent, parishioner of Blessed Robert's in Balsall Common & supporter of our Food Bank project. She is known to lots of people at the school for being able to turn her hand to almost anything creative – and runs her own Balloon Sculpture, Party, & Face Painting Business. However, she's turned her skills to producing various things helpful to life in lockdown, such as the lovely new washable masks for all of us volunteers & for the Food Bank workers, that some of us are modelling in the photo below. She's also been cheering everyone up with her lockdown-themed Balloon Art!



Leanne Perrins – The 'Porch Project'

This is Leanne. She is an ex-pupil of St G & T school (just a few years ago..!). These days she's a Wedding Photographer. However, obviously with lockdown restrictions, she isn't able to do this just now. And so – her 'Porch Project' idea was born...



Leanne is offering **Doorstep Portraits** to any individuals, couples or families who might like to have a beautiful reminder of this unusual time in our lives. She says: "I want to leave people with something they can hang on their wall, look back on, and say: 'Do you remember the time when..?'" Portraits are £20 for one, & £40 for four. **Leanne is kindly donating 25% of her proceeds to our SVP project. Amazing!** To find out more, or to book a portrait, you can visit her website: www.leanneperrins.co.uk/theporchproject



Staff & Key Workers' children of St G & T school – lots of Food Bank Donations, & making things to support NHS workers.

The staff & key worker families have been running their own collection point for the Food Bank in school & have made some very generous donations despite being so busy!

T.As Mrs Seddon & Mrs Bartoszewicz, & Yr 6 teacher Miss Li, have all been busy making kit to help NHS Staff.



Ear savers, by Miss Li



Mrs Seddon (pictured) has risen to fame on local TV News by making Scrubs Bags for NHS staff to put used scrubs into; Mrs Bart. has been making cloth face masks; and Miss Li has been knitting ear savers to protect the elastic from masks chafing above care workers' ears. The children have been making headbands for NHS workers, & 'hearts of hope' for hospices & care homes.



Hearts of Hope.....





