



Christmas School Sugar Collection

For the homeless and hungry, families in crisis, and those seeking refuge from domestic violence in East Anglia.

January 2020

Dear Headteacher,

Our Christmas sugar collection was a great success and I just wanted to write a brief note to you and let you know how the 2019 appeal went and what a wonderful effort you supported.

Firstly I must say a big thank you for allowing us to collect sugar at your school. Also I would ask you to pass on our thanks to the staff who facilitated the collection and the children and parents who contributed. We, and more importantly all the people in all the homeless projects that Sugar for Shelters helps, are extremely grateful. We are delighted to enclose a certificate of appreciation for your school.

Sugar is needed in great quantities, both in cooking and in hot drinks where it provides a much needed energy boost. Your agreement to help this year has boosted the number of schools helping to 73 and means that, even in these tough times, together we collected almost four tonnes of sugar. Add to this the two tonnes which Silver Spoon donated and we have collected in total six tonnes of sugar, not to mention the coffee, tea, other goods and cash donations people gave us. A really brilliant achievement.

As you may know, Sugar for Shelters is part of the Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA), Norfolk's own Christmas Food Charity. It was founded in 1985 by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham and focuses on using donations of food from local farmers, producers and processors, supplemented by cash donations, to provide food for traditional Christmas meals for the homeless and hungry and for families in crisis throughout East Anglia and further afield.

Together we helped 142 projects in East Anglia (Open Christmases, Drop In Centres, Soup Kitchens, charities working with families in crisis, agencies such as the Salvation Army, homeless projects, and domestic violence refuges) provide 10,000 festive meals on Christmas Day alone!!

Depending on their storage capabilities, the residential projects and soup kitchens also received enough additional food (tinned meats, fresh vegetables, sugar, breakfast cereals, etc.) to last well into the New Year. So our estimate of the number of meals made possible by the food donated to BEFA this year is more like 100,000! Sugar was an enormously important part of this and, once again, we thank all of you for your help.

We hope that, come next Christmas, we can count on your support once again for Sugar for Shelters.

With best wishes

Helen Lamb
Sugar for Shelters Coordinator



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is awarded to the Staff and Pupils of

Toftwood Infant School.

Presented by 'Sugar for Shelters' (B.E.F.A.).

*For collecting sugar for the homeless and families in
crisis in East Anglia. Christmas 2019.*

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Helen Lamb
CO-ORDINATOR