



Dear Children,

Unfortunately, because of the present restrictions, I am unable to be with you in person to thank you all for your amazing effort in supporting the "Giving Tree" and transforming it into the biggest "Voucher Tree" ever!

I was so disappointed not to be able to come and talk to you about the children and families we are working with at present, and, the many challenges they are facing this Christmas. It is the highlight of my year in SVP going around to the classes in my old school and meeting you all. Then coming back a few weeks later and seeing the huge range of gifts you bring in, spread around the Giving Tree. What an amazing sight it is when the pupils form a human toy chain and load up the SVP van, such a brilliant occasion.....maybe next year please God.

I finally managed to sort and count all the vouchers you donated ,and,combined with the proceeds from your Christmas Jumper Day, you have raised almost €4,500, and with more vouchers still to come that figure could rise further! An incredible achievement children.

I am so grateful to you all and your families, for once again coming to the aid of children less fortunate than yourselves. I would ask you to please ***please*** pass on my thanks to your parents when you see them this evening.

When I saw the photos of your "Voucher Tree" I simply could not believe you had donated so much to SVP again this year. I can tell you honestly, that I was completely bowled over by your generosity and kindness. I showed the pictures to some other volunteers and they all felt hugely uplifted and overjoyed by your support to us in the society. It really made their day.

Finally, I know it has been a tough year on you all in school with all that has been going on, so I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas,and, I'm absolutely certain you are all definitely on the "GOOD LIST" this year!!

Again my sincere thanks to each and everyone of you.

God Bless, keep well and fingers crossed see you all next year!

Brendan O'Neill