



**ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP PRIORY GET BEHIND AN AMAZING CHILD, WHO DESPITE HIS OWN CHALLENGES, CHALLENGES IS WORKING HARD TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR OTHER CHILDREN SPENDING THE HOLIDAYS IN HOSPITAL?**

At Priory, we are supporting 'Alfie's Christmas Wish' this year. Alfie is a local boy living with a serious heart condition, following being born premature and contracting meningitis.

During one of his many stays in hospital he asked his mum what happens to all the Children having to stay in hospital over the Christmas holidays, as he was worried about them receiving their presents from Father Christmas.

Alfie decided he wanted to help make Christmas more fun for the children staying in hospital and away from their families, so he and his mum launched 'Alfie's Christmas Wish'.

Alfie was determined to help other children, even though he was so poorly himself. That first year, in 2016, Alfie managed to gather 250 toy donations, which were then distributed to children of all ages across Wexham Park, John Radcliffe and Southampton Ocean Ward Heart Unit, where Alfie had been treated.

In 2017, Alfie's Christmas Wish gathered an amazing 684 presents for children – Alfie and his mum were absolutely thrilled.

They have now approached other hospitals to see if they would also like to be involved in this charitable event and hope to be working with other hospitals very shortly.

**This year, we want to help Alfie smash his 2017 total by donating as many toys as possible to this fantastic cause.**

**If you are able to donate a gift, however big or small to a child this Christmas, please bring it into school week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** The last drop off day will be Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please don't wrap the toy as the nurses on the hospital wards need to make sure each gift is suitable for the different children on their ward.

For Health & Safety reasons, hygiene and infection control any donations must be new please.

**All donations should be given to your child's Class Teacher, or brought to the Resource building where Lindsey Hicks or Kelly Duggan will take delivery of them.**

*A huge thank you to you all for your generosity and support.*

If you are on facebook and would like to read more about Alfie's Christmas Wish Campaign, then please visit; <https://www.facebook.com/Alfies-Christmas-wish-320160558716246/>

