

The heartwarming letter a six-year-old Bristol girl wrote to God and Santa about homeless people

Cozmo robots, Lego structures, and dolls' houses are just some of the most popular presents children asked for at Christmas last year. But for little Evie, she wanted more than presents. She wanted to feed the homeless.

So she wrote a letter to three people – God, Santa and her Headteacher. It launched a huge fundraising drive in Pucklechurch Primary, where Evie goes to school, which saw parents and children bringing in donations.

On Tuesday, January 23, Evie went with two classmates to hand over some of the donations to Hayley Jennings, who runs Help Homeless Bristol. Hayley and her team goes out every Saturday to feed people on the street.

Evie, who is in Year One, wrote:

"Dear Mr Forrester, please may you tell all the parents to bring in some food for the homeless people to have. Then can we collect all the food and give it to all the homeless people we see.

Love, Evie in Year One."



Pupils from Pucklechurch meet Hayley

Evie's dad, Chris, said: "She was going shopping with her mum in the city centre and noticed a lot of people on the streets. She was asking a lot of questions about them, and wanted to know why they were there, and she said hello to everyone.

"But she wanted to do something else, so she wrote the letter. It was all her own initiative and we're quite proud of her."

David Forrester, Headteacher at Pucklechurch, wrote to parents to express his thanks and pride at his pupils' compassion.

In a newsletter appealing for help, he wrote: "I was going to write to you today about Christmas, the community and how important it is that we all take the opportunity to keep those ties secure at this time of the year. We can show it in so many simple ways and the children have done us proud in school over the past two weeks doing just that. However I received a letter and felt it said so much more than I could ever do.

The thoughts behind this message are so clear that I don't see how I can better them."