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This Charity is our Advent focus for the next three weeks.

The charity supports young mums across Leeds, Bradford, Halifax and Huddersfield. In the last 7 years they have helped 500 girls by providing:

- **A listening ear**
- **Practical support**
- **Parenting advice**
- **Access to a large stock of new and nearly-new baby items (clothes & equipment), all of excellent quality and usually free of charge**
- **A small financial contribution for the first year of the baby's life.**

The charity helps young mothers from all religious and racial backgrounds regardless of marital status, income bracket or age. If they need help, especially if they have no family or friends to help them, Gianna can step in.

The Advent appeal for 2018 is called '**When a Child is Born**'. It fits very well with the preparations we are making for Christ's birth at Christmas by asking parents and children in schools to consider donating any items needed for a new born baby.

Items can include cotton wool, nappies, baby potions & lotions, soap, teething rings, milk bottles, nappy sacks and maybe some items for the new mums e.g. maternity pads & breast pads, cleaning wipes, changing mats, baby clothes, talc powder etc.

We have been given a Moses basket by the charity, which is now in the Main Entrance, and you can drop items into this basket over the next three weeks, in a similar way to the story we all know of how the Shepherds and the Kings brought gifts for the baby Jesus on that first Christmas morning. Donations do not need to be wrapped.

The last day for donations will be **Thursday 20th December.**



THANK YOU VERY MUCH