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**"Aim high – Live life to the full!" (John 10:10)
School attendance is everyone's responsibility!**



HM/DM

10th October 2023

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. It is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990 the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 80 million boys and girls throughout the world. Last year over 8 million shoe boxes were sent to children in hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters and poor communities. Often a shoe box full of gifts is the only present these children will receive at Christmas.



This year, we have decided as a school, to support this project. Our aim is for each child to make a shoe box that can be sent to disadvantaged children. Items that can be included in a shoebox must be new and there are some suggestions offered below.

If you would like to make a shoe box at home please follow the instructions and refer to the information below.

We need to receive the shoe boxes in School by **Friday 10th November** so that we can take them to the nearest drop off point ready for delivery.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX

1. **SHOEBOX:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.
2. **SHOEBOX LABEL:** Tick the age category and stick the shoebox label onto your box. (Collect from the school office)
3. **SPECIAL ITEM:** Select a quality toy such as a doll, football with pump, or cuddly toy to bless a child.
4. **OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, personal care items and school supplies.
5. **PERSONALISE:** You can include a personal note to delight the heart of the child.
6. **DONATE £5 PER BOX:** A donation of £5 per box is required to cover shipping and other project costs. You can do this online via the QR code below, by cheque or collect a pre-paid envelope from the school office.
7. **DROP OFF:** Bring your shoebox into school the week of **6.11.23** and we will drop it off for you.

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SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

SPECIAL ITEM

- Football with pump
- Doll
- Cuddly toy



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Skipping ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewellery and watches
- Torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC

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Giving online will make your donation go further and we will be able to tell you which country your shoebox gets sent to.

Your £5 per shoebox donation goes a long way...



Collection



Processing



Shipping