



November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Our school will again, through a campaign called *Operation Christmas Child* run by the UK charity Samaritan's Purse, be joining with thousands of other schools up and down the country in the world's largest Children's Christmas Project, by wrapping, packing and sending shoeboxes full of gifts - things like tooth brushes, and soap, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, something to write on, toys or games - to needy children around the world.

**Please note that this year due to new regulations we are not allowed to put toothpaste or sweets in the boxes.**

Through this campaign, we want to teach children here in the UK about generosity and compassion for other children who need to know that they are loved and not forgotten, children who in some cases, do not have the food, home, or toys that we take for granted.

Taking part in this project will give your child the opportunity to not only transform a shoebox, but to also transform a life. By donating very simple and yet practical gifts you can make a huge difference in the life of another child this Christmas.

We hope that you will want to get involved with us in this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign and help us reach needy children with shoebox gifts that bring love, hope and joy this Christmas. Further information on what can and cannot be placed in the shoebox can be found at:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

The children will have an assembly this week during which they will learn all about what they can and cannot send. Leaflets to accompany the shoe boxes can be obtained on our website. Please can you ensure that the most applicable label is attached to the shoe box (in relation to Boy/Girl and the age group) and this is returned to school along with the suggested £5 donation.

The school office will have a limited amount of leaflets.

**Shoeboxes can be handed into school between 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

All Welcome

**Thank you for your support!**