

Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians

The School Council would like to ask for your help. As many of you are already aware, each year we take part in Operation Christmas Child.

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 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries throughout the world.

Last year nearly 1.12 million shoe boxes were sent from the UK to children in hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters and poor communities. With your help we want to reach even more children in the poorest parts of the world in 2015. Last year you kindly donated 74 gift-filled shoeboxes that brought love, hope and joy to underprivileged children around the world.

First you need to decide whether to fill a box for a girl or a boy and what age. Then we ask you to cover a shoebox in Christmas paper, or you can purchase a decorative flat-packed shoebox from school for just 40p and fill it with:

- **New small toys: games, puzzles, soft toys, balls, car (no playing cards)**
- **School supplies: pencils, pens, rubber, sharpener, felt pens, paper, colouring book, notepad, chalk, crayons**
- **Toiletries: soap, flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, brush (no bottles)**
- **Something to wear: hat, scarf, gloves, necklace**
- **Sweets: lollipops, chews, toffees, boiled sweets (no chocolate)**
- **Enclose a donation of £3.00 per shoebox to help with transport costs**

Today, your child listened to our appeal during an assembly run by the School Council. If you have more than one child in school or other family members then perhaps you could share filling a shoebox and help to fill a child's life with joy this Christmas. We need to receive the boxes in school no later than **Monday, 9th November**, as it takes more than a month to get the boxes checked and transported to Belarus.

If you require any further information then please contact Mrs Kime in Year 1 who is co-ordinating the appeal or take a look at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Orrell
Headteacher