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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Following the success of recent appeals, Churchtown Primary School has once again agreed to take part in the national Rotary Shoebox Scheme. Originally started in 1994, the Rotary Shoebox Scheme was intended to provide children in Romania with Christmas gifts. Now gifts are sent throughout the year to many deserving children and families in central and Eastern Europe. All age groups, including teenagers have welcomed the boxes.

If you would like to take part, please complete the online form by clicking [here](#). Please then send your £3 contribution per box into school (which contributes towards the cost of transporting them to their final destinations). Once we have collated numbers, you will receive your shoebox(es) and full instructions on how to fill them. You will be given the choice of filling a box for a boy, girl or family and, if appropriate, selecting an age group. As well as small toys and sweets, we are also encouraged to include essential items such as soap bars, toothpaste and toothbrush, warm gloves or scarves.

Please note that you will need to use a shoebox provided by the Rotary Club since they are all identical in size which helps storage, transport and a sense of fairness when the boxes reach their final recipients. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept donations in non-standard boxes.

Whilst we recognise that we are all watching our own personal finances very carefully at the moment, past experience has taught us that preparing and decorating a gift for someone less fortunate is an extremely rewarding experience for adult and child alike. We would like you to treat this venture simply as if you are buying an extra present, one that you know will be very gratefully received.

If you would like to be involved in this scheme, please complete the online form (as outlined above) and then send your £3 donation per box into school, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and number of shoeboxes required together with the total amount enclosed **by Monday 6th November 2023**.

For further information on the shoebox scheme, visit <http://www.rotaryshoebox.org>.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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