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Dear Parents/Carers

Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' Shoebox appeal

This year, we are taking part in the 'Operation Christmas Child' Shoebox appeal again. It is a fantastic Christmas project for children to donate gifts to children across the world whom are less fortunate than themselves. Each shoebox gift is a heartfelt expression of God's love to children in real need.

During Monday's assembly, the children watched videos of children receiving these wonderful boxes full of gifts that were sent from the UK. They were amazed at how excited and grateful they were at receiving even the smallest of gifts! Our pupils were in agreement that they would like to make a difference in this way too.

Children will be given a 'How to pack your shoebox gift' guide that contains the instructions, gift suggestions and donation details. You can choose to make a shoebox gift for a boy or girl and also choose the age range that the gifts are most suited for. A kind reminder that the gifts should be new/unused gifts. A suggested donation of £5 (covers shipping costs) should be enclosed in a labelled envelope. More details on how to pay can be found on the guide too. A small prayer/ message/ Christmas card can be put inside to make their Christmas even more special!

If you would like to take part in this wonderful project, please bring in your shoebox gifts no later than Monday 12th November. Shoebox gifts can be one box per family or even individual small gifts can be donated to a class box. We would greatly appreciate any spare shoeboxes you may have for children who may need them.

I would like to say a huge thank you in advance and I hope you and your child enjoy taking part in this lovely Christmas project. We are hoping to beat last year's total of 117 shoeboxes! For more information, you can ask your child's class teacher or visit <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>.

Yours sincerely

Miss Sekhon
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