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Dear Parents and Carers,

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOE BOX APPEAL 2017

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. Children in over 130 countries have received a shoe box since 1990. 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 below are some suggestions:

- new small toys: games, puzzles, soft toys, balls, cars (no playing cards)
- school supplies: pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, felt pens, paper, colouring books, notepad, chalk, crayons
- toiletries: soap, flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, brush (no bottles)
- something to wear: hat, scarf, gloves, necklaces
- sweets: lollipops, chews, toffees, boiled sweets (no chocolate)

If you would like to make a shoe box at home please follow the instructions and refer to the leaflet enclosed with this letter.....

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOE BOX

1. Find an empty shoe box

The shoe box should ideally be medium size (adult shoe size 6-9 is best). Wrap the lid and the box separately in wrapping paper.

2. Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl

Decide if the boy or girl is 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years old.

3. Wrap the box in Christmas wrapping paper

Stick the correct boy/girl sticker on the lid.

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4. Things to put in the shoe box

- toys: soft toys, tennis balls, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument
- educational supplies: pens, pencils, erasers, notepad, pencil case, stickers, etc.
- hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, soap, flannel, etc.
- other items: sweets, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces, etc.

5. Things **NOT** to put in the shoe box

- no food - especially chocolate. Only exception, non-chocolate sweets, haribo sweets are the best
- no medicine or vitamins of any kind
- no war related items: toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind
- no fragile items: glass containers, mirrors
- no liquids including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols
- no dangerous items: sharp objects, scissors or razors
- no hand-knitted stuff toys without a CE mark

6. Include your donation Please include a cash or cheque donation of at least £5.00 per shoe box for transport and logistics costs. Place in your shoe box on top of the contents and secure the lid with a rubber band. Or you can donate online at the address below. We need to receive the shoe boxes in School no later than Friday, 9th November so that we can take them to the nearest drop off point ready for delivery.

If you want any further information about the project, please look at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk. We appreciate your support in supporting this valuable project and hope that together we can bring some joy into the lives of children who would otherwise have nothing this Christmas.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Brooks (PSHE Lead)



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