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Dear Parents and Carers,

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal 2024

As we approach the Christmas season, our school will be focusing on our school worship value of 'Care'. To embody this value, we encourage our pupils to participate in activities that demonstrate care for others. One of the key initiatives will be the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal.

Operation Christmas Child delivers hope to children in need worldwide through gift-filled shoeboxes. It is the largest children's Christmas project globally. Since 1990, it has brought Christmas joy to over 80 million boys and girls in more than 130 countries. For many children, these shoeboxes are the only gifts they receive at Christmas. This year, our school is proud to support this project. Our goal is for each form to create at least one shoebox. All items included must be new. You can find a list of acceptable items and more information at the following link:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

We understand that financial constraints may be a concern. Therefore, if you wish to participate, you only need to send one item from the list. Pupils will discuss suitable items in their form groups and collaborate to assemble the shoeboxes.

Families are also welcome to prepare their own shoeboxes. The charity requests a voluntary contribution of £5 per shoebox. If your child is contributing to a form group box, a donation of 50p along with the item would be appreciated. For individual boxes, the contribution can be made online. Please ensure all shoeboxes are in school by **Wednesday, 13th November**, so they can be delivered to our local collection point for distribution.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Grattage
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