



# Kents Hill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re. Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Please find attached a leaflet about Operation Christmas Child by the Samaritans. Last year they sent over 1.2 million boxes from the UK to children in need all over the world. We have decided that this project will again form one of our House Competition Challenges for this year. The house with the most boxes will receive a special treat!

Items that CAN be included	Items that are NOT allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Toys:</b> small doll, toy cars, puzzles, skipping ropes, balls, cuddly toy (with CE label)</li> <li>• <b>Education supplies:</b> pens, notepads, stickers, crayons, pencils</li> <li>• <b>Hygiene items:</b> toothbrush, toothpaste, wrapped soap, flannel, comb, brush</li> <li>• <b>Other:</b> Sweets (sell by date at least after March 2018), gloves, scarves, hat, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, hair accessories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No food, especially chocolate (apart from non-chocolate sweets)</li> <li>• No medicine or vitamins</li> <li>• No Clothing</li> <li>• No fragile items</li> <li>• No liquids</li> <li>• No dangerous items</li> <li>• No novels</li> <li>• Nothing of a political, religious or racial nature</li> <li>• No hand-knitted toys</li> <li>• No playing cards</li> <li>• No war related items (soldiers, toy guns or knives)</li> </ul>

Please note that if you mislay your flyer for the shoeboxes or you would like to do more than one box, you will find all the information you need to know on their website:

[www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk).

The flyer and website contain all you need to know on how to fill your box, the list of acceptable items, printable labels for the boxes and your instructions on how you can donate.

**Please could all boxes be brought into school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.** The boxes will be counted and collected by the Samaritans during the following week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Purser  
Office Manager

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*At Kents Hill Junior School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs H Alabaster*

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