



20th October 2017

Dear Parents,

We would like to once again, on behalf of St. Anne's School Community, offer our help towards the Samaritan's 'Operation Christmas Child' wherein we ask each family to contribute a shoe-box filled with various items which the Samaritan's forward to needy children around the world to brighten their lives over the Christmas period.

"A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See the impact a simple shoebox gift packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches into a community."

Attached is some information explaining all about the Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child, and showing all the countries which benefit from people's generosity worldwide. Also attached are some instructions and labels for the shoeboxes.

We haven't yet had a date confirmed for collection of all our boxes, but it is likely to be mid November. ***Therefore, could we please ask for your contributions as soon as possible, preferably before 10th November. You can drop them off at the school office, or hand to your child's class teacher. We shall let you know an exact date for collection as soon as we know.***

Examples of shoebox filler ideas:

- Dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.
- Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.
- Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.
- Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

Do Not Include

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

Finally, could we also ask you to pray for all the children in the world who have far, far less than we do - and not only in the material sense, but more importantly in love, support, hope, education, freedom, happiness, etc., etc., etc. Each and every one of *us* in the St. Anne's Community is so fortunate.

Thank you.

Mrs Murphy

Link to 'Samaritan's Child': <https://www.samaritanpurse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

