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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again we are supporting the Operation Christmas Child project run by the charity Samaritans Purse. This charity meets the critical needs of victims of war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disaster. We are hoping to collect enough items to fill several shoeboxes or alternatively, you could enclose a small monetary donation towards the cost of transporting the shoeboxes. The shoe boxes and items will be collated in school on the 13<sup>th</sup> November in preparation for collection on 21<sup>st</sup> so please ensure all donations are sent into school by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Suggested items include-

Toys: soft small toy, tennis ball, fingers puppets, jigsaw, yo-yo, small cars, dolls, fidget toys etc.

Educational supplies: felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.

Hygiene items: toothbrush, flannel, hairbrush, comb, clips, bar of soap, etc.

Other items: gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, warm hat, bangles necklaces etc.

We shall be donating all items/money collected directly to the cause so they can distribute where required.

Thank you

Bridget Coy  
Assistant Headteacher



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England





# HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX

## Show children in need around the world you love them and God loves them: Pack shoebox gifts with Operation Christmas Child.

Your shoeboxes equip thousands of churches overseas to reach out generously to children with the joy of a simple gift and the Christmas story of Jesus, the greatest gift of all. Engaging with parents and churches, children that receive shoeboxes are invited to take part in a Bible discovery course, *The Greatest Journey*. In 12 fun, interactive sessions, they can discover Jesus for themselves, how to follow Him and share their faith with others. Join in this amazing opportunity to resource churches to reach out with the hope of Jesus, often in areas they might not otherwise access, transforming families and communities!

## PACKING YOUR SHOEBOX

- SHOEBOX:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Pre-printed shoeboxes are available to purchase online.
- SPECIAL ITEM:** Select a quality toy such as a doll, toy truck, deflated football and pump or cuddly toy.
- OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. All items should be new. Check out the 'What Goes In My Shoebox' page on our website for additional gift suggestions.
- PERSONALISE AND PRAY:** Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact. Importantly, please pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- INCLUDE £5 DONATION:** A suggested donation of £5 is critical to cover project costs - including shipping. Give online through Follow Your Box and include a barcode in your shoebox to discover its destination country.
- DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop off location between 11-18 November. Visit our website from late September to find one near you.

[SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC](http://SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC)

**DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; clothing other than that listed above; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; sweets, chocolate or food items; toothpaste, lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; hand-made stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4 suit variety; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words. *Items packed from this list will have to be removed from shoeboxes.*

NEW FOR 2019 : DUE TO IMPORT REGULATIONS, TOOTHPASTE AND SWEETS CAN NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN SHOEBOXES.

Mark the correct age

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old

**BOY**

Mark the correct age

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old

**GIRL**



**CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE?** It will make your donation go further and we will be able to tell you which country your shoebox gets shipped to. Donate now at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox). If you cannot donate online, then please complete your details, enclose your cash or cheque made payable to Samaritan's Purse in the envelope and place this inside your shoebox on top of the contents. Secure the shoebox with an elastic band.

**HEAR ABOUT THE IMPACT OF YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT** and other ways to be a good Samaritan with Samaritan's Purse by providing your email below. (By providing us with your details we assume you are over 16 years of age)

EMAIL:

## GIVE A GIFT TO SUPPORT CRITICAL PROJECT COSTS

Yes, I want to ensure project costs such as processing, shipping around the world and training local churches are met.

I also want to ensure children receive their very own copy of The Greatest Gift (a colourful Bible booklet that shares the story of Jesus in their own language), where this is culturally appropriate.

Just £5 for each shoebox gift will cover these essential costs.

I enclose:  Cash  Cheque for £

Total Shoeboxes:

Please write in block CAPITALS using a black ballpoint for scanning purposes  
(All details below are mandatory for Gift Aid donations)

TITLE  FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS  
(First Line)

POSTCODE

You can also make your donation online at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox)

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If you have multiple shoebox gifts, simply make one combine donation.

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

Gift Aid is reclaimed by Samaritan's Purse from the tax you pay.

**YES, I would like to Gift Aid my donation(s)**

I'd like Samaritan's Purse to treat the enclosed donation and all donations I have made in the past four (4) years, and all future donations (until notified otherwise), as a Gift Aid donation. I am a UK taxpayer and I understand that if I pay less Inheritance Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in this tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.