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Dear Parents and Carers

Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse

The schools within our federation, William Stukeley Church of England Primary School and Deeping St Nicholas Primary School will be supporting Operation Christmas Child, a project run by the Christian Charity, Samaritan's Purse this November. I have been lucky enough to explain this to all of our children this afternoon via Microsoft Teams.

The project transports shoe boxes filled with gifts, around the world to give to children who otherwise would receive no gifts or presents, during what is an exciting Christian Celebration for our children.

After half term, from Monday 1st November we would like to ask children to bring a donation from the attached list of gift suggestions (please remember that it will need to fit into a shoe box, so please don't send items which are too large). From Monday 8th November, classes will put together the boxes; if you have any spare shoe boxes or Christmas wrapping paper, these can be donated to your child's class. The following week, the boxes will then be transported to Spalding and delivered to one of the projects' national pick up points.

If your child or family would like to fill and donate a shoe box and include personal notes/ photographs, we would be delighted - please bring the box into school after half term to be transported to Spalding. Please note, the box and lid of the shoe box need to be wrapped individually, so the lid can be opened at Customs and the contents checked before they leave the UK. Securing the box by placing an elastic band around it is recommended.

Our schools are very much looking forward to filling shoe boxes with gifts to help children similar to ours smile and feel love and joy at this special time of the year. By supporting this project we want to show that we can make a positive difference to our neighbours around the world.

We look forward to the children bringing their small gifts into school after half term. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Townsend
Class Teacher



Gift Suggestions



Toys

A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.



School Supplies

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.



Hygiene Items

Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel etc.



Other Items

Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.



DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

