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Dear Parents

Years 4-6 Christmas Shoebox Appeal

As part of our ongoing charity efforts, this year we have decided to work with the local Rotary Club to support their Christmas Shoebox Appeal, which aims to provide a little much needed cheer to children in Eastern Europe. We are asking pupils in Years 4-6 to fill the supplied shoebox with gifts for a child of a similar age and return their shoebox to school by Friday 1 December. As well as helping disadvantaged children overseas, the project helps our children to understand that other children in the world are not as fortunate as we are and that 'giving' is a responsibility that can be a joy to fulfil.

The Rotary Club actually have four types of boxes you can choose to fill:

Teenager's Box (indicate boy or girl)
Children's Box (indicate boy or girl)
Household Box
Baby Box

Please circle the letters on the lid to indicate the contents and please do not mix the contents. Each box is selected by category and given to an individual, based on the information on the lid. You may like to decorate the box to make it look more attractive. Below are a few ideas for the different boxes:

Toys for Boys & Girls

Cars, trucks, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, lego blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough/plastercine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens/gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers - For young people up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Household Goods - For older folk & families

Scarfs, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

Baby - Age up to 12 months

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, cotton wool buds, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, knitted matinee coat, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE IN BOXES

Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks, battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (e.g.: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living

material, automatic washing machine powders, & washing-up liquid (*these tend to leak when laid flat*)

For safety

- Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.
- Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a Toys box.
- Too big for your Box - We will accept all suitable items of any size (please ensure soft toys are bagged to protect them)

A card with the sender's name and a photograph is also a nice thing to include.

Above all, the contents should be of good quality, remembering that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

The Rotary Club only accept items packed in their own boxes, which are designed specifically to protect the contents and stand the stacking & transport requirements by road. (Real shoe boxes vary in size and are not as sturdy). If you wish to donate £2 to cover transportation and packaging cost, you can stick two pound coins to the circles on the top of the box. Please note, this donation is purely voluntary!

You can, of course, fill more than one shoebox. All shoeboxes must be completed and brought in to school by **FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER.**

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs CL Blyth
Deputy Head