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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Our Discipleship Team are once again supporting the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal this year. Their aim is to collect and deliver boxes including suitable items to delight a child who receives the gifts. Our Discipleship Team will co-ordinate the promotion of this charitable outreach within school and the delivery of the filled boxes; please label whether suitable for a boy or a girl and an appropriate age band.

We are asking for your support to donate filled shoeboxes at home and to bring them into school; please use a medium sized shoebox, wrapped in Christmas paper or alternatively we have a small supply of the shoeboxes available.

The appeal asks for the following small items, which will fit into the boxes to support this appeal

Hats
Hair bobbles and clips
Toothbrushes
Crayons
Small colouring books
Gloves
Small toiletries

****It would be lovely to add a letter or a Christmas card too!***

Following the link below will provide information and guidance on appropriate items.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Please note: We cannot 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.

We would love to collect as many shoeboxes as we can; please could the shoeboxes brought into school no later than Monday 10th November to allow time for delivery.

Thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause.
St. Mary's Discipleship Team

