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Dear Parents / Carers

## Operation Christmas Child

On Monday, the children watched a short video in a whole school assembly about 'Operation Christmas Child'. This is a Samaritan's Purse project where shoeboxes, filled with gifts, are sent to some of the World's most disadvantaged children. We would like your help to take part in this project this year, as we did so well last year.

We are asking you to donate £2.50 (for the fuel to transport the box), removable lid shoe boxes, wrapping paper and any of the gift items listed on the attached sheet. We will then wrap the boxes at school, fill them with your donations and send them to our distribution centre.

However, if you prefer to pack your own shoe box it is simple:-

- ☺ Please cover a shoe box lid and bottom section, separately, with wrapping paper,
- ☺ Fill the box with items suitable for the age of the child,
- ☺ Place £2.50 in an envelope and place this inside the shoebox.
- ☺ Stick the boy or girl sticker to the lid of the box and tick the age related box.

Please do not seal your box, as they have to be checked before sending overseas. When complete, bring the box to school before **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** where it will be collected and delivered well in time for Christmas.

All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

Your shoebox will make a child feel special and valued, and let them know that they are cared about. For some children it may be their first ever Christmas present. Your simple act of generosity will give hope to children caught in the mist of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty and show them they have not been forgotten.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wilkinson & Mrs Phillips

