

The Minster Nursery & Infant School

1/11/2019



Dear Parent/Carer,

SHOE BOX APPEAL - CHRISTMAS 2019 - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Following the success of previous years' Shoe Box Appeals we would like to ask you to help again this year. It involves putting together a box full of small gifts to give to a child who is less fortunate. The child will then receive the box at Christmas. Here are the instructions if you would like to take part:

- Find a shoebox and cover in Christmas paper (remember to wrap the lid separately!)
- Decide if your shoebox is for a BOY or a GIRL – fill out the appropriate label overleaf, cut it out and attach to the outside of the lid in the top right hand corner
- Decide the age of the child you would like to send your shoebox to:
 - Choose from: 2-4 years 5-9 years 10-14 years
- Put your gifts in the box; they must be new or in good condition (Please DON'T individually wrap any items)

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

- Please fill your box with a selection of new gifts from the following list, or similar items:
- TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc. Things that have a WOW factor when they open the box.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.
- HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.
- OTHER ITEMS: Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (sell by date must be at least March of the following year).
- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; marbles or sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; clothing other than as listed above.
- **INCLUDE £5 DONATION PER BOX.** We ask for a minimum £5 shipping donation to cover UK transportation, overseas shipping and promotion for each box you prepare.
- You can give online to discover the destination of your shoebox. You can also write a cheque to Samaritan's Purse, place it in an envelope and put it inside your shoebox, then secure the box with an elastic band.
- If you do more than one box, just make out one cheque to cover all your shoebox donations, put it in an envelope and place it inside one of your shoeboxes. –
- See more at: <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/#sthash.hzHtyTw2.dpuf>

Bring your box to school by Wednesday 13th November.

Thank you for your help.

Mrs Kerry van der Berg
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