

ST. HELEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

We are excited to be supporting 'Operation Christmas Child' this year.



Operation Christmas Child is an initiative of the Christian relief agency, Samaritan's Purse. Gift-filled shoeboxes are wrapped and packed by children and adults in the UK and sent to under privileged children around the world. We will be delivering the boxes to St Chads Church in Patchway and the boxes from this area will be sent to Kyrgyzstan this year.

We want to fill as many shoeboxes as we can! Donations of gifts to go in a box would be really appreciated. Contributions can be sent into school at any time until **Friday 21st November**. The items can be for a boy or girl and suitable for children aged 2 to 14. Ideas for gifts include:

TOYS such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals (with CE label), harmonicas, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls or small puzzles.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES including pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks and paper, solar calculators and colouring books.

HYGIENE ITEMS such as toothbrush and toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap, comb, hairbrush or flannel.

OTHER ITEMS perhaps a hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch or wrapped sweets (with sell by date at least March 2015).



Please do not donate used or damaged items, war related items such as 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; glass, mirrors or fragile items.

If you would like to pack your own complete shoebox, please contact the school office for an information leaflet and label.

Many thanks; your donation, however small, will be most welcome.

Yours sincerely

Andy Spens
Headteacher

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