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Dear Parents & Carers,

Operation Christmas Child

This year through a campaign called 'Operation Christmas Child' run by the UK charity Samaritan's Purse, we will be joining thousands of other schools up and down the country in the world's largest children's Christmas project, by wrapping, packing and sending shoeboxes full of gifts to less fortunate children around the world.

Please read the attached leaflet which tells you how to pack your shoebox and what to include. You will need to fill in the label to say who is your box it for (girl/boy, age) and attach it to the shoe box.

The deadline to have all the boxes in school ready for collection is **Friday 10th November**. We will collect the shoeboxes at the school office.

We hope that by joining this campaign we can bring some Christmas joy to children around the world and teach children in our school about generosity and compassion for other children who need to know they are loved and not forgotten, children who in some cases, do not have the food, home, or toys that we take for granted. Taking part in this project will give your child the opportunity to not only transform a shoebox but transform a life. By donating very simple and yet practical we can make a huge difference in the life of children around the world this Christmas.

You can either use a shoebox from home or alternatively we have ordered 'Go boxes' that will be sold in the playground at cost price (50p) when they arrive.

We really hope you will join us in supporting this worthwhile project.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Nutbrown

