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Dear Parents & Carers,

Operation Christmas Child

This year again, 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. Last year we collected nearly 100 shoeboxes as a school community and this year we want to try to collect even more.

The deadline to have all the boxes in school ready for collection is **Friday 16th 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 also transform a life. By donating very simple and yet practical items, 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 of 50p. These will be available from tomorrow. We will also have the leaflets explaining more about this wonderful venture and further details of what you can and can't pack in the shoeboxes, available in the playground.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Emma Nutbrown

