



# Westfield School

November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

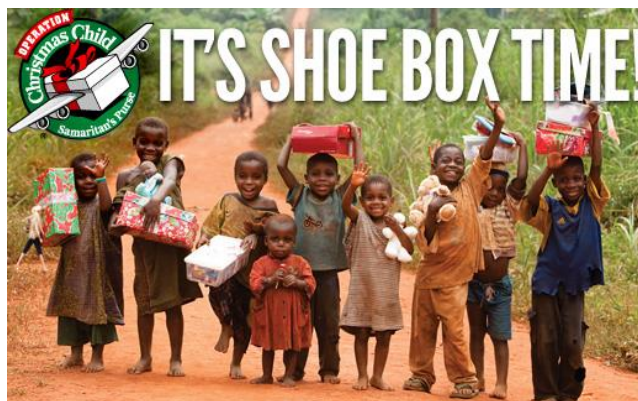
Some of you may be aware of a project called Operation Christmas Child, which is run by a registered charity called Samaritans Purse. This charity shares the true meaning of Christmas with millions of poor, suffering and sick children around the world. It takes shoeboxes full of presents to children in war torn stricken countries, so these children have something to open at Christmas from children of more fortunate backgrounds.

Following our most successful campaign last year, the students at Westfield School have again expressed a wish to be involved. We would like their help in the following way:

- Please bring in a shoebox full of presents by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018** and hand it in at reception. Alternatively, you can bring gifts into school to contribute to an ARKS Group Shoebox.
- Please cover your box in Christmas wrapping paper, and indicate whether the box is for a boy or girl, and the age category.

The attached leaflet gives advice on what to include in your shoebox.  
Many thanks in anticipation for your support.

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# Send gift-filled shoeboxes TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Show children in need around the world you love them and God loves them: Pack shoebox gifts with Operation Christmas Child.

Your shoeboxes equip thousands of churches overseas to reach out generously to children with the joy of a simple gift and the Christmas story of Jesus, the greatest gift of all. Engaging with parents and churches children are invited to take part in a Bible discovery course, The Greatest Journey. In 12 fun, interactive sessions, they can discover Jesus for themselves, how to follow Him and share Him with others. Join in this amazing opportunity to resource churches to reach out with the hope of Jesus, often in areas they might not otherwise access, transforming families and communities!

## HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX

- SHOEBOX:** Get a medium-sized shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Wrap the box and lid separately in decorative paper if you wish. Need shoeboxes? Pre-printed cardboard shoeboxes are available to purchase online.
- Select NEW GIFTS a child will love!** Add fun toys like a doll, deflated football and pump, teddy bear or toy truck.
- OTHER GIFTS:** Fill with school supplies, hygiene items and other items like a hat, scarf and glove set and sweets *(best before date of at least March next year)*.
- PERSONALISE AND PRAY:** Add a personal note and photo and why not pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- INCLUDE £5 DONATION:** A suggested donation of £5 is critical to cover project costs - including shipping. Give online and we can email you a barcode to print out and place inside each shoebox you pack, on top of the contents. This will enable us to tell you which country your shoebox gets sent to.
- DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop off location between 1-18 November. Visit our website from late September to find one near you.

## A SUGGESTED DONATION OF £5 IS CRITICAL FOR THE PROJECT. WHAT DOES IT COVER?



\*This includes Ministry Partner Guides for thousands of churches in 13 countries to ensure safe, well organised children's events where shoeboxes are given out.

Also included is The Greatest Gift, a colourful Bible booklet that shares the story of Jesus in the child's own language that churches offer to children alongside shoeboxes, where this is culturally appropriate and welcomed in the local communities.

For further information see our website [samaritans-purse.org.uk/why5](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/why5)

For additional gift suggestions, free resources and more, visit [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)

**DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; clothing other than that listed above; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food items; lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; hand-made stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4 suit variety; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words. Items packed from this list will have to be removed from shoeboxes.

Mark the correct age

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old

**BOY**

Mark the correct age

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old

**GIRL**



**CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE?** It will make your donation go further and we will be able to tell you which country your shoebox gets shipped to. Donate now at [operationchristmaschild.org.uk/followyourbox](http://operationchristmaschild.org.uk/followyourbox). If you cannot donate online, then please complete your details, enclose your cash or cheque made payable to Samaritan's Purse in the envelope and place this inside your shoebox on top of the contents. Secure the shoebox with an elastic band.

I enclose cash  or a cheque  for £           TOTAL SHOEBOXES

PLEASE DONATE £5 PER SHOEBOX TO COVER PROJECT COSTS INCLUDING SHIPPING

IF YOU CAN GIFT AID YOUR DONATION, PLEASE TICK THE GIFT AID BOX BELOW AND COMPLETE YOUR DETAILS

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Gift Aid is reclaimed by Samaritan's Purse from the tax you pay. For every £1 you donate, 25p can be reclaimed as Gift Aid.

I would like Samaritan's Purse to treat the enclosed donation as a Gift Aid donation. I am a UK taxpayer and I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in this tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS using a black ballpoint pen for scanning purposes

TITLE

YOUR NAME (First, Last)

ADDRESS

POSTAL TOWN

POST CODE

If you are happy for us to follow up with you by email, please tick here  and provide your email address below.  
By providing us with your details we assume you are over 16 years of age

EMAIL

**If you are preparing multiple shoebox gifts, simply make one combined donation**