

7th October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas season is once again approaching and it is time to think about buying gifts for others. As part of our R.E. curriculum in school, we are taking part in the "Shoebox Project", which is organised by 'Operation Christmas Child'. People are invited to fill a shoebox with small gifts and items needed for daily living such as soap and toothpaste. The boxes are then shipped to a wide range of countries across the world from Africa to Russia, and distributed to children in need. Last year, world-wide, over 7 million boxes were filled and given to children.

This week in assembly all the children heard about the work of the charity and saw pictures of children receiving a shoebox. We hope to collect as many filled shoeboxes as we can to be sent to needy children across the world this Christmas. With this letter, you have also received a leaflet from 'Operation Christmas Child', giving details of the things that can be included and the things that we don't want to send. If you would prefer not to fill a shoebox, but would like to contribute items which can be collected together by the children to make in to complete boxes, we would be very grateful for any individual things.

In order for the shoeboxes to be distributed to the children overseas at Christmas, we need to collect all filled shoeboxes in by **Friday 18th November**. They will then be collected by the local organisers and prepared for shipping.

We hope that you will feel able to share in this project with us ~ if you would like further information or leaflets to share with your friends and family, please speak to me.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy (Part of TDLPT)