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Dear Parents,

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal 2019

Operation Christmas Child is a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. It is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990, the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 80 million boys and girls throughout the world. Last year over 8 million shoeboxes were sent to children in hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters and poor communities. Children in over 130 countries have received a shoebox since 1990. Often a shoebox full of gifts is the only present these children will receive at Christmas. As in previous years, we have decided as a school to support this project.

Items placed in the shoebox must be new. Here are some suggestions:

New small toys:	games, puzzles, soft toys, balls, cars
School supplies:	pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, felt pens, paper, colouring books, notepad, chalk,
	crayons
Toiletries:	soap, flannel, toothbrush, comb, brush (no bottles)
Something to wear:	hat, scarf, gloves, socks

If you would like to make a shoebox at home please refer to the leaflet enclosed with this letter.

We need to receive the shoeboxes in school no later than Wednesday 6th November 2019.

For further information about the project, please look at <u>www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk</u>. We appreciate your support in supporting this valuable project and hope that together we can bring joy into the lives of children who would otherwise have nothing this Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Hayley McGoldrick Head Teacher