



Dear Parents,

I would like to tell you about the Christmas shoe box appeal that Nursery and Pre-Prep will be supporting this year.

This annual project enables caring individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and other organisations to decorate and fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for needy children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Last year it sent 1.12 million shoe boxes from the UK to children in hospitals, orphanages, Internally Displaced Persons camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods. With your help we want to reach even more children in the poorest parts of the world in 2011.

If you would like to take part please follow the 3 steps below:

STEP 1 - Get a shoe box and fill it with gifts.

Find an empty medium sized shoebox. Wrap the box and lid separately in wrapping paper.

Look out for the leaflet in your child's school bag. It gives some gift ideas as well as a list of items that should not be included.

STEP 2 - Get labels and enclose payment.

Please include a donation of £2.50 to help cover the cost of transport and distribution of your box. You can use the envelope to pay in cash or by cheque or alternatively, you can pay online at <https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/donate>.

Add a label, from your leaflet, to say whether the box is for a boy or a girl and tick the appropriate age box.

STEP 3 – Bring your box to school by 11 November.

Your shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Lewis