

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday 1st November, we will be holding a Mission Day in school. As part of this, Year 6 will be thinking about how they can be of service to others.

Every year, we ask families to contribute to the Operation Christmas Child scheme by donating a shoebox. However, we are aware that with rising costs, both for supplies and postage, it is becoming more difficult to complete a full shoebox. With this in mind, Year 6 are asking for small donations that can contribute to a complete shoebox. They will spend part of Mission Day and days following, putting together shoeboxes to be sent around the world. This will enable Year 6 to be of service to their school community, local community and the world.

Below are some suggestions of suitable donations:

TOYS

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

OTHER ITEMS

Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

DO NOT INCLUDE

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

We would also appreciate any donations of Christmas wrapping and empty shoeboxes.

Further information of suitable items can be found on <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

Many thanks

Miss Jones, Miss Watts and Year 6