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Thursday 13th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year our school will be taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Campaign in partnership with Holy Trinity with St Mark's Church.

Since 1990, more than 100 million underprivileged children in over 130 countries have received shoe boxes at Christmas time. Families from the UK are being asked to support the campaign by wrapping and packing shoebox gifts. The shoeboxes are given to children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs and are an expression of God's love to us and the gift of His Son Jesus at Christmas.

We will be talking to children in school this week about the charity and asking if they would like to get together with family or friends to create a gift box suitable for a girl or boy aged 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years old.

In order to take part they will need to find and wrap a medium sized shoe box and fill it with small gifts. A list of suggested items can be found printed in the main entrance of both school sites and the church next to the campaign poster or can be located on the website. [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Personal notes or photos can also be included.

Labels stating the category of child that the box is suitable for can be obtained from our school entrances and stuck onto the outside of the box before bringing it into school. The boxes need to be brought into school by 9th November.

On 26<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money to help cover the delivery costs.

We hope that you will be able to support our involvement in Operation Christmas Child this year and that our children have fun working together to create the boxes.

Please do not feel under any obligation to take part in the campaign. It is purely voluntary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Swift  
Head Teacher

