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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again our school will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' Appeal. The Appeal sends shoeboxes packed with gifts and useful items to needy children all over the world. A leaflet containing full instructions about what can and cannot be sent; ways to pay your £5 donation (including on-line payment and gift aiding) and a label for your box are attached to this letter.

All you need to do is decide if you would like to send your shoe box to a girl or a boy and choose what age the child receiving the gift will be, then fill your box.

The leaflet contains a comprehensive list of items that can or cannot be sent. **PLEASE CHECK THE LIST BEFORE PACKING THE BOX.** In particular, other than hats, scarves and gloves, no items of clothing, may be sent. Please also remember that whatever you are sending must be new.

The safest way to make your cash donation is on-line. If you are a taxpayer you can gift aid as well – this makes your donation even more worthwhile!

Once your box is full, secure it with two elastic bands – do not fix the box lid down as it will need to be checked by customs. Don't forget to place the payment slip, or an envelope containing your donation, on top of the gifts.

If you would like to send a Christmas shoebox to a child in need, please bring it to school no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Boxes should be left on the bench in the playground shelter closest to the school ready for collection by staff.

Thank you so much for supporting us and for helping to brighten a child's Christmas.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carol McGahan'.

Carol McGahan





# HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX

Show children in need around the world you love them and God loves them: Pack shoebox gifts with Operation Christmas Child.

Your shoeboxes equip thousands of churches overseas to reach out generously to children with the joy of a simple gift and the Christmas story of Jesus, the greatest gift of all. Engaging with parents and churches, children that receive shoeboxes are invited to take part in a Bible discovery course, The Greatest Journey. In 12 fun, interactive sessions, they can discover Jesus for themselves, how to follow Him and share their faith with others. Join in this amazing opportunity to resource churches to reach out with the hope of Jesus, often in areas they might not otherwise access, transforming families and communities!

- 1 SHOEBOX:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.
- 2 SPECIAL ITEM:** Select a quality toy such as a doll, football with pump, or cuddly toy to bless a child.
- 3 OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
- 4 PERSONALISE & PRAY:** Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- 5 INCLUDE £5 DONATION:** A donation of £5 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and include a barcode in your shoebox to discover its destination.
- 6 DROP-OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local Drop-off Location **9-16 November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

**DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; sweets, chocolate or food items; toothpaste, lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; religious or political literature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words.

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)

Mark the correct age

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old

**BOY**

Mark the correct age

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old

**GIRL**



**CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE?** It will make your donation go further and we will be able to tell you which country your shoebox gets shipped to. Donate now at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox).

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## HEAR ABOUT THE IMPACT OF YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT

and other ways to be a Good Samaritan with Samaritan's Purse by providing your email below. (By providing us with your details we assume you are over 16 years of age)

EMAIL:

## 2 GIVE A GIFT TO SUPPORT CRITICAL PROJECT COSTS

Yes, I want to ensure project costs such as processing, shipping around the world and training local churches are met. **Just £5 for each shoebox will cover these essential costs.**

I enclose:  Cash  Cheque for £

Total Shoeboxes:

Please write in block CAPITALS using a black ballpoint for scanning purposes (All details below are mandatory for Gift Aid donations)

TITLE

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS (First Line)

POSTCODE

You can also make your donation online at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox)

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**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate** Gift Aid is reclaimed by Samaritan's Purse from the tax you pay.

**YES, I would like to Gift Aid my donation(s)**

I'd like Samaritan's Purse to treat the enclosed donation and all donations I have made in the past four (4) years, and all future donations (until I notify otherwise), as a Gift Aid donation. I am a UK taxpayer and I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in this tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

If you have multiple shoebox gifts, simply make one combined donation.