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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I would like to invite your family to join us this year in supporting our **Shoebox Appeal**, collecting Christmas gifts for poor and underprivileged children worldwide.

The purpose of the appeal is to create a box of small presents to send to a child or young person who will otherwise receive nothing for Christmas this year. At a time of such excitement, when our children receive so many things, it would be nice for them to be able to reflect at Christmas, that because of their efforts, a child somewhere else in the world is enjoying a happier Christmas.

This year we are supporting the Rotary International Shoebox Scheme. Your child will need to collect a supplied box from school, decorate in a festive fashion, decide which age range they would like to create their box for and place in the box the items they would like to give. Please ensure that these items are new or in 'as new' condition, and they are not individually wrapped. A list of suitable (and unsuitable) items can be found in the attached leaflet. Boxes and leaflets can be collected from the Library, or from Mrs Keyworth (Assistant Heads' Office) – **please do not use your own boxes**. In addition, please ensure the lid of the box can be opened for checking and customs purposes.

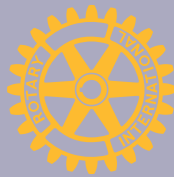
Your child is welcome to include a letter, photo or Christmas card as well. Please stick the label provided on the leaflet onto your box to identify who it is for. Finally, please could £2 be sellotaped to the top of the box to help towards the transportation costs.

When your box is completed, your child should bring it into school and hand it to their form tutor, the Library, or bring to Mrs Keyworth's office by **Thursday 2nd November 2023**.

I hope you will want to join us in sharing some of the Christmas spirit a little further this year.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Earnshaw
Headteacher



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WESSEX ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME
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A Present with love from



PLEASE CIRCLE BOY OR GIRL & THE AGE GROUP OF WHO THE SHOE BOX IS INTENDED FOR

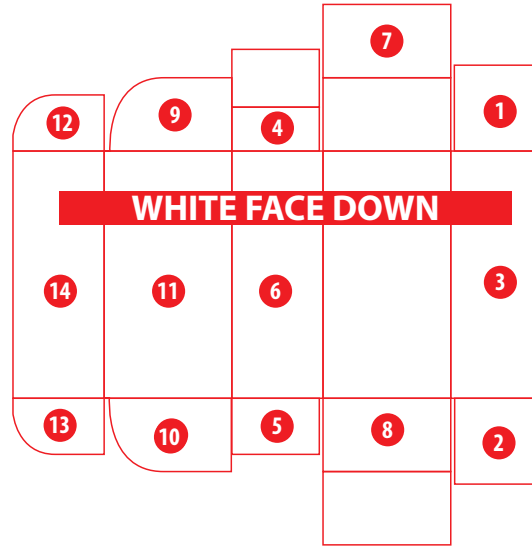
BOY
GIRL

1-3 **4-7** **8-11** **12-15**

PLEASE STICK THIS LABEL AND YOUR DONATION TO THE TOP OF THE SHOEBOX
All monies collected will be held in the Trust's general account

1. FOLD IN
2. FOLD IN
3. FOLD UP
4. FOLD IN
5. FOLD IN
6. FOLD UP
7. FOLD OVER 1&4
8. FOLD OVER 2&5
9. FOLD UP
10. FOLD UP
11. FOLD UP
12. FOLD
13. FOLD
14. FOLD OVER

BOX ASSEMBLY



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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For disadvantaged & displaced children we now deliver in Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania and Ukraine



WESSEX ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME

(Wessex Rotary CIO Trust fund)
Reg Charity No 1183094

For more information contact:

TELEPHONE:

FINAL DATE FOR RECEIPT OF SHOEBOXES:
By the end of october

AGE 1 - 3 YEARS (Boy or girl)

CHOOSE FROM

Small soft toy, picture book, hat, gloves, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, plus any other suitable small items.

AGE 4 - 7 YEARS (Boy or girl)

CHOOSE FROM

Pictorial educational book and game, simple jigsaw, ball, lego, crayons and colouring book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, toy vehicle, small doll, skipping rope.

AGE 8 - 11 YEARS (Boy or girl)

CHOOSE FROM

Pictorial educational book and game, jigsaw, ball, card game, felt tip pens, pencils, pencil case, drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, wide toothed comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, sports item, skipping rope, hair accessories.

AGE 12 - 15 YEARS (Boy or girl)

CHOOSE FROM

Pictorial educational book and game, playing cards, geometry set, pens, pencils and case, pencil sharpener, rubber, writing/drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, wide toothed comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, washbag, hair accessories, sports item.

THINGS TO PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

- International Customs require items which must be for education, health and hygiene purposes
- All items must be new or in 'as new condition'

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Food of any kind
- Liquids of any kind
- Sweets of any kind
- Battery powered items
- War related items, toys, books, guns, knives etc
- Large items of clothing or shoes
- Books of a religious, racial or political nature
- Medicines
- Large toys
- Sharp items

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

HOW TO MAKE UP YOUR SHOEBOX

We know that children receiving our Shoeboxes value the box itself to store their treasures in. Make up the supplied box using the diagram overleaf. Decorate the box with stickers (available from High street stationers and retail outlet craft stores) and/ or your own colouring. Please ensure the lid can be opened for checking and customs purposes.



Do not wrap individual items
- just place them in your box.

Include a Christmas card and maybe a letter or photo if you wish.

Ensure that you have clearly marked the age group and whether it is intended for a boy or girl.

Please sellotape to the top of the box a donation of £2.00 towards transportation & administration costs.

Any surplus will be used for the benefit of disadvantaged children worldwide.